

Amendments to the Competitor & Judging Manual – showing date of implementation

The following were approved at the AFLACA J & R Meeting at Horsham April 2009

- **Point allocation for Double Fancy Cabochon – a proposal for the following changes was approved.**

Craftsmanship	Aesthetic Appeal
0 WS	Aesthetic Appeal 16
9 OS	Uneven 8
5 H	Contour 5
9 WS	Flats 6
10	Undercuts & pits 3
6	Chips 2
10	Girdle Line 10
20	Grinding & Sanding 19
23	Polish (Lustre) 23
2	Int. Flaws/Fractures 2
1	Foreign Surface 1
5 SP	Material
	Shape Points 5

Applicable at the printing of the next manual.

- **Specified Size Fancy Cabochon and Double Fancy Cabochon to be deleted from the next manual.**
- **Computer Generated Designs for Faceting.**

Should have:

- All designs must be computer generated
- All designs must have all information on the plan eg L/W T/W U/W C/W
- All designs must have the following view Crown plan, Pavilion plan & Side/girdle plan
- Any notes needed to facilitate the correct cutting of the particular design.

These recommendations are to be adopted for Level 3 & 4 competitions.

A register of GEMCAD/ Computer Generated Designs contacts be made to assist Competition Committees.

- **Interpretation of loss of points on Girdle facets.**

It was approved that the marks should reflect the % of correct facets to incorrect facets. IE if you have 1 facet incorrect in 16, you lose 1/16 of marks allotted to the girdle.

- **Group 7, Section 7A Sphere and Section 7B Ovoid**

Suggest the minimum size be changed to 30mm due to the difficulty in obtaining fracture free material of a size required to get the now minimum size (40mm). To be included in next Manual.

- **Group 15 Section 15B Inlay**

Suggest the minimum size be reduced to 60mm due to the difficulty in obtaining nature organic material (bone) of the larger size. Also to allow the correct balances – proportion for pendant/ Jewellery pieces etc. To be included in next Manual.

- It was moved to change the **Carving Section to add a new section 5E** to cover carving not otherwise specified in Group 5 A to D. This will allow for “Celtic” or single sided bone carving which are not fully 3-dimensional or in relief with a minimum size of 50mm to be included in this group. To be included in next Manual.

- **Inconsistency in Competition Division and Levels**

B4.2 Novice Division – second paragraph, please delete “**or 4**” as this puts the competitor in a higher division than is necessary.

B4.3 Intermediate Division – second paragraph – add the words at the end of the sentence “**in Level 3 and can compete in Novice or higher division at Level 4**”.

B4.4 Open Division – second paragraph, please delete “**3 or**”

This decision becomes effective at the 2011 GEMBOREE. This decision to be sent to the secretary of each state and delegate organisation and they are to inform each Club within their state and organisation.

VGCA to look at the appropriate wording for the next manual.