



PA/DE NAWGJ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 2026

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NAWGJ MISSION STATEMENT

- The mission of the National Association of Women Gymnastics Judges is to provide professional development for its members and to support and promote women's gymnastics in the United States.



NAWGJ

You must be a member to judge – \$65 annual membership

Governing body for judges

Emphasis is on educating the membership and promoting fair and ethical officiating

Offers additional protection to officials that have accepted a contract with a Meet Director

Official Website – NAWGJ.org

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PA/DE NAWGJ

- **State Committee**

- Amy Busse – Treasurer (2nd term)
- Abby Menna – PA/DE Assigner (3rd term)
- Charity Ruhl– Webmaster/Secretary (1st term)
- Jeannie Lippert– Education (4th term provisional)
- Jean Noecker – New Judges Mentor/Coordinator (2nd term)
- Kathy Ritchie– PA/DE Assigner (2nd term)
- Kelly McLaughlin – PA/DE Assigner (1st term)
- Laura Winters – CPE Coordinator (1st term)
- Sara McCoy – Western PA Critique Coordinator (2nd term)



PA/DE NAWGJ

- Appointed Members of Committee
 - Barb Cutillo – Level 7 Qualifier Assistant
 - Connie Schultz – Judges Cup Assistant
 - Leslie Boyer – Assigning Advisor
 - Mary Ann Olson – Service Banquet Coordinator
 - Marcy Blitz - Advisor
 - Steph Myers – Educational Assistant
 - Terry McGirk – Judging Fees Coordinator



RESOURCES

Assigning – Abby, Kathy and Kelly

Education – Jeannie and Steph

New Judges – Jean

CPE – Laura

Financial – Amy Busse

Emails and communication – Laurie

NAWGJ website: <https://nawgj.org>

PA NAWGJ website: <https://www.panawgj.org>



26/27
PA/DE NAWGJ
BUDGET



PA/DE STATISTICS

- 25 – 26 Competitive Season Stats
 - 120 Meets Statewide
 - 977 judging assignments in total
- 4 Virtual Clinics
- 3 In-Person Clinics
- In-Person exams – 6 testing dates offered to membership

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES OF PA/DE NAWGJ



PA WESTERN CRITIQUE*
OCTOBER 24, 2026

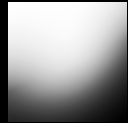


LEVEL 7 QUALIFIER
DECEMBER 13, 2026

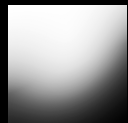


JUDGES CUP*
DECEMBER 11-13, 2026

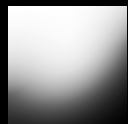
HELPING OUR MEMBERS...



Offered Group Registration to Level 6/7 Congress



Purchased USAG Flip Book Replacement Pages for NAWGJ members that were active on July 1, 2026.



Offering Group Registration rates for National Symposium in July 2027.



WHAT IS SYMPOSIUM?

- Meeting that NAWGJ offers every 4 years
- 3 days of educational offerings for judges of all ratings
- Being held July 15-17, 2027, in Kansas City, MO
- Visit the [NAWGJ.org](https://www.nawgj.org) website for additional information

CPE UPDATE



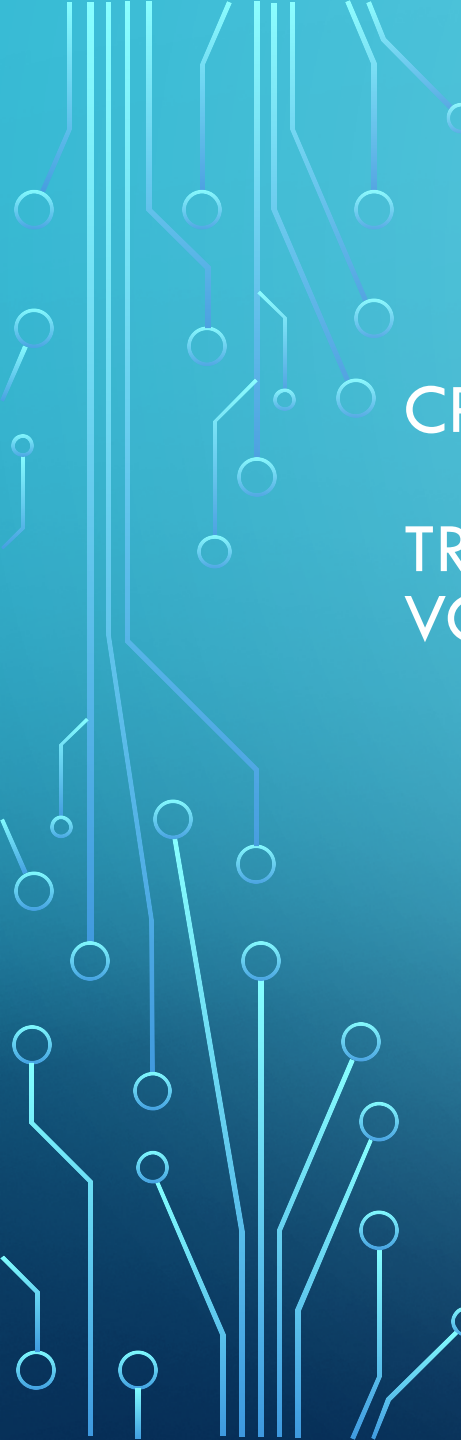
CPE forms are due to Laura Winters by *May 31, 2027*



Any specific questions or concerns about your CPE's should be directed to Laura

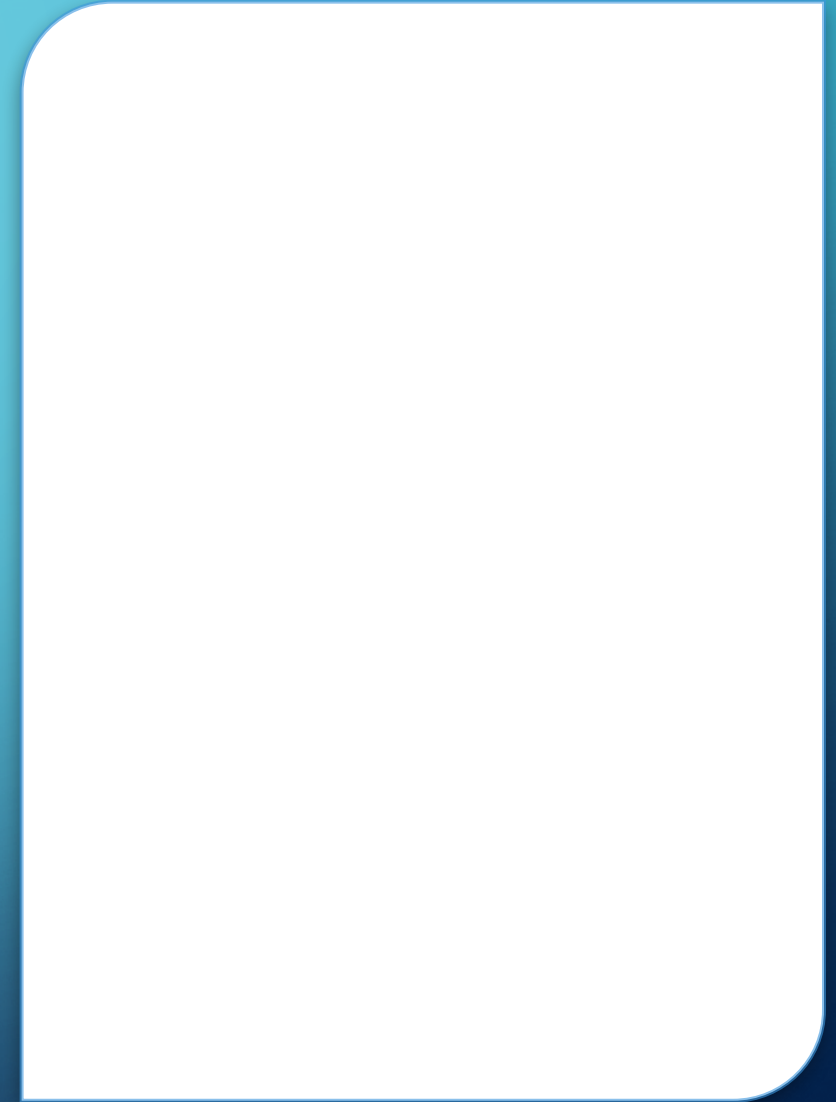


Your CPE planning for next year should begin **NOW!!**
(i.e. attending Region 7 Congress, Symposium or NAWGJ State Clinic)



CPE FORM

TRACKS YOUR EDUCATIONAL/
VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES





CURRENT RATINGS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2026

- Make plans to complete your testing.
- Please notify Linda/Laurie as soon as your new rating is complete.
- Update your rating information in GymJas.
- If you experience problems while testing, you need to contact USAG Membership Services immediately.
- USAG website resources:
 - J501 – Level 10 Course & Study Materials
 - J401 – Level 9 Course & Study Materials
 - J301 – Level 8 Course & Study Materials
 - J201 – Level 6/7 Course & Study Materials

GYMJAS REMINDERS

GymJas is the software we use to assign our PA/DE judges to meets. Once you are a rated judge with 2 sessions of practice judging experience you are entered into the system.

- Go on regularly to keep availability up to date
- Each judge is responsible for updating own information (We cannot assign you to a meet if you DO NOT have your availability listed)
- Remember to generate contract
- Let the Meet Referee and Assigners know if you are affiliated

GYMJAS REMINDERS (CONT.)

- Remember to fill out Activity Reports if you are scheduled for any event that does not have a NAWGJ contract (you have 7 days after the event to file report).
- Remember to generate your contracts.
- A Meet Director does NOT have your email address for hotel or competition schedule information if you DO NOT generate your contract.

GYMJAS REMINDERS (CONT.)

You are affiliated if...

USAG Rules & Policies (Page 32 online version)

- An immediate family member of a
 - 1) competing gymnast
 - 2) coach of a competing club
 - A judge whose immediate family member is a coach at a competing club is affiliated with that club regardless of whether the family member is on the floor coaching at a specific meet.
 - 3) club owner/administrator whose club is competing
 - 4) Women's Artistic (Development Program or Xcel) team member of a club competing in the meet.
 - Example: A parent of a Level 5 gymnast is judging an Optional competition in which her daughter's club is competing.
- A person on the payroll of a competing club
- A team member of a club competing in the meet (Dev or Xcel)
- A coach of a competing gymnast
- A club owner of a competing club/gymnast
- Any sports science professional that is paid for ongoing services for a competing athlete

NAWGJ RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Reinforce fair, impartial, and ethical behavioral standards



No longer cannons, but rules



There are 21 rules that are now enforceable



Disciplinary actions can be taken

MEDIA POLICY/SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

- Policy in place
- Who can address media
- Permission must be secured
- Very specific rules on what can be posted on social media
- REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE AN OFFICIAL EVEN IF YOU ARE AT A MEET IN ANOTHER CAPACITY.
- What you posts matters...

EXPECTATIONS & BEST PRACTICES

You are prepared for a meet

Know your report time/location

If you know you are delayed or late – Take the time to notify your Meet Referee

Know/study for the event you are judging

Have the proper materials ready and available – Start Value Chart, Vault Chart, Flipbook

Remember COP and Compulsory COP for reference and not cheat sheets

You are professional

Your blue uniform is required unless otherwise notified by Assigner/Meet Director

- Ex. Holiday theme for meets
- Blue blazer required for State Meets/Regional Meets/National Meets/Ntl. Judges Cup

EXPECTATIONS & BEST PRACTICES (CONT.)

Please remember
to be courteous to
those around you

- This includes the judge's room and your fellow judges
- The volunteers at the meet
- The gymnasts/coaches on the competition floor

Remember to do
your best

- The athletes work hard preparing for every meet. You should be prepared so that your scoring is fair and consistent

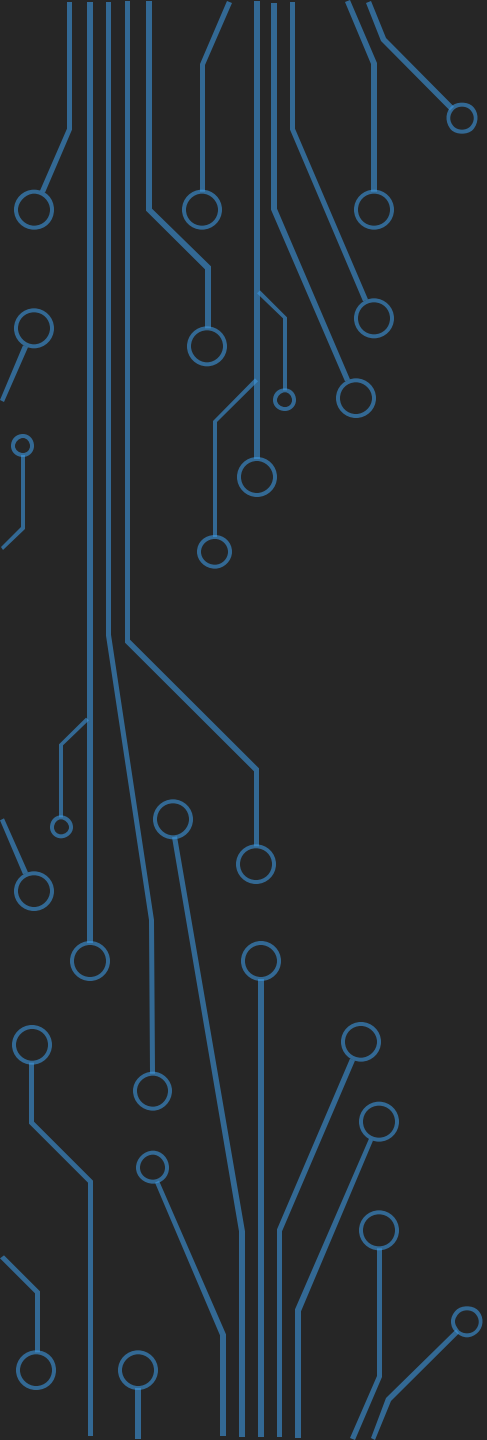


GENERAL REMINDERS...

Please call the assigners if you know you cannot judge a meet when you have accepted a contract

If assigned as an alternate and then assigned elsewhere – please let the assigners know as soon as possible

COMMUNICATION IS KEY DURING THE
COMPETITIVE SEASON

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WE ARE APPRECIATIVE
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!

WISHING YOU ALL A SAFE
JUDGING SEASON