

Contest Rule change submitted by John Eric Partanen, PhD

Part 1, Solo Contest Rules

1. General Rules

1.9 Grading:

Is proposed to be changed to the following:

- 1.9 Grading: The WUSPBA Music Board shall recommend the appropriate grade for each solo competitor. The Music Board shall annually review the Competitor Performance Level (CPL) for each registered WUSPBA solo competitor at the end of each contest season. The Music Board after this annual review shall submit a list of re-grading recommendations to the Executive Committee for approval. Upon approval by the Executive Committee, the solo competitors recommended for re-grading shall be notified by mail and/or email by the Music Board. Solo competitors notified of the recommendation to be re-graded shall respond by mail and/or email that they agree with, or do not agree with the recommendation. If the solo competitor does not agree with the recommendation to be re-graded it must be accompanied by a written statement, or statements, to the Music Board as to why the re-grading recommendation is rejected. The Executive Committee shall review any re-grading rejections and make the final determinations on all rejected re-grading recommendations. Any solo competitor that has been recommended for re-grading up one grade twice, shall be notified by mail and/or email that they have been re-graded up one grade unless there are extenuating circumstances to the contrary. Any solo competitor may play up one grade at any solo contest upon approval of the contest sponsor in advance of the contest, or contests. A solo competitor playing up one grade shall not compete in the lower grade, but only in the upper grade for any events at that contest. Any solo competitor playing up one grade and winning or placing in that upper grade shall receive a recommendation by the Music Board to be re-graded into that upper grade. Solo competitors may elect to re-grade themselves up one grade at the beginning of each contest season upon written and/or email notice sent to the Music Board. Solo competitors wishing to be re-graded down one grade must do so by written and/or email notice to the Music Board before the beginning of each contest season, and shall not compete in the lower grade without the Music Board's written recommendation and approval by the Executive Committee.