



2014 TIME KEEPING, SCORING AND RANKING PROCEDURE

A. TIME KEEPING

1. A timekeeper shall be assigned exclusively to keep record of time taken by each *jattha*. Judges should not record time.
2. The timekeeper will be an individual unrelated to the *jattha* in any way, e.g. relative, trainer.
3. The timekeeper shall be equipped with stopwatch and remotely controlled light.
4. The time countdown shall begin as soon as any *jattha* member starts speaking or singing or playing any instrument. Inadvertent sound made by the instrument while opening or arranging on the stage will be ignored.
5. Two minutes before the expiry of the maximum time allocated to sing a shabad, a flashing light shall be displayed so that the *jattha* knows that it is time to wind up the *Keertan*.
6. At the expiry of allocated time, the light should stay on continuously signifying that the *jattha* is on the grace period.
7. Half a minute after the expiry of allocated time the light should be switched off so that the *jattha* knows that it is going beyond the grace period and will be penalized.
8. Timekeeper should record the total time taken by each *jattha*. Prescribed "Time Keeping" sheet shall be used.
9. Judges' coordinator shall deduct one point for every 30 seconds (or part thereof), beyond the grace period, from each judge's marks.

B. SCORING

1. Judges shall note scores against each item on the score sheet.
2. Judges shall not total the marks secured by a *jattha*. Judges shall concentrate on evaluating the *Keertan*.
3. Judges' coordinator shall add the marks and adjust for the excess time. (see A.9).
4. Adjusted marks shall be used to determine "Ranking" of the *jattha*, by each judge.
5. Adjusted marks by each judge shall be transferred to the "Ranking" sheet.

C. RANKING

1. Rankings by all judges shall be added for a *jattha*.
2. *Jattha* with the lowest "Total ranking" is the first winner and so on.
3. In case of a tie for any position, no attempt will be made to break the tie.
4. *Jatthas* with same "Total ranking" will be awarded the same prize.
5. Ranking sheets shall be signed by all judges to confirm that their original scoring has not been tampered with.