

Clarification Re: Band Draw – Submitted by Office of Strategic Planning for Games Organizers, Recommended by EC

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Rationale

This is not a substantive rule change. It is for increased clarity only.

While the word ‘ballot’ *can* have more than one meaning, these days (especially in modern democratic societies) it is most commonly understood to indicate a system of voting. However, the order of play for band contests is *not* decided by popular vote. This proposed change will update the wording and describe the process in clearer, plain language.