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TIME KEEPING, SCORING AND RANKING PROCEDURE (2024)

A. TIME KEEPING

1. A timekeeper shall be assigned exclusively to keep a record of time taken by each *jattha*.
2. The timekeeper will be an individual unrelated to the *jattha* in any way, e.g. relative, trainer.
3. 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.
4. Two minutes before the expiry of the maximum time allocated to sing a shabad, light shall be flashed so that the *jattha* knows that it is time to wind up the *Keertan*.
5. At the expiry of allocated time, the light should stay on continuously signifying that the *jattha* is on the grace period.
6. 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.
7. Timekeeper should record the total time taken by each *jattha*.
8. Judges' coordinator shall deduct one point for every 30 seconds (or part thereof), beyond the grace period, from each judge's marks.
9. Five points shall be deducted from each judge's scores for a *jattha* not showing up on its turn.

B. SCORING

1. Judges shall note scores against each item on the score sheet.
2. Each judge should provide an independent evaluation of *Jatthas*. Judges shall not discuss any *Jattha's* performance among themselves.
3. Judges' coordinator shall adjust marks for time. (see A.8 & A.9).
4. Adjusted marks shall be used to determine "Ranking" of the *jattha*, by each judge for Regional KD.
5. *Jattha* with the highest score will be ranked as "1", next highest as "2" etc.
6. Scores of each judge will be ranked as 1, 2, 3 etc.

C. RANKING - Regional KD

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 the same "Total ranking" will be awarded the same prize.
5. Ranking sheets shall be signed by all judges to confirm that their original scores have been used to prepare results .

D. International KD

1. Sum of ranking by all judges will be used to determine certificate as follows:
 - a. Gold - one third of the total *Jatthas* with lowest sum of the rankings.
 - b. Silver - one third of the total *Jatthas* with the next lowest sum of rankings.
 - c. Bronze - to remaining *Jatthas*.
 - d. Participating - *Jattha* (s) violating "Mandatory Rules" listed on the Score Sheets.
2. While calculating one third, the fraction should be rounded up to the nearest whole number. *For example, 7÷3=2.33 shall be rounded up to 3.*

E. General

1. Keertan Coordinator shall announce winners at the Regional level.
2. Sri Hemkunt Foundation shall announce results at the international level.
3. A relative shall not be assigned the duty as time-keeper, calculate ranking or judge the KD.