

Referee Assessor Roundtable Notes

25-Mar at S-1/10/11 Expo (San Diego)

- Opening comment was that session was to be informally conversational. First comment from leader was that after 2 years of restricted operations (Covid lockdown related), the assessment program needed substantial rebuild.
- Next many minutes were consumed by several attendees advising that their assessment experience had been very bad due to scheduling difficulties and inconsistencies among assessors.
- There was some discussion about assessments vs mentoring, and about exactly how assessors were assigned. It sounded like Section 10 had the largest number of assessors, but that Section 11 had enough National Assessors historically to serve the demands of the organization.
- With respect to the rebuilding of the program, there was general agreement that we needed attention to the whole pipeline of Referee Mentors, Referee Assessors and National Assessors. Given the time to make a National Assessor (typically several years), it was time to increase such efforts.
- There was some discussion about standards and attendees were referred to the [National Referee Program manual](#). Some comments were made about the differences in the program recently versus late 90's / early 2000's.
- There was discussion about Section 11's use of calibration matches to reduce variation in assessor performance. Pre-covid, Section 11 had held 4 such calibration matches in which a large number (~15) of assessors watch the same match and then discuss referee performance and issues that would be covered in a debrief. Section 11 SDRA indicated they intended to continue the practice, and Section 10 SDRA indicated an interest in the practice as well.

Thank you for attending. Please contact us with any follow-up

questions or ideas.

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