

# AGENDA ITEM G

## Proposal

Allow an exception to show rule B.2. h. The judge shall not judge a show if he/she is first showing at that show event. (12-31)

## Reasons

Disasters happen! On the second day of a 2-show event, the goats are groomed, and the exhibitors are eager to enter the ring, and the judge "forgets" the date and does not show up. Or, due to travel difficulties and efforts to juggle the judging schedule the last show at an event is left without the contracted judge. The way the rule is written there is no option but to cancel the show. If, on the other hand, there are judges present who volunteer to step up and judge perhaps they should be allowed to do so, even if they have shown in previous show(s) at the event. The show chairman should be given the option, once all possibilities are exhausted of finding a judge at the last minute, to use one of the judges on the scene so as not to be left in a financial deficit and not to disappoint exhibitors who would like to continue exhibiting their animals.

This "exception" would be used only when all other solutions have been exhausted since there is a downside for the judge who volunteers to take over. First, they are now unable to show animals that they had intended on showing. Secondly, the question of their impartiality may be expressed by some exhibitors. There would be a downside for the show chair also, as some exhibitors may opt not to show their animals and the chairman would have to deal with possibly refunding entry fees.

## Advantages

The show goes on!

## Disadvantages

Providing an exception also opens the possibility of abuse of the exception. Hopefully, the show secretary will exhaust all possibilities before considering the use of this exception. The show chair is accountable to the exhibitors for their experience which increases the importance of the decision.

## Financial implications

None to NPGA with the inclusion of this exception. Without it, there would be a canceled sanction which would have to be credited later.

## Proposed motion:

Add "An exception can be made by the show secretary due to an emergency situation, an alteration of travel plans, or unforeseen circumstances." to show rule B.2.h which states "The judge shall not judge a show if he/she is first showing at that show event. (12-31)

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