Olympiad scoring explained

To the Editor:

This letter is from the UA Social Council Olympiad Committee. It is intended to express our deep concerns and commit to the Mullar Olymipid Association, which has already closed last Saturday. We also acknowledged that the Olympiad in an attempt to accomplish its stated objective was not achieved. The Committee is committed to continuing its efforts to address the difficulties encountered in this past Olympics. We will be making changes to address the difficulties.

During meetings prior to theympiad, the Committee decided that dormitory floor or entry team would be regarded as separate entities. The organization of the Olympiad does not allow for a single group, however. Each team having an event could name the “benchmarker” of its earned points upon registration. Because of this, the All-Tech-Soc events were registered by their sponsors with the Olympiad Committee. This information was not obtained for these events.

When Burton 4 combined their points from the All-Tech-Soc with the Burton House team points from other events, Laguna Phi Epicompted that this was an affaire made after the fact, while Burton representatives maintained that this had always been their intention. The Committee was unable to substantiate either claim, and the grave prospect of declaring one group second-best to the other. We decided instead to combine the points of all Burton teams, but separate all competing groups based on whether their residents number more or less than 100. The obvious result of this stratagem was to allow both groups to win separate divisions and spare one of them the agony of defeat and the doubts of our wrath. Much to our dismay, we found out that we became the losing party, suffering the wrath of both for not letting each triumph over the other. (Source: Burton 1, SPL 1, Olympiad Committee, 0.)

We are operating, unfortunately, at the limits of our wisdom and therefore humbly submit our decision, apologizing if we have appeared to make fun of this obviously grave matter, and announce the final standings. We are confident that the Olympiad continues to evolve past this second year, significant improvements will be made regularly in all areas and similar difficulties will be avoided. Hope to see twice as many of you next year.

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