

Important Appraiser Information for 2009-10

- Each team must have an adult represent their DI team as an appraiser or pay a fee.
- Appraising is a two-day commitment -- one Saturday training & a Regional Tournament.
- Appraisers need no prior NH-DI experience or knowledge. They will be well trained and work with an experienced team of officials.
- Appraisers must attend one state training held in late January or early February. However, some Appraising positions DO NOT require training (see below) or re-training. If your appraiser has previously trained and appraised Instant Challenge, they may not need to attend ANY training session, BUT will need to take the online IC Appraiser test.
- If the appraiser representing your team is a parent of one of the team members, they cannot be assigned to their child's challenge. And if they sign-up to officiate at their child's meet, they will NOT be able to see their child's performance. NO exceptions can be made! Please insist that they attend another Meet on the alternate weekend in March!
- If you are a team manager, you will make a great appraiser but may NOT work in the Challenge you are managing or appraise at your team's Meet!
- As an Appraiser, you can enjoy knowing you have helped provide an outlet for creativity in children. You will also receive an official's t-shirt and an Official's Luncheon.
- Appraisers need to review the job choices, the synopsis of the current challenges and then, complete the online Appraiser Registration Form. Your appraiser will need to know your team pak number or the Team Manager's information to register. Incomplete registrations will not be processed.
- All Appraiser information is due by December 18, 2009.
- Appraisers registering earlier are more likely to be assigned a position they requested. We make every effort to assign appraisers based on their 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice preferences.
- Appraisers will be sent their assignment and all necessary materials and directions on the upcoming training sessions by email in January.

Please take this 2-day commitment seriously. This program teaches kids about commitment and teamwork. We expect the adults to set the example. If you sign up, please follow through and attend the Saturday training and officiate at your assigned Meet .

Teams without an appraiser can pay a \$75 fee at the Regional level and \$100 at States in order to be officially registered. If an assigned and registered appraiser does not show up at training, the team will be invoiced for the \$75 fee. Teams must make sure that the adult designated as their Appraiser take their commitment seriously. Please understand that we have this policy only because NH-DI is run totally by volunteers and we can't provide tournaments without the help from each team. We want your volunteers - not the money.

If you are looking for Appraisers, DO IT NOW! Being an NH-DI appraiser is a lot of fun! Appraisers are parents, administrators, school board members, team managers and community business people, but not high school students – sorry! Just be sure that the Appraisers you select are kid-friendly and have a sense of humor! We LOVE new Appraisers! Try to entice someone who is unfamiliar with the program – they will enjoy the experience!

To help you locate Appraisers, you may check our online at list of NH-DI's EXPERIENCED APPRAISERS from 2009 by town. Contact them to be your team's Appraiser for 2010! Every Appraisers must commit to attend BOTH a training session as well as officiate at one tournament. Of course, your Appraiser can sign up for a SECOND Regional to support an additional team!