

## Changes in the Color Guard Manual for 2010

### **Review score: only 3 (instead of 5) judges need to give a score above the review-limit**

One deviating score no longer has an influence on a possible promotion. This eliminates the extremes. For this, the Review scores are adjusted. They are now shown as totals per caption, instead of a grand total.

### **'Championships' become 'Finals'**

To limit confusion on classes, awards, etc, the last CGN event of the year, will now be called 'CGN Finals'. On this day, several classes have Championship-rounds, others have their 'Final'-round of the year. Some Championship-rounds can be preceded by a Prelims-round. Only in the Championship-rounds, Champions are decided upon and will be crowned.  
See also below under "B. Add a Block to 'Finals'"

### **Performance order during 'Prelims'**

As with regular contests, units will perform in the ranking order from low to high. The advantage is that there is less time between the Prelims and Championship performances for the units most likely to advance to the Championship-round.

### **B. Add a Block to 'Finals'**

Block 1 all Classes without a Championships round. (AA)

Block 2 All prelims for Classes with a prelims and championships round. (*Marching, A and Open*)

Block 3 Championships rounds for all Classes without a prelims-round (*Concert, Standstill, Prep, Cadet and Junior*)

Block 4 All Championships rounds for the Classes with Prelims. This Block starts with the winner(s) of Block 1 (*Marching, A en Open*)

### **4. Number of units in 'A' Championships competition**

The number of units will be raised to eight (8). If there are eight (8) or less units, all units are allowed into the Championships-round and there will be no Prelims for this Class.

### **5. Delete: A class equipment-exception.**

For the A-Class (as well as AA!) weapon-alternatives, like spinners and sticks, are no longer considered qualified equipment.

This exception remains for Prep units that are promoted during the season into AA- or A-Class.

Be aware that the Airblade is still unqualified equipment!!

### **6. Add: New unit definition**

New unit: any unit and/or organization that has not been in competition within its applicable class for at least three seasons prior to the current season.

### **6. Change: Minimum participation for foreign units**

A foreign unit must compete in at least one (1) other contest during the season, before it is allowed to compete in the CGN Finals. Any WGI-Regional does not count towards this minimum requirement.

The above goes for a unit that participates also in its local circuit. If the unit does not compete in a local circuit (even if there is none), the rules for Dutch units are applicable. (At this moment: two (2) contests minimum, before entering Finals)

### **Pilot: Program Reviewer**

An extra service and help for beginning, less experienced units (mostly in AA, Prep and maybe Cadet Class), during a number of contests

The Program Reviewer can be a judge or experienced (ex-)staffmember. He/she will comment without being restricted by captions.

This comment will be included on the judges CD

The Program Reviewer will not give a score, nor will he/she be available during Critique.

No rights can be claimed from this service. CGN will decide when a Program Reviewer will be available during the season.

After the 2010 season, we will evaluate this service and see if and how we will continue it.