

Proposal 4 - Delete Show Rule 29.3.4 (Alternative Format Judges)

Rationale:

Show Rule 29.3.4 was added to TICA's Rules in 2001, when the Alternative Format show (previously termed the Alaskan Format) was added to the Rules at the same time. Back then, there seemed to be a view that Alternative Format shows were trying to put on a show "on the cheap" and that restrictions to prevent them proliferating seemed appropriate. Some 20+ years later, different circumstances apply.

For example, this rule is unworkable for the European Regions. In Europe, all judges judge both on Saturday and Sunday. The exhibitors are used to this situation and there are seldom shows where there are different judges on the two days. The main reason is the travel expenses for judges which makes it too expensive to invite

Therefore, the permission to hold an Alternative Format show has zero value in Europe when the same judges cannot be used for an AM/PM AM format.

Removing this rule will not "harm" the position of judges in the sense that there will be less judges invited for judging. It is too expensive to invite different judges on two days to begin with and the option to hold an Alternative Format instead of a Back to Back format is more geared to the exhibitors.

PROs:	CONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows clubs more flexibility in organizing shows that meet their financial limitations• Allows for more rings at lower cost in areas where counts are low and where clubs cannot afford to invite more judges•	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some judges might not wish to judge twice in one day, thus reducing the pool of judges available to the club for an Alternate Format show• Less variety in judges for exhibitors

Delete Show Rule 29.3.4:

~~Show Rule 29.3.4 In non-isolated areas a judge may not judge more than two Alternative Format shows on the same weekend except in cases of emergency whereby a contracted judge has cancelled and a new (i.e., different) judge cannot be contracted. (See 22.3.)~~