

More Sanctioning Information...

I feel the past year has been a good one for the NJWRC, and anticipate a great remainder to 2010. Show sanctions seem to be in line with what we have been experiencing. For the 2008-2009 Sweepstakes Year we had 1,044 sanctions issued. At this time, we have 879 issued for the 2009-2010 Sweepstakes Year. With 3 months left in this year's contest, I anticipate receiving enough sanctions that we will surpass the number issued last year. Now is the time we normally start receiving Fair sanctions, so we should get up to the 1,000 mark for sure.

A continued problem seems to be that more and more individuals are sending for show sanctions rather than the actual show sponsoring club. This makes the job here more difficult, as many individuals will simply send a check with a note saying "I am sanctioning the JW for March 10th in New York", and no other information (please see email included on last page). I must then email or write via regular mail if no email address is included in the information received, and request the complete and accurate information in order to issue the sanction. In addition, the ARBA rules state that sanctions can ONLY be issued to ARBA chartered clubs. The club must also agree to accept the sanction. Thus if I do not have any confirmation from the club that they are indeed willing to sanction the show, I am unable to do so and conform to ARBA rules.

I have no problem issuing a sanction provided I have confirmation from the show sponsoring club or an agent thereof, and still receive the request and payment postmarked prior to the date of the show. I simply ask that if an individual is going to be paying for a show sanction, that they first attempt to pay the club and let the club send for the sanction, or that they obtain a written confirmation or email confirmation from the club that they are willing to accept the sanction, and include that, along with all required show information, in the sanction request that they send in.

Other than the above, I feel there is very little concern regarding the Sanctions/Sweepstakes for the club, other than receiving the show reports after the shows has taken place. I tried to keep a listing of those shows not reported on the website, and will continue to try and do that on a regular basis. Perhaps we can address the late show reports with help of the District Directors and try to get in all show reports for this year's contests. I will be including a listing of those shows that are currently 30 or more days past their show date, for which I have not yet received a report. Please keep in mind that a show secretary may send a report via regular mail, but that does not insure I receive it. If I list someone as not having a report in, it may very well be that the report simply has not arrived here yet, if it was mailed recently, or it is lost in the mail. It is very easy to simply recreate a report and resend it rather than write and say; "I sent it. Please let me know if you didn't get it.". I would not have said I didn't receive it in the first place if I did receive it, thus I must not have.

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