

Playing in Another Grade – Submitted by Suzan Karayel, Northern Branch President

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Rationale

This is not a substantive rule change.

The rule prohibiting competing outside of a competitor's designated grade applies equally across all disciplines. Accordingly, this proposed amendment would simply place the rule in the general rules section about grading, rather than repeating it four times under each of the headings for the various instrumental disciplines.