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A SCORE OF 80% IS REQUIRED TO PASS. NO MORE THAN 9 WRONG ANSWERS  
(38 OF 47 MUST BE RIGHT)

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# JUDGE CERTIFICATION TEST



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***True or False questions have only one correct answer.***

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- Each competitor will get three throws in all events.
- A competitor may stop his/her attempt after it has begun only with the judge's permission.
- The measurement on a throw will be taken from the side of the trig closest to the competitor.
- You should never allow extra throws in order to break a tie.
- The back line for the stone throws is 7 feet.
- The standing throw approach for the Bremer stone must be started inside the 7'6" back line.
- It is a fair throw if the competitor touches the top of the trig but does not exceed the front of the trig.
- The judge may raise the bar in WFH events as little as 3" at any time he/she feels it is appropriate.
- All measurements in WFH and Sheaf toss shall be made from the ground to the lowest point on the bar.
- If a competitor passes in the first round at a height he/she can decide to take an attempt at that height in subsequent rounds.
- An attempt begins in the caber when a competitor first lifts the caber off of the ground.
- The caber is to be judged on its landing position and not where it comes to rest.
- A competitor can change direction while running in the caber toss as long as he/she travels in this direction long enough to establish this as his/her direction of travel.
- If a caber breaks during a competition in the third round a new caber must be picked and all three rounds must be repeated.
- In the interest of safety, the judge has the right to disqualify any competitor who, in the judge's opinion, does not have the ability to complete a throw without undue risk of injury to himself, other competitors, or spectators.
- The judge also has the right to disqualify any competitor who displays poor sportsmanship or engages in inappropriate conduct.
- A game shall receive a full sanction only if all SAAA rules governing the conduct of events are followed for all events, not all judges need hold a current SAAA certification, only the head judge does.
- The athletic director of a game may establish classes that can be recognized by the SAAA in sanctioning that game. Some examples are Masters, Lightweight, Novice, etc.

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- A pass shall be considered a good attempt in WFH if a successful attempt is made at the next height.
- If an implement is broken in the middle of the round, the judge has the authority to determine if the round must be repeated.
- A competitor shall have a maximum of two minutes to complete his/her attempt in all cases.
- In the open stone a competitor's foot may touch behind the back line as long as his/her other foot is within the box at that time.
- Reversing your stance (feet) in the Breamar stone is not considered an approach and is allowed.
- Weight for distance implements shall at no time measure more than 16" in length.
- Total implement weight shall include the handle and chain.
- If the hammer hits the ground behind the trig during an attempt, it should be considered a foul.
- If the weight for distance implement hits the ground behind the trig during an attempt it should be considered a foul.
- Novices and masters may use the 28# weight for height.

***Multiple Choice questions have only one correct answer.***

All competitors shall be allowed three attempts in:

- All events.
- All distance events.
- All distance events and caber.
- All caber events.

Ties will be broken by:

- Next best throw.
- Total of all throws.
- Next best legal throw.
- The first person to buy the judge lunch.

Any ties not for first place and not broken by the next best legal throws:

- Shall remain a tie.
- Will be broken by an extra round of throws
- Is not possible.
- Will be declared ineligible.

Measurements in the hammer events will be taken from:

- The center of the trig.
- The center of the cage.
- Center field.

- The center of the competitor's stance.

The trig shall measure:

- 6" high and 4'6" long.
- 6' long and 4.5" high
- No one knows.
- Whatever the AD decides.

The competitor can touch the top of the trig:

- As long as he/she does not go beyond the front edge.
- Never.
- After he/she has released the implement.
- At the start of his/her throw.

A competitor can touch the ground with a part of his/her body other than his/her feet:

- Only if the judge says it is legal.
- Upon completion of his/her throw.
- Only if he/she does not foul the trig.
- After the implement has hit the ground.

Measurements in the stone putts shall be taken from:

- The inside edge of the trig.
- The outside edge of the trig.
- The front of the trig.
- The center of the throwing area.

In the event of a tie in the WFH, passing at a height:

- Counts as a miss.
- Does not get counted.
- Counts as a make if you make the subsequent height.
- Is good strategy.

The point of measurement in the WFH is:

- From the ground to the lowest point on the bar.
- From the ground to the pin on the standards.
- From the ground to the top of the bar.
- From the bar on the corner as far as you can reach.

The bar must move up in increments of 12" until:

- There are fewer than 6 competitors.
- The judge says so.
- There are fewer than 5 competitors.
- There is only one competitor left.

If a competitor passes on the first few heights and then misses all three attempts at his/her entry height:

- He/she is scored at the last passed height.
- He/she is given a chance to clear a lower height.
- He/she is given a score of no height.
- He/she is scored at the next height.

Gloves worn by the competitors shall not:

- Be secured with tape.
- Have two or more fingers attached together.
- Be used in the hammer throw.
- Be pink.

Open stone for women shall be:

- 8 to 12 pounds.
- 13 to 18 pounds.
- 16 to 20 pounds.
- 22 to 28 pounds.

Weight for height for the Men's Masters shall be:

- 28 pounds.
- 42 pounds.
- 56 pounds.
- 18 pounds.

Heavy weight for distance for the Men's Novice class shall be:

- 28 pounds.
- 42 or 56 pounds as decided by the AD.
- 56 pounds.
- 32 pounds.

The overall length of the hammers:

- Shall not exceed 50 inches.
- Shall be a minimum of 50 inches.
- Shall not exceed 48 inches.
- Shall be a minimum of 48 inches.

The "spin" technique in the WFH:

- Is not permitted.
- Is only permitted if the judge deems it safe.
- Is always permitted
- Is permitted in Scotland.

The sheaf should be contested with:

- A fixed bar.
- A “knock off” bar.
- Either bar.
- Sheep.

*Continue to the next two pages to complete the Essay questions.*

***Essay Question:***

A competitor finds that you are not following the rules and discreetly points this fact to you. What do you do about it?

***Essay Question:***

You report to work as an SAAA Certified Judge at an SAAA sanctioned event. You are the most experienced judge on the field and the AD assigns you the task of being Head Judge for the event. What does this mean to you and what will you do differently as the Head Judge?

***Essay Question:***

You are approached by the host of the event and are asked to have your throwers stop the competition in order to pose for pictures for their photographer. How do you respond and with whom do you consult?

***Thank you for completing the SAAA Judges Certification Test.***

Please submit your completed test to the clinic coordinator at one of the following: the clinic you are attending, via email to [saaareverend@earthlink.net](mailto:saaareverend@earthlink.net), or via US Postal Service to Scottish American Athletic Association, 326 N. Western Ave., Ste. 254, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

You will receive notification of pass or fail and your judges' card which is good for one year. In order to judge an event you must also be a member of the SAAA.