

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE RULES REGARDING SOLO LEETS-Alexandrea Bieschke

Existing Text:

Section 1 rule 1.8 Solo Leets: Where a solo contest will consist of more than approximately twenty (20) entries, the contest should be divided into two or more smaller sections. The contest sponsor determines the players in each section either randomly or by age. If there is an overall trophy for the grade, there should be a playoff between the section winners. Where possible, the playoff adjudicator should not have judged any of the original grade sections. All playoff competitors must be notified of the playoff time and location no later than thirty (30) minutes before the start of the contest playoff.

Proposed Text:

Solo Leets: Where a solo contest will consist of more than ~~approximately~~ twenty (20) entries, the contest should be divided into two or more smaller sections. The contest sponsor determines the players in each section ~~either randomly or by age~~ **except in grade four piping events, where the contest sponsor may elect to determine the sections by age. If determining the sections by age, the contest will be divided into juvenile (under 18) and adult. Any section still exceeding twenty entries will be divided randomly.** If there is an overall trophy for the grade, there should be a playoff between the section winners. Where possible, the playoff adjudicator should not have judged any of the original grade sections. All playoff competitors must be notified of the playoff time and location no later than thirty (30) minutes before the start of the contest playoff.

Rationale:

Because we use a grade level structure and grade standards should be applied regardless of age, using age as a determination to split larger contests is unjustified. In that grade four is our entry level, age determination, in that grade only, makes sense. Also, it is a clarification of the age division to provide some consistency across association contests and results.

Other Association Rules Comparison:

EUSPBA and BCPA only designate splitting large contests randomly. PPBSO has no wording, and MWPBA designates splitting grade four and novice into senior (over 30) and junior (29 and under).

Respectfully Submitted,
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