



Proposal to Delete P&P 501.4.4 RE: Nationals Judge Refresher Course Jim Bourke

October 10, 2025

Dear IAC Board,

We received a proposal to amend P&P 501.4.4, but I wonder if we can simply delete this requirement entirely?

The cost of holding a Judge Refresher Course prior to each Nationals is felt in the logistical burden on the Contest Director and other contest officials, and in the time and effort required by our Judge Chair.

Meanwhile, the IAC has a robust National Judge training and certification program already, with annual commitments, and our judges at Nationals are already hand selected for their experience.

Consider this option as you debate the merits of the proposal to amend P&P 501.4.4.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Bourke", written in a cursive style.

Jim Bourke
IAC President