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“Proposal to help organising events”

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All sports with performance evaluation by referees or judges, and all involved international and national organisations need to set up systems allowing:

- to increase the competence of the judges
- to protect the athletes against possible human mistakes
- to help the competition organisers by minimising the costs for judges
- to allow young international judges and international candidates to gain experience
- to spread out the knowledge about and experience of organising of a Championship, by being involved.

These requirements have been followed by disciplines such as gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, diving...

The system:

Each nation would take one judge to the event, eg the World Championships, the European Championships or a CVI, within its delegation. At a CVI, the organiser (at a Championship, the FEI) is in charge of appointing the Ground Jury. The expenses of the President of the Ground Jury would be fully paid by the organiser. Concerning the other members of the Ground Jury, only the accommodation and catering would be paid by the organiser; travelling costs would be covered by the participating nations.

The organiser or the FEI would choose the members of the Ground Jury in the following order: first among the Official International Judges, then among the International Judges, then among the International Candidate Judges. Those judges, who are not appointed for the ground jury, will be involved in other tasks within the organisation of the competition (show office, etc...)

The consequences of this system would be:

- Federations are urged to train as many judges as possible and to constantly increase their competence. The more O-judges they have, the better their chances will be of having judges appointed for the Ground Juries.
- This will allow judges to officiate more often, as the number of judges around the arena can be increased, when the costs have less impact on the budget of the competition
- Taking into account the increased number of judges scoring the performances, it is possible to take steps to protect the athletes from human mistakes or political manipulation, such as disregarding the highest and the lowest score.
- The other judges will have the possibility to train their judging:
 - by being secretary to the official jury,
 - by doing shadow judging,
 - by participating in a course in the frame of the competition,
- Being involved in the organisation of a big event will allow younger judges to discover and analyse all the problems that arise during a big organisation.

Example : CVI Stadl Paura

20 nations – 20 judges

6 judges of the judges appointed by the FEI (accommodation paid by the organiser, travel paid by their nations)

6 judges as secretaries (accommodation and travel paid by their nations)

For example:

One judge as assistant to the Technical Delegate

One judge as assistant to the Chief Stewart

Ans so on...

If you have any comments, concerning this proposal, please contact: office@vaultingclub.net, we will pass on your messages.