

PA NAWGJ NEWS

September 2021

Reminders as we start the 2021-2022 season...

The NAWGJ Canons and Rules can be found on the NAWGJ website, but here are a couple of highlights -

- A judge should assist in maintaining the integrity and competence of the profession of judging women's gymnastic events.
- A judge should avoid even the appearance of professional impropriety
- A judge should be well qualified in gymnastics, know the rules, and be thoroughly prepared for each assignment.
- A judge should be completely unbiased. A judge should not give any appearance, especially at a meet, of any particular friendship with any coach or competitor.
- A judge should treat gymnasts, coaches, judges, promoters, and spectators with respect.
- A judge should at all times both look and act professionally.
- **Rule 10 has been revised to the following:**

A judge who has accepted a contract issued by NAWGJ and who later decides to decline the assignment, must communicate with the designated assigning official at the earliest possible time. If there is an appropriate replacement available, the judge may be released from the contract; if not, the original contract shall remain valid. Non-compliance may be considered a violation of the NAWGJ Code of Professional Responsibility and may be addressed accordingly. Exceptions may be made for emergency situations such as illness, family emergency, or other valid reasons.



Kwiz Korner | Questions

Test your knowledge with the following questions (answers can be found later in this newsletter) -

1. Which of the following is TRUE regarding Level 3 Vault?
 - A. Coach between the board and the table is .50 deduction
 - B. Use of the alternative springboard at Level 3 is not a deduction
 - C. Insufficient length for Level 3 Vault is not a deduction
 - D. Pike in preflight in Level 3 Vault is up to .30 deduction
2. Which of the following is TRUE regarding compulsory Balance Beam?
 - A. A broken dance series is a .20 deduction
 - B. Coach standing next to the beam the entire routine is a .10 deduction
 - C. Failure to mark the passe position in releve at completion of a turn is a .10 deduction
 - D. Failure to have the arms cover the ears into and out of slow acro skills is a .10 deduction
3. Which of the following is TRUE regarding Level 5 Floor?
 - A. Extra steps into the front salto is a maximum of .50 deduction
 - B. Stopping between the 2 front handsprings is a .20 deduction
 - C. Missing synchronization between music and movement at the end of the routine is a .10 deduction
 - D. Doing fast front walkovers in place of the front handsprings is considered as changing the element (.60 each)

Adjusted Judges Compensation Package for 2021-2022

The maximum amount of unpaid break time is 60 minutes (30 minutes for 2-session meets), including the required 30-minute breaks for lunch and/or dinner.

Meet Referee fees for sanctioned local meets:

- If a Meet Referee also serves as the Chief Judge in these situations, they will be eligible to receive \$10 per day Meet Referee payment.
- Meet Referees who also serve as a judge at meets with one-judge panels, such as intersquad meets, or meets with less than four events running concurrently are not eligible for the Meet Referee or Chief Judge fee.

Please refer to R&P for updated per diem amounts.

Save the dates...

UPCOMING CLINICS/EVENTS

PA/DE NAWGJ Virtual State Clinic - September 26 | Zoom

Clinic CPE credit will be available. Register via Zoom link emailed out if you are planning to attend.

Western Critique Clinic - October 2 | Falcon Gymnastics (Belle Vernon, PA)

Contact Charity Ruhl if you are planning to volunteer.

2021 Judges Cup

Judges Cup will be held the weekend of December 17-19 at AJS Pancott.

Please save the date and plan on volunteering at some point during the weekend.

TESTING YEAR GIFT CERTIFICATE SYSTEM (REPRINT)

A gift certificate system is still in place in order to earn an educational gift certificate for a testing year. You will need to earn 4 credits over the cycle with no more than 2 credits being earned in a year (August 1 - July 31). No credits can be carried over to the next testing cycle. Educational gift certificates will be awarded on a pro-rated system (i.e. if you earn 3 credits over the 4 years you will earn 75% of the gift certificate). One credit can be earned via the following ways -

- Volunteer a minimum of 2 sessions at the Judges Cup
- Volunteer 1 day at the Western Critique Clinic
- Sell a minimum of \$250 worth of raffle tickets (tickets are for 1 free week for summer camp at Woodward, International and Parkettes)
- Sell a minimum of \$250 worth of ads for the Judges Cup Program

The gift certificate system was put into effect in the fall of 2009. If you are interested in selling raffle tickets, please contact Connie Schultz [cmsjudge@ptd.net]. If you are interested in selling ads for the Judges Cup Program, please contact Marcy Blitz [blitzmarcy@gmail.com].

REMINDERS/UPDATES

Please NO solicitation!
Our personal information is to be used for professional reasons only.

- If you are an affiliated judge, and you are listed as a head judge when event assignments are released, please let your meet referee and event assigner know immediately so that she may make the proper changes.
- **If your CPE credits are not up to date, you may not be assigned to sanctioned meets.** In an unusual circumstance where there is an absolute necessity to assign a judge who is delinquent in completing their CPE credits, the judges' compensation will be reduced by \$5.00 per hour.
- If any of your information changes (i.e. rating, address, etc.) please notify Marcy Blitz, PA/DE SJD, and update your information on the GymJas, USAG and NAWGJ websites.
- Please do not wait until the last minute to renew your USAG membership, safety certification, safe sport and/or background check. If any of your dates are not current, you will not be allowed on the floor at a sanctioned meet.
- If you are on any medication, please keep a list of your medications in your purse in case of emergency. Also, be sure to carry on your medications if you are flying to any away meets.

Covid Concerns

Please do NOT come to a meet sick this season! Please contact your assigner as soon as possible if you are sick.

If you have any questions not answered by the Meet Director's Covid Checklist that will help determine if you will accept an assignment, please contact the Meet Director for more information.

Do you want something included in the next newsletter?
Let me know! Email me at blitzmarcy@gmail.com

2022 state meet schedule •

March 18-20 | Level 6 States, Somerton
March 24-27 | Level 8/9/10 States, Centre Elite
April 1-3 | Level 7 States, Somerton
April 22-24 | Level 5 States, Cumberland
April 28-May 1 | Xcel States, Xquisite
May 6-8 | Level 4 States, Berks East
May 13-15 | Level 3 States, Dynamats



If you are a Level 10 or higher rated official, and you are interested in judging college, please visit the NAWGJ website (www.nawgj.org) for more information. You must enter your information into the JAS system by September 25. If you have never judged college before and would like to, please fill out and return the new college judges form that is on the NAWGJ website.
www.roadtonationals.com/jas

GymJAS

Please log into your GymJAS account and make sure all personal information is accurate, including expiration dates and affiliation. We cannot change any of your personal information for you, you are the only one that can access this. It is important that your expiration dates are current, as these dates are listed on the contracts you generate when you accept a meet and meet directors will contact you or the assigners if they think you are out of date. Please log into your USAG and NAWGJ accounts to confirm the dates you have listed in GymJAS are the correct dates. These dates are not automatically pulled in from USAG or NAWGJ when you update, so you have to manually change the date(s) yourself.

Also, please make sure you have an emergency contact listed. In the event that something happens to you at a meet it is helpful to be able to reach out to the person of your choice.

IMPORTANT EMAIL ADDRESSES

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pausag155@gmail.com
Marcy Blitz, SJD | blitzmarcy@gmail.com
Cookie Batsche, NAWGJ President | cbatsche@tampabay.rr.com

CPE cards are to be sent to
Connie Schultz by June 1.
Please send them to her at the following address -
2555 Prince Drive, Coplay, PA 18037
or email them to her at cmsjudge@ptd.net

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES -

www.panawgj.org
www.region7usagym.com
www.pagymnastics.com
www.usa-gymnastics.org

It is your responsibility to let the assigner know if you are going to be affiliated at a meet. Please let the assigner know as soon as possible.

Kwiz Korner | Answers
1.C | 2.B | 3.C

Judges' Expense Voucher

Date: _____

Meet: _____

NAME/ADDRESS	MILEAGE		MEALS	MISCELLANEOUS Itemize	SUBTOTAL	FEE			TOTAL
	Miles	\$ Amount				DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	
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DAY 1
Report Time:
Meet End Time:
Total Time on site:
Number of breaks x 30 minutes: <small>*Minimum of 2 30 minute break times required for meets of 3 or more sessions. Maximum of 1 hour break time for the day.</small>
Total time on site - break hours = hours paid

DAY 2
Report Time:
Meet End Time:
Total Time on site:
Number of breaks x 30 minutes: <small>*Minimum of 2 30 minute break times required for meets of 3 or more sessions. Maximum of 1 hour break time for the day.</small>
Total time on site - break hours = hours paid

DAY 3
Report Time:
Meet End Time:
Total Time on site:
Number of breaks x 30 minutes: <small>*Minimum of 2 30 minute break times required for meets of 3 or more sessions. Maximum of 1 hour break time for the day.</small>
Total time on site - break hours = hours paid

Reminder: Meet Referees need to mail the original copy of this sheet within 5 days of the meet. Eastern judges mail to Leslie Boyer and Western judges mail to Patty Spisak.
 Leslie Boyer ~ 107 Crossings Lane, Lewisburg, PA 17837 | Patty Spisak ~ 9911 LeGrand Drive, Wexford, PA 15090