

Tally Room Committee
Bahamas Junkanoo Parades
Norfolk House
Nassau, The Bahamas

December 27, 2022

Mr. Anthen Mortimer
Chairman, Parade Management Team
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Re: Boxing Day 2022 Junkanoo Parade

Dear Mr. Mortimer,

During the 2022 Boxing Day parade, the below items were noted:

1. Disqualified Judges

- Judge #112 was disqualified for scoring a group that was not yet on the official parade route
- Judge #511 was disqualified for scoring a group that was not yet on the official parade route
- Judge #611 was disqualified for scoring costumes numbers that were not present on the parade
- Judge #613 was disqualified for scoring costumes numbers that were not present on the parade
- Judge #623 was disqualified for scoring costumes numbers that were not present on the parade
- Judge #713 was disqualified for scoring lap 3 when the groups were still performing lap 1
- Judge #911 was disqualified for scoring costumes numbers that were not present on the parade

2. Eligibility

Eligibility criteria was documented using the paper inspection forms and not the tablet devices. These inspections were completed by the task force. There was one (1) Division A group (Music Makers) that did not meet all of the criteria and six (6) Division B groups (Redland Soldier, Barabbas and the Tribe, The New Vikings, Foundation, Z-Bandits and Dynasty) that did not meet all of the criteria. Penalties were assessed based on the infractions.

3. Penalties

During the parade, there were a total of 15 penalties that were entered into the digital system.

- 2 penalties were applied (Z-Bandits and Body of Christ)
- 4 penalties were dismissed as they were duplicate penalties issue for the same infraction (Z-Bandits, Z-Bandits, Colours, Dynasty)
- 6 penalties were protested with the IRC and were declined (Roots, Dynasty, Roots, Saxons, The Immortals, One Family)
- 3 penalties were adjusted from 5 points to 10 points by the Returned Officer prior to the announcement of the unofficial scores. These penalties were confirmed to be the incorrect penalty entered into the tablet system based on the actual infraction (Z-Bandits, Dynasty, The Immortals).

These penalties were issued for “Failure to meet required time limits established for group category while parading along the official parade route- Penalty: 5 point deduction from the overall group score” when it should have been “Failure of a group to be ready for entry onto the parade route at the official time and place for entry - Penalty: 10 point deduction from the overall group score”

4. Tablet Connectivity

During the observation of the live digital scoring system in the Tally Room, it was noted that the scores were not appearing for various judges that were assigned to the music category. IT technicians and support staff were dispatched to the respective zone to inspect the devices for issues. After the inspection, the devices were found to be “not connected” to the mobile network. Connection was re-established for these devices and all scores that were previously entered by the judges were received in the scoring system.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Aaron R. Jones
Return Officer

CC Floyd Wilmott, PMT Deputy
Dwight Rolle, Grand Marshall
Vincent Johnson, Deputy Grand Marshall
Garth Muncor, Task Force Manager
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