



## Preshift Questions and Answers from the 2010 Rules Interpretation Meeting

- Q:** 1% CH<sub>4</sub> in face does not require a danger card?
- A:** The rule states that it is being corrected by ventilation, a danger card is not needed, but a written record would be required.
- Q:** **Rule 1** - In an overdrive if you have a line curtain down, CH<sub>4</sub>  $\geq$  1.0% will one index card suffice (it always had in the past) a separate index is required for anything not corrected.
- A:** Both items would require a written record.
- Q:** **Rule 2** – How do you dock someone if they have their EQ in lock-up but does not arrive on the field with it; the contestant has to have equipment when he leaves lockup.
- A:** He will be docked if he does not have the equipment when he/she departs lockup. If this occurs at the nationals he/she will be docked.
- Q:** **Rule 3** - When the green line rules were sent out for review, it was suggested by several rules committee members (PRC) to leave rule three stating "safety shoes" rather than boots. Can you explain why this suggestion was not considered?
- A:** It was considered, however, this mine rescue interpretation requiring boots was adopted.
- Q:** **Rule #4** – Line curtain down in an overdrive & can correct per vent plan. Such action need not be on index card, but still has to be recorded in the pre-shift book & verbally stated to the judges.
- A:** Yes.
- Q:** **Rule 5** - Statement added appears to be under I. only. Or does this apply to all of Rule 5?
- A:** Applies to all areas that are tested when no placard is present.
- Q:** **Rule 13** – If the hazards have to be identified on cards, does this suffice for acknowledging hazards? (Verbalization)
- A:** No. Rule 11 says to "Verbalize".

**Q:** **Rule 15** – Rules say, Contestant will not be allowed to re- enter the mine after the clock has stopped. Can the judge take the contestant back in the mine to look or check something?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Can contestant apply numbers to cards in advance?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Will contestants be allowed to place date and initials on index cards prior to starting the clock?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Safety boots - Is there a height limit for them, 6" – 12"?

**A:** They have to be a boot.

**Q:** Does ID Tag have to have contestants name or do both tags have to match? (ID tag & check in tags)

**A:** BOTH tags have to match.

**Q:** Will index cards be checked by judge prior to starting contest?

**A:** Yes. (Should be checked).

**Q:** Will refuge chamber be used, and if so, what specifically are we looking for?

**A:** This will be up to the local contest and 30 CFR, should also be part of a ventilation plan.

**Q:** Do lights need to be on?

**A:** No, but need to be operable.

**Q:** On Hazard cards, do you require the description of the hazard & all 4 digits of the year?

**A:** Describe condition, but the date can be either 2 or 4 digit.  
Example: 03/24/2010 or 03/24/10

**Q:** Can a contestant use a stamp for dates, time and initials?  
**A:** No.

**Q:** Define an ignition source.  
**A:** Energized electrical equipment  
Energized electrical circuits  
Including all batteries  
    Except cap light batteries  
Energized cables  
Any other obvious heat source created by the problem design layout  
    Except intrinsically safe equipment.

**Q:** Regarding Danger cards: Will a contestant be discounted for not using the exact format given under Rule 13 on Page 3 of the red line rules?  
**A:** No, but the information has to all be there.

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What the conditions is, i.e. Loose Roof  
Times, Dates & Initials

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