



2009 Promotion Policy

Any RMCGA member, or judge, may request that a unit be reviewed for promotion. The basis for promotion will be any unit's display of skills normally considered beyond the current class in which that unit is competing. Please note this does not mean that just because a unit is winning a class, automatically that unit should be promoted. If a unit is demonstrating solid and successful skills for its current class, then promotion will not occur. Even if a unit is winning its class by several points, promotion is not the answer to helping the remaining units in the class to improve.

Promotions can only be requested from unit appearances through February, unless a unit's first appearance occurs in March. If a unit's first appearance occurs in March, that unit's first appearance can trigger a promotion review request, but only its first appearance.

Promotion review requests shall be given to either the President (Dean Decker) or the Contest Director (Kendra Whelchel) on the evening of the show. These requests may be verbal or written. The President or Contest Director will inform the unit in question that a request for review has been made, and that a final decision will be made at the unit's next scheduled performance.

A committee comprised of the President, Contest Director, Judge Coordinator, and, at minimum, one other RMCGA board member will review the unit in question at its next scheduled appearance. The promotion review committee will reach a decision that night, immediately following the unit's class of competition, as to whether the unit is promoted. The promotion review committee must reach a unanimous decision on promoting any unit.

The President or Contest Director will inform the unit of the resulting decision at that time.

A unit may only be reviewed once per class, per season, unless that unit has less than two minutes of performance time when reviewed. If a unit is not promoted in its first review, and then finishes its show, and appears again during February, it is subject to another review.

Any unit promoted will compete in the new class for the remainder of the season.

The board and judging staff will review all units' classifications and will notify you if you are found to be in the wrong class. A group can be reclassified within their first three performances with no fanfare.