**Grading and Regrades**

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  2. Midseason Regrades:

A competitor may apply for a regrade if at the start of the season there is compelling evidence that the competitor has demonstrated accelerated proficiency within their current grade. This would include multiple high level CPL’s and competition placings, notations from judges indicating the need for a regrade, a letter from a judge or other certified or qualified individuals that can vouch for the competitor’s qualifications. Mid-season Regrades will be evaluated in June with an annual June 1st deadline to apply. Should the applicant miss the mid-season regrade deadline, then the competitor would be able to apply during the annual AGM grading period.

Rationale: The posted date for grading applications should not be set to a static date as the dates for the annual AGM change from time to time which might not allow adequate time to determine grading changes.

Mid-season date can be set to an annual June 1st as per suggestion of the Music Board Chair. This will allow time for competitors to have a few contests under their belts which may demonstrate the trends and data information needed to make an informed regrading decision.