



Bylaw 12 Best Practice Guidelines

The pertinent part of Bylaw 12 reads:

“The judge’s decision shall be announced in the presence of the judge as soon as practicable after the conclusion of each event, and subject to any correction then made by the judge, the decision as so announced shall be final.”

The intent of this sentence in the Bylaw is to allow the judge to check that the announced result is correct and to allow any amendment needed before the result is finalised. To enable this:

- a) The judge should be able to attend to the announcement. This means the announcement needs to be verbal, in the presence of the judge and while the judge is not otherwise engaged in judging another event or other adjudicator duties.
- b) If placegetters are to be publicly presented in order, then this presentation should also be in the presence of the judge. To allow the judge to check the correctness of the result, the board steward should line the placegetters up in order beside the competitive platform (or other area where the presentation is to be made) and ask the judge to confirm the order of placegetters before proceeding with the presentation.
- c) If the organisation hosting the competition chooses to announce the result in random order and to only announce placegetters in order as they are presented on stage, then the judge’s right to a correction should extend to correcting the result as it is presented.