

PA NAWGJ NEWS

September 2015

Reminders as we start the 2015-2016 season...

The NAWGJ Canons 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.
- A judge should exercise good judgement when using social networking media.
- The attire for meets is navy blue pants or skirt, a white top, and a navy jacket or NAWGJ embroidered sweater. When meets request that we wear a certain color or theme, that is fine, but please dress professionally.
- Please arrive to your meets in a timely fashion, and do not leave the floor before the session is complete.
- ***NEW CANON*** Judges may not participate in any wagering activities involving amateur, collegiate or professional gymnastics, nor can they provide any information to individuals involved in any type of gymnastics wagering activities.



2015 Judges Cup

DECEMBER 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Judges Cup will be held the weekend of December 18-20 at KMC. Please save the date and plan on volunteering at some point during the weekend.

VOUCHER!

Your PA NAWGJ board is provided each PA judge with a \$200 voucher to have been used at any Regional or National Congress in 2015. The voucher can be found in this newsletter with instructions on being reimbursed. Vouchers will be due back by December 31, 2015 if you have not already sent yours in as requested.

MEMBERSHIP - USAG and NAWGJ

Please make sure your information is current with USAG. Please log into the USAG website, click on Member Services, and then click on My Profile. If you need to update or change any information (i.e. change in email address) please click edit. If you have not updated your NAWGJ information (i.e change in email address) on the NAWGJ membership website please do so ASAP. You can access the NAWGJ membership website via www.nawgj.org and by clicking on the membership link on the left side of the page.

You are not eligible to receive any meet assignments if you are not up-to-date with your USAG and NAWGJ memberships.

Save the dates...

UPCOMING CLINCS/EVENTS

High Performance Camp - September 18-20 | Woodward, PA
Please visit the Region 7 website for more information.

PA NAWGJ Clinic - September 26 | Harrisburg, PA
Eligible for CPE credit. We will be offering new judges informaton as well as updates and practice judging. Please register with Terry McGirk if you are planning to attend. A copy of the registration form can be found in this email.

Critique Clinic - October 3 | Emerald City Gymnastics
This event is FREE to working judges. Please RSVP to Tammy Nulph if you are planning to attend.

USAIGC Clinic - September 27 | First Class Gymnastics
This is a FREE clinic for officials. Officls must attend one clinic each year to be eligible to judge USAIGC competitions. Please RSVP to Paul Spadaro (paul.spadaro@usaigc.com) if you are planning to attend.

USAIGC Clinic - October 25 | Fusion Gymnastics
This is a FREE clinic for officials. Officls must attend one clinic each year to be eligible to judge USAIGC competitions. Please RSVP to Paul Spadaro (paul.spadaro@usaigc.com) if you are planning to attend.

There are other USAIGC clinics out of state that may work better for you. These clinics have been emailed out and can also be found on the USAIGC website (www.usaigc.com).

If you do attend a USAIGC clinic, please let Marcy Blitz and Terry McGirk know so that we mark you eligible to judge USAIGC meets.

REMINDERS/UPDATES

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

- For **ALL** meets you are assigned to you are required to send your USAG number to the meet director prior to the meet.
- If you are an affiliated judge, and you are listed as a head judge when event assignments are released, please let your meet referee or event assigner know immediately so that she may make the proper changes.
- The CPE requirements for all levels of judges are listed on page 53 & 54 of Rules and Policies.
- **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. Please refer to pages 65-68 of the Rules and Policies for further information pertaining to CPE credits.
- Please let Terry McGirk, Toni Kardos and Marcy Blitz know if any of your information in the judges directory is incorrect so we can correct it.
- If any of your information changes (i.e. rating, address, etc.) please notify NAWGJ, USAG and the SJD.
- Please do not wait until the last minute to renew your USAG membership, safety certification, 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.

Once you achieve a new rating, please let Terry McGirk or Marcy Blitz know right away. You may not be assigned if we do not have up-to-date information on your rating.

2015 state meet schedule •



March 5-6 | Level 6 States - Berks
March 12-13 | Level 8 States - Aerials
March 19-20 | Level 9/10 - Rainbow
April 2-3 | Level 5 - Dynamats
April 16-17 | Level 4 East - Cumberland
April 16 - 17 | Level 4 West - Xquisite
April 23-24 | Level 7 - Berks East
April 30 - May 1 | Level 3 East - Central Bucks
April 30 - May 1 | Level 3 West - Gym Dandys
May 7-8 | Xcel - Somerton



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.

Upcoming Testing Opportunities

September 27 - Coatesville, PA

Please check the USAG website for other testing opportunities as they become available. In addition, if there is a test site/date out of state that works better for you feel free to take your test there. You must register in advance for testing.



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CPE cards are to be sent to Connie Schultz.
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.region7gymnastics.com
www.pagymnastics.com
www.usa-gymnastics.org

Do you want something included in the next newsletter?
Let me know! Email me at m.blitz@comcast.net

PA NAWGJ EDUCATIONAL VOUCHER - For attendance at 2015 Regional or National USA Gymnastics Congress

\$200.00

This voucher will **EXPIRE** 12/31/15 and is not replaceable if lost.

Vouchers will only be reimbursed when attached to valid **ORIGINAL** receipts (clinic registration, hotel receipts, mileage, food, flights). **ORIGINAL** receipts are required per NAWGJ compliance – NO photo copies will be accepted. If you are attending Region 7 Congress and have registered as part of the NAWGJ group please note that on your voucher so it can be crossed-checked against the list supplied to Mary Ann Olson.

All vouchers will be reimbursed to the total amount of the receipts up to \$200.00. I.e. if the receipts total \$180.00 total reimbursement will be \$180.00.

All receipts must be **itemized**. Please send the voucher and all original receipts in one envelope. Mary Ann will only be writing one check per person. Please also provide a self addressed stamped envelope with your voucher and receipts.

VOUCHERS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ORIGINAL RECEIPTS AND A
SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO:

(VIA US MAIL, **NO EMAIL**)

Mary Ann Olson

1570 Wethersfield Drive S.

Allentown, PA 18104

Name _____
Address _____
Phone number _____
Email address _____
Total _____

*This voucher is valid for PA judges who received a rating before 12/31/14.

Judges' Expense Voucher

Date: _____

Meet: _____

NAME/ADDRESS	MILEAGE		MEALS	MISCELLANEOUS	SUBTOTAL	FEE			TOTAL
	Miles	\$ Amount				DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	
Rating_____ Rate/Hr_____									
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DAY 1			
	March In	End	Judging Time
Session 1			
Session 2			
Session 3			
TOTAL JUDGING TIME			
Total Time At Meet		_____	
LESS Break Time*		_____	
HOURS TO BE PAID			
*Actual break OR allowable break, whichever is less			

DAY 2			
	March In	End	Judging Time
Session 1			
Session 2			
Session 3			
TOTAL JUDGING TIME			
Total Time At Meet		_____	
LESS Break Time*		_____	
HOURS TO BE PAID			
*Actual break OR allowable break, whichever is less			

DAY 3			
	March In	End	Judging Time
Session 1			
Session 2			
Session 3			
TOTAL JUDGING TIME			
Total Time At Meet		_____	
LESS Break Time*		_____	
HOURS TO BE PAID			
*Actual break OR allowable break, whichever is less			

Reminder: Meet Referees need to mail the original copy of this sheet within 5 days of the meet. Eastern judges mail to Tia Tedder and Western judges mail to Toni Kardos.
 Tia Tedder ~ 1208 Cutler Circle, Lancaster, PA 17601 | Toni Kardos ~ 1107 Ada Drive, North Huntingdon, PA 15642