

## YEARLY REPORT 2018 ECU JUDGES COMMITTEE

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### Activities in 2018

- **ECU LISTS OF JUDGES**

In light of still missing full fledged online judges registry multiple steps have been taken to improve the communication between national federation judges officials, judges and event producers. National federations have been asked to update their list of recognized judges in their countries in order to update the lists on the ECU Intranet page. The intranet page serves mainly for national federations to verify good standing of known judges from other countries. To better comply with GDPR requirements, internal list of judges and their emails has been made obsolete and an e-mailing list created, which allows judges to update their contact information, subscribe and unsubscribe from the list. Subscriptions to the list are only possible after confirmation of the judges status either via verification against the ECU Intranet list or checking with the relevant national federation. The list now also allows national federations to post requests for judges from the email addresses listed on the ECU Intranet page as contact emails for judges. The emails sent to [ecu-judges@googlegroups.com](mailto:ecu-judges@googlegroups.com) from those addresses are first reviewed, clarified and when they are deemed to contain enough information for the judges to make informed decision whether to apply to judge the event, the message is sent to the complete list of judges. Any reply from any judge is then sent directly to the originating email address of the national federation, bypassing the ECU, eliminating any delays or overhead on the side of ECU.

- **JUDGES SELECTION FOR EUROPEAN CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

As previous year the ECU Judges Committee implemented an evaluation system of judges that have applied to judge European Cheerleading Championships. The evaluation is based on review of CVs, inter-committee discussion on individual merits as well as committee members personal experiences with an applicant. Each committee member submitted their own evaluation of individual judges and the total evaluation was the basis for the selection of judges, taking national diversity into account. This system was applied both for the ECU European Championships for Doubles in 2018 and for ECU European Championships 2019.

While the chart below shows a few countries having multiple judges per panel, the standing rule for judging assignments remains that there can only be one judge from any country on a particular scoring panel of 7 scoring judges of a division, ensuring there is no national bias.

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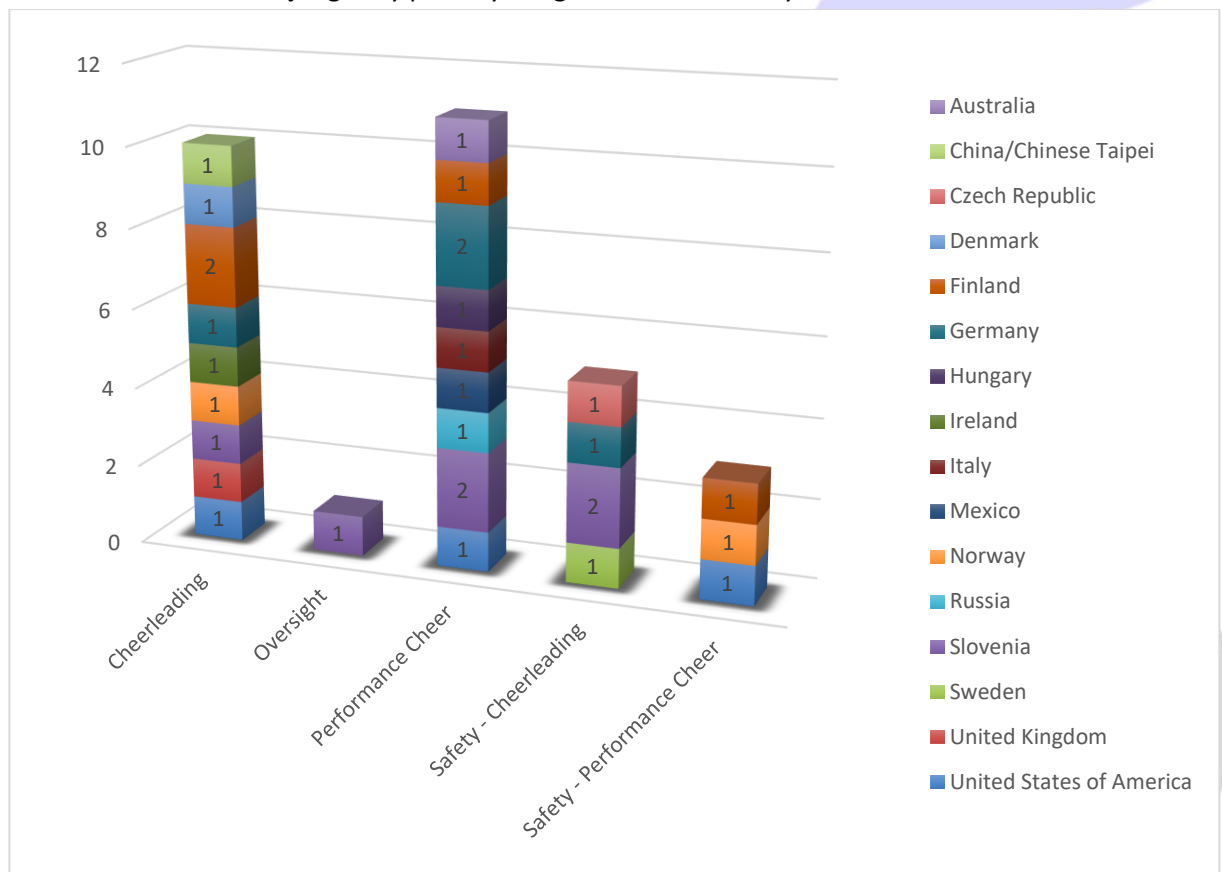


The multiple judges will therefore be rotated between divisions and the judges who are not on the scoring panel will perform secondary tasks. This arrangement was by design and allows us to increase the overall number of judges available to us and also enables us to use two concurrent panels of similar divisions in some cases (ie. two panels for performance cheer doubles). Due to this arrangement and some other smaller contractual changes, the judges roster now contains 30 judges.

On request both from committee members as well as ECU Executive Board, the evaluation and voting procedure has been secret with ECU Executive Board the nominated keeper of records as well as the sole mediator in case of questions/concerns.

The selection of safety judges was done by the ECU Rules Committee based on their evaluation and selection procedures.

Chart 1: Distribution of judges by primary assignment and country.



- SCORE TRANSPARENCY**

As announced last year, the steps toward more transparent and understandable scoring and results have been made and while there was little feedback, what there was, was positive. The additional information has been provided to all teams both at the European Cheerleading Championships in Helsinki and European Cheerleading Championships for

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Doubles in Athens.

For 2019, we intend to implement the same level of transparency and procedures. In 2020 we hope to move to a more integrated electronic scoring system.

- **ICU JUDGES COURSE**

In light of several judges courses being organized by ICU member federations throughout Europe, we felt there was little need and too much potential risk for insufficient numbers of participants to make it reasonable to hold such an event. It seems the trend might continue in 2019, but we will continue monitoring the need for such courses and geographic availability of such courses as well as continue providing informational assistance to national federations interested in such courses as well as actively promoting them on request.

- **ECU JUDGES TRAINING CURRICULUM AND NATIONAL JUDGES TRAINING ASSISTANCE**

ECU Judges training curriculum is still under development. The basis of it is being used when assistance in national judges training is requested, though the material is still far from finished.