

when recutting in his or her certified class/division, scores be low the minimum certification score.

3. This competition is ONLY open to members of the United States Faceters Guild.

Shipping and Handling Instructions

1. Place the stone in a round plastic gemstone display cup with the foam insert and cap. Please do not mark or identify the gem container in any way!
2. Place the following in a bubble protected envelope;
 - A. The display cup containing the stone.
 - B. An additional bubble protected self addressed and stamped envelope for returning the stone and scoring sheets to the faceter.
 - C. A \$25.00 check or money order (US funds) made out to Jeff Ford (entry fee).
3. Mail the package to:

Mr. Jeff Ford
2410 North 2nd Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
4. At the participant's discretion, packages should be sent by certified mail and/or insured.
5. Stone will be returned to the participant in the manner selected by the participant as in 4 above.
6. **THE POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE STONES IS JUNE 20, 2003.**

Mr. Ford will code the stone (for anonymity), repack and send the stone to a selected judge. The judged stone and comprehensive "mark-up sheet" will be returned to Mr. Ford who will decode and repackage the stone with the score sheet and return to the individual contestant.

****Be sure to include an additional self-addressed bubble protected envelope, with return postage!****

**Judging Rules for the USFG 2003
single stone competition**

(Categories are in the same numerical order as on the score sheet)

Scratches

Each facet shall be absent of scratches including the finest of cat hairs. Inclusions or fractures that surface and look like scratches will be judged under this feature.

Pitting

Each facet shall be absent of pits including the tiniest inclusions

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Grooved facets

Facets that show grooving in the polish when held just between shadow and shine. Herringbone effect in Quartz can sometimes show up in the polish in the same manner. Both features will be judged in this category.

Flat facet and sharp edges

Facet surface true: This refers to the flatness of facets or unevenness of curved facets. Unintentional facets and ghost facets will be penalized under this feature.

Facet edges sharp: The junction between facets should be knife-edge. Both of these features will be judged under category 4 on the score sheet. Chipped edges will be judged under the category for chips, not under this feature.

Facet uniform

Refers to consistency in shape and size of facets in the same series. Facets also have to have consistency with the pattern.

Meet points

A point where 4 or more facets culminate in a perfect point with no facet over cut and/or no facet under cut.

Chips

Areas where pieces of material have been chipped off unintentionally. They usually occur along facet edges, at corners, and/or culets.

Girdle uniform

Facets in the same series around a faceted girdle shall be the same shape and dimensions. Girdle facets shall be an exact replica of the girdle on the pattern.

L/W ratio

The length-to-width ratio will be on the design and score sheets. A variance 0.1 mm +/- will be allowed without deduction. If out, a 3 point 100% error will result.

Stone width

The competition committee will set the stone width. There will be an allowable margin of 0.1 mm more or less than the stone width set by the committee. The committee will designate stone widths between 6 mm and 15 mm. If out, a 3 point 100% error will result.