

Fashion Judging Certification Program

1. Purpose; The purpose of this section is to give definition to the Fashion Judging Certification Program.
2. Fashion Judge Classifications:
 - A. Apprentice – a member who is in training to be a Judge. The Apprentice Judge shall satisfactorily complete the Fashion Judging Test # 1 prior to his/her initial judging and then apprentice at one MAFCA sanctioned fashion event. The Apprentice Judge's worksheet will not be used for tabulation but will be reviewed by the Chief Judge who will determine if the applicant is ready for certification as a Judge when the remaining tests have been passed.
 - B. Judge – a member who has judged as an Apprentice Judge at one MAFCA sanctioned fashion event and has passed all six fashion area tests.
 - C. Senior Judge – a member who has passed all six fashion tests and judged in four fashion areas at four different MAFCA sanctioned fashion events, and has been a fashion entrant in a MAFCA sanctioned fashion event. Anyone who had Senior Judge or Master Judge status as of September 12, 2008 will not be required to be an entrant to maintain their status.
 - D. Master Judge – a member who has judged in all five fashion areas at five different MAFCA sanctioned fashion events; and has conducted an era fashion seminar at a MAFCA sanctioned fashion event or MAFCA Annual Meeting or has published an era fashion article in *The Restorer*.
3. Administrative Classifications:
 - A. Chief Judge – a member who is a Master Judge (for National Meets) or Senior Judge (for Divisional or Regional Meets) who has been nominated by the Era Fashion Committee and approved by the MAFCA Board of Directors. Senior or Master Judges may be designated as assistants to the Chief Judge. For a National Meet the assistant must be a Master Judge.

The Chief Judge shall select judges and make assignments, supervise all fashion judging and have sole responsibility for resolving all fashion judging questions arising during the meet. A Chief Judge shall not make scoring determinations or enter judging points on the score sheet. The designated Chief Judge will have overall responsibility for fashion judging at National or MAFCA sanctioned fashion events.

The Chief Judge shall maintain adequate records to provide the Era Fashion Committee Chairperson, within 30 days after completion of the meet, a list of all individuals who judged and the fashion area they judged.

- B. Host Fashion Coordinator – a MAFCA member shall be designated by the host group of each MAFCA National Divisional or Regional Meet to serve as the fashion judging coordinator. The Host Fashion Coordinator shall handle all facilities, administrative, and clerical tasks. The Host Fashion Coordinator shall not be responsible for fashion judging matters and need not be a certified judge.
 - C. Team of Judges – two or more judges selected to judge in one of the five fashion areas. The team judge having the highest certification shall serve as the Team Captain. If two judges have the same certification, the Chief Judge will appoint one to be the Team Captain.
4. Definitions:
- A. Sanctioning – the process whereby MAFCA provides official explicit approval for the appointment of a Chief Judge for a meet, for the holding of fashion judging at a meet, and for the crediting of judging experience at that meet for qualification.
 - B. MAFCA Sanctioned Fashion Events – includes MAFCA National Meets/Conventions, MAFCA Divisional Meets and specifically sanctioned Regional Meets. National sanctioning of era fashion judging at a Regional Meet for the purpose of judging qualification does not imply any other national sanctioning of the meet.
 - C. Fashion Areas – the major fashion judging areas are:
 - 1. Major Garments
 - 2. Headgear/Hairdo
 - 3. Coordinated Apparel
 - 4. Accessories
 - 5. Footgear
5. Fashion-Sanctioning: Regional Meet Host groups desiring national sanctioning of their era fashion judging must submit a letter of request or submit the "Request for MAFCA Fashion Sanction" (provided in The Fashion Judging Procedures Manual) to the MAFCA Board of Directors via the Era Fashion Committee. The letter should contain pertinent details regarding the meet and fashion judging including:
- A. the date and site of the meet
 - B. anticipated number of era fashion entrants
 - C. recommendations for Chief Judge
 - D. statement that era fashion judging will be conducted in accordance with MAFCA Fashion Guidelines and related fashion judging policies
 - E. statement that MAFCA headquarters will be provided a list of entrants, scores, and awards along with a list of the judges and the area that each judged within 45 days after the meet.

The Era Fashion Committee will then nominate a Chief Judge for the meet and forward the request to the Board for approval. Request should be submitted sufficiently in advance so as to reach the Board for consideration a minimum of 90 days prior to the scheduled meet.

6. Records: A master record of all certified MAFCA fashion judges shall be maintained by the Era Fashion Committee Chairperson. A copy of this master record shall be sent to the MAFCA headquarters staff semi-annually. This record shall include the judge's name, judging test completions judging experience, judge classification and fashion areas judged, and those special requirements met for those seeking Master Judge certification. The MAFCA headquarters staff shall ensure that each judge is issued a card certifying the judging classification for which he/she is qualified.
7. Certification Card: The judging certification card shall be a laminated card. The card shall have the MAFCA logo, Era Fashion logo, member's name, home town, state and the words "MAFCA Certified Fashion Judge." There will be nothing on the back of the card.
8. Certification Maintenance: All fashion judges must judge in at least one National, Divisional or MAFCA sanctioned Regional meet in the most recent five (5) year period.

If certification lapses, the individual wishing to renew their status must successfully pass the recertification test.

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