

**Goal:** Create consistency and good calibration among panelists/judges.

**Problem** - At some panel opportunities, the scores have been too different to be valid.

**Proposal** - We need our panel members to be consistent and to have a reasonable amount of agreement when scoring each and every potable. In order to calibrate our scoring and maximize the validity of our process, we need to have standard procedures that are used by every panel at every event.

Proposed Procedures (Not so much proposed as imposed. This is an edict by the Guildmistress):

1. Panels can not have more than 3 people. (If more scores are included, the guildmaster will take only the top 3 scores.)
2. Panels must discuss and score each category of the rubric one at a time.
3. One panel member will be the recorder, recording all scores for all the judges.
4. Panel members will discuss their scores and must agree that the scores of each member are “close enough” to be valid. (I am not saying you have to have full agreement, I am saying that you CAN NOT have a 6 point spread.)
5. Panelists must constantly be referring back to our rubric for guidance when scoring a potable.

**Rationale** – Panel members will help keep all panelists accountable for their choice of scores. The brewer will have the benefit of listening to the scoring rationale of the panel members. This creates accountability, consistency, good calibration, and educational opportunities for our brewers.

One potential problem is that this will slow down our process. This Guildmistress believes that the benefits outweigh the risks of moving to this structure. She accepts the responsibility for slowing down the process. Quality over quantity.