

Officials Committee

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The Official's Committee has worked hard this spring to update a section of the rulebook to current practices. The Officials Duties section has been submitted to Rules and has full approval of the Officials Committee.

Secondly, we have updated Appendix G to include a section on Difficulty Technical Controllers and Synchronization Technical Controllers. We have realized a need has occurred to have a third level of DTC. While there is no further testing required, a Level 2 DTC will be required to work at a Zone Meet before taking on the task of evaluating athletes as a Level 3 DTC at a national meet. The Association Officials Chair (or representative) will notify the Officials Chair when a DTC/STC has successfully completed this requirement. They can then be used at a national meet. There will be a similar requirement for DTC 1 moving to DTC 2. Please refer to Appendix G for the details.

There will now be a \$15 charge for the training and testing of DTC/STC and Judge Levels 1F, 1, 2F/2. All online courses and tests will be available online on SloCoach in early October. Judge training for Levels 3 and 4 will be on SloCoach, but testing is still paper tests.

Appendix G will go before the Board of Directors and has full approval of the Officials Committee.

I would like to thank all of the judges and technical controllers who worked at our national meets this year and all levels of judges and TC's that worked at every meet throughout the country. The sport appreciates your knowledge and dedication! We are getting better and better at this new system and I appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as we continue to receive new updates and changes to the process. Shari Darst has been working hard on the judges' trainings as they move to Slocoach. We have had a huge number of people viewing Level 1F and Level 1. We hope to see these people move forward in the judging process.

Thank you to Victoria Anderson for initiating the work on the DTC/STC section of Appendix G and to my committee members Eugenia Gillan, Shannon Korpela & Ginny Jasontek and to our staff member, Shari Darst, for all their work as we try to update these materials. Additionally, thank you to Betty Hazle for her contributions and wordsmithing.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Loehndorf Officials Committee Chair