

Karl- Note to Championship Judges. '26

Welcome to Championship Week!

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- Thanks to each one of you for your performance this year. and the incredible sacrifice it takes to make this weekend happen.
- Thank you William and Sam for your guidance
- Thank You Curtis for your leadership and care, and the ability to build and maintain the bridges upon which the activity runs.

You are here as a product of marked success through the Regional Season. You are a trusted partner in the competitive process and have earned your place in this most challenging weekend of the Season!

You will be tested with situations and settings that are only experienced at Championships. The calls will run the full gamut between incredible ease to extreme deliberation...all in the time it takes to set up a floor! You will flow between intuition and analysis constantly...free of impulse and “feeling”. Your skills are built on experience and observed performance that come with the investment of time and practice. You have earned the authority you carry! Please know how much that is valued by me and the instructor community.

I know you don't take the job lightly and that you have the same excitement and nervousness as the units themselves. I've always seen this as a positive indicator of the degree of seriousness and care that you have for the task at hand. With a larger percentage of creative and technical staffs whose livelihoods depend on the activity, it's important for them to know that the reflection and assessment of their work is in safe and trusted hands. This is not, by any means, a universal assumption of all judges. You are the exception!

Thank you for your time, energy, and effort this weekend.

I know you will be brilliant!

Karl