
WHAT DO I DO IF THE JUDGES SCORED MY ENTRY WAY TOO LOW?

Immediately go and talk to the Minister of Arts and Sciences. It's important to address the issue while the judges are still there.

I HAD SOME INFORMATION IN MY DOCUMENTATION AND THE JUDGES MISSED IT?

Point it out to the Minister of Arts and Sciences. The judges are not interested in scoring you lower than is reasonable. If they missed an item of information, they will usually reconsider their scores or their comments.

THE JUDGES ARE IGNORANT. HOW CAN THEY JUDGE MY WORK?

The judges are not required to be experts in every art. They will do the best that they can. They will talk to any experts that they are aware of. They will talk to you, if they can. Your documentation should tell them what they need to know to help them score your entry

THE JUDGES NEVER TALKED TO ME DURING THE JUDGING PROCESS.

Every attempt will be made to get the artisan to the judging table to answer questions, or to "model" the arts project. But if the artisan can't be found, or is too busy (with combat, for instance) to take a moment, then the judges will do the best that they can and move on. Remember, this is not life and death.

I STILL DON'T AGREE WITH MY SCORES.

There is an appeal process outlined in the Arts Manual.

HOW LONG DOES AN APPEAL TAKE?

The appeal or complaint must be resolved within 60 days.

I WENT HOME AND THOUGHT ABOUT MY SCORES FOR A MONTH. CAN I STILL APPEAL?

It is very important that you question your scores at the time. The judges are all still present and it can usually be resolved very quickly. But you have up to 30 days to file a complaint or an appeal.

IS THERE EVER A TIME THAT AN APPEAL IS AUTOMATIC?

If there is more than 5 points of difference in the scores, the Minister of Arts and Sciences will talk to the judges. If the Minister feels a judge is being unreasonable, they can substitute another judge on the spot

ARE THE JUDGES SCORES THE ONLY REASON I CAN COMPLAIN OR APPEAL?

No. Biased judging, and misconduct can also be reasons.

IF THE ARTISAN THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN COMPLAIN OR APPEAL?

No. Anyone who feels there has been misconduct may officially complain. Plagiarism, biased judging, and cheating are a few examples.

WHAT IF I SAID SOMEONE WAS CHEATING AND I WAS WRONG?

Cheating is a serious accusation and will be treated as such. If there is evidence that the complaint was reasonable, and it was a mistake, then it will be treated as such. If there is evidence that the complaint was made out of malice (or without foundation), and it was a mistake, then it be treated as such.

RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION:

ARTS AND SCIENCES MANUAL, 2002

ARTS JUDGING MANUAL, 2002

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