

## **PARA Gate Judge Education & Certification Program 2013**

The PARA gate judge program added 34 new certified gate judges since May 2012. We finished the year with 131 judges, and 20 Chiefs. With a few exceptions, all the clubs are well represented in the number of certified judges, and all the ROC's have at least one certified chief.

Certified judges represent almost 50% of the gate judges at most races even though they comprise a much smaller portion of the PARA membership. They are volunteering at a high participation rate.

The ROC's have embraced the program and are offering additional incentives for certified judges at most races.

Gene Pavitt graded all the exams again this year, and helped to improve the wording of some of our materials and exam questions. Thank you, Gene.

The compatibility problem between Apple computers and the Adobe Acrobat "Submit" button still exists. Most Apple users followed the instructions about how to save and attach their exam to an email.

Only two clubs asked for help recruiting judges for their races this year. It seems that we have enough certified judges who volunteer frequently that recruiting judges is becoming easier.

The only real concern going forward is that the program is no longer new and is not being promoted as heavily within the clubs as when it was new. We request that each club continue to promote the program so that attrition does not exceed the number of newly certified judges.

<b>Club</b>	<b>Judges</b>
BKST	1
BMRT	21
DCWST	2
EMSC	19
HVRC	1
IND	3
JFBB	10
LMRT	13
PASEF	3
SHAW	4
SMRT	1
SNO	4
SRRC	30
TMART	10
WPRC	5
WTSEF	4

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