

NB4a. Changing the wording in Chapter III, Section C. making an annual Judge Training (not testing) session mandatory.

Background

Chapter III, Section C.3.b. Currently reads: “Conducting Judge’s Training Sessions. A Judges’ training session should be scheduled annually at least two weeks prior to the Concours. The session should include Judges’ protocol, practice judging, authenticity, and a Rule Book review. The JCNA Judge’s Test may be given to those seeking initial certification or certification renewal.”

Problem

Once Certified, a Judge is not required to undergo re-certification for a period of 3 years. However, an annual refresher training or briefing is required for Judges to be made aware of recent rule and procedures changes. Such briefings are mandatory. The applicable Chapter III instruction needs to convey that requirement.

Proposed Action

Change chapter III, Section C.3.b. to read: “Conducting Judge Training Sessions”. A Judges’ training *and refresher* session *must* be scheduled *and conducted* annually at least two weeks prior to the concours. The session should include Judges’ protocol, practice judging, authenticity, *rule changes, lessons learned* and a Rule Book review. The JCNA Judge’s Test may be given to those seeking initial certification or certification renewal.”