



## **CRITIQUE REMINDERS**

Critique will be offered at both of the Field Day shows for groups in **SAAA, SAA, SA, IA, SO, IO, SW and IW only.** For groups only competing on Saturday, there will be a Saturday night critique. For groups competing both days, there will be critique on Sunday morning before the show. Groups competing on Sunday only will not have the opportunity for critique.

Throughout the entire season, it is important to remember a few things when going into critique:

- Make sure you sign up with the T&P judge **BEFORE** the last unit *starts* their show.
- You **MUST** listen to your tapes before critique.
- Go in with questions or reflections about the commentary given to you on the tapes. If you don't understand the terminology used, **ASK ABOUT IT!** Judges are being encouraged to speak more plainly with less "catch phrases". Please let them know if there is something you need clarified.
- Use your time in critique to discuss **YOUR** show, not the shows of other competing groups.
- While listening to your tapes, make a list of positive and negative comments. Use the back of the sheet to find which box most of the comments occur in, and your score for that sheet should be in that general range. If you disagree with a score, always refer to the back of the sheet and justify your argument using the criteria.
- If you have serious concerns about the difference in ranking between your group and another group, ask the judge to go through the placemat questions with you. These are questions on the sheet that help the judges decide how to rank groups that are in the same score neighborhood. Sometimes these specific questions can give you better insight into why your group is ranked in a certain position.
- Always remain professional during critique. Letting your temper get out of hand will not improve anything, and could possibly lead to

your exclusion from critique in the future. Do not harm your group by losing this valuable opportunity for feedback from judges because you cannot control your temper.

- If you have a concern about a particular judge, make sure that it is based on FACT and the criteria of your class. If you feel that you have a valid and justifiable argument, contact Fred Feeney to discuss the matter. Contact information for Fred is available through any circuit official.

***CRITIQUE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.  
USE IT WISELY TO BENEFIT YOUR GROUP.***