



July 1, 2014

Hello from the AFP,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the summer months. Hard to believe it's July – the 2015 AFP World Tour will be kicking off here before we know it.

That said I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate some developments and enhancements here at the AFP regarding event sanctioning and judging. New for the 2015 season:

- AFP will continue to train and certify judges through a new online Judging Platform
- For Platinum and Gold events, the AFP will work with you to procure & schedule all judges for your events in 2014/15
- For Silver and Bronze events, we will provide you access to our improved judges database to assist in scheduling judges for your events
- AFP has developed a minimum standardized pay rate for all judges based on the level of event and judging position

Online Judging Platform

This summer, the AFP is updating our Judging Certification Platform and process in which we certify judges. The new platform will be web-based offering more accessibility and convenience, as well as an enhanced platform for management, updates and flexibility. While judging clinics can still be scheduled, proctored and administered through the AFP, attending a physical clinic will no longer be the only way a judge can become AFP certified.

The new judging platform will contain the following elements:

- Judges database
 - Contains a detailed profile of every AFP certified judge including personal info and judging resume - clinics, exam scores, experience, events judges, head judge reports, etc.
- Judging Materials
 - General review materials
 - Exam review material for both Gold and Bronze Certification Level exams
 - Video Library
- Gold and Bronze Certification Exams
 - Recorded and timed exams
 - Real-time results, feedback
- Reporting
 - Exam scores
 - Head Judges Reports
 - Event Organizer Reports
 - Judges Profile activity/report
 - Payment reporting
 - Calendar/scheduling
 - Internal messaging system

Our targeted go-live date for this new platform is August 1, 2014.

Standardized Pay Rate

In addition to this enhanced judging platform, and after extensive feedback and consultation from the event and judging community, we have decided to implement a standardized minimum pay rate for AFP judges. This is designed to accomplish the following:

- Create a consistent and fair payment schedule among AFP sanctioned events
- Provide transparency to the judging community
- Promote professionalism and dedication within judging
- Assist in the recruitment, retention and growth in participation

As an AFP sanctioned event, we are requiring the following minimum pay rates for judges based on sanctioning level, judges position and number of competition days in your event. In addition, we strongly encourage you to provide training day compensation and per diem.

DAY RATES	Platinum Event	Gold Event	Silver Event	Bronze Event
Head Judge	\$400	\$300	\$250	\$125
Scoring Judge	\$350	\$250	\$200	\$100

Please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

Event Sanctioning Requirements and Application

Starting July 8th, the updated Sanctioning Requirements document and Sanctioning Application can be found on the AFP website at www.afpworldtour.com/eventsanctioning

The Requirements document clearly outlines all of the benefits and requirements for each level of sanctioning. Please review this document carefully as some items have changed from previous years.

2015 Event Sanctioning Fees

Finally, here are the AFP Event Sanctioning Fees for 2014/15:

2015 SEASON	Platinum Event	Gold Event	Silver Event	Bronze Event
Sanctioning Fee	\$1,320	\$990	\$660	\$330

Thank you for your continued support of the AFP, our sanctioning process and participation in the organization, structure and growth of our sport. The 2015 AFP World Tour should be our most extensive and robust calendar to date, and we look forward to working with you and your event team to provided the necessary support to make your event a success.

As always, please contact me, or any of us at the AFP, with any questions, comments or concerns.

Best regards,

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