

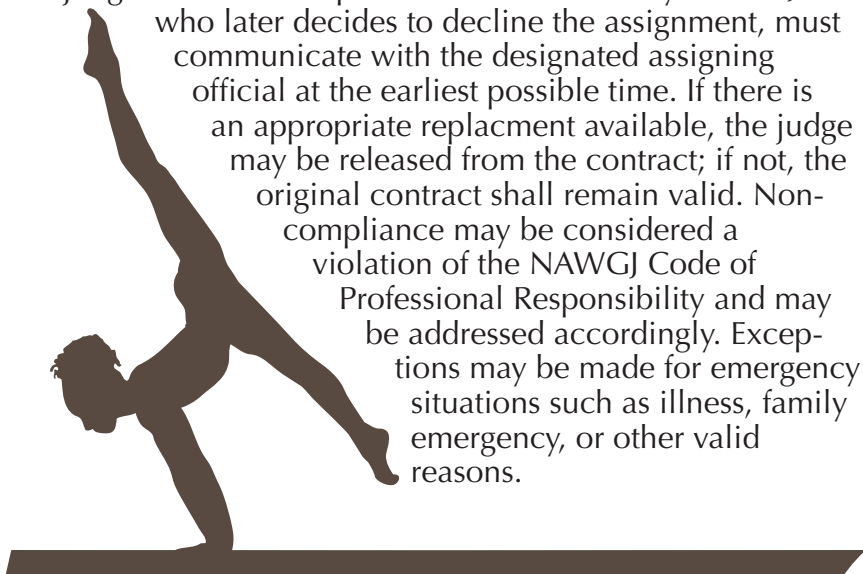
PA NAWGJ NEWS

September 2023

Reminders as we start the 2023-2024 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.
- 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.



Adjusted Judges Compensation Package for 2023-2024

Hourly Fee

Per the Developmental Program Update, the following will be in effect for the 2023-2024 season and will be reflected in the new R&P when it is released.

Increase of \$1.00 per hour for all judges' ratings (Dev and Xcel)

UPDATED CPE INFORMATION

Per the May National Technical Committee Minutes:
Only half 1/2 of the required CPE Clinic credits can be earned from a "live" virtual/online clinic (not recorded). The other 1/2 of the required Clinic hours must be earned from **an in-person clinic setting**

Please plan your CPE credits accordingly per this updated information going forward

Meet your new PA/DE NAWGJ Board!

Marcy Blitz - At Large Member
Leslie Boyer - Assistant Eastern/Central Assigner
Amy Busse - Financial Assistant
Barb Cutillo - Level 7 Qualifier Coordinator
Jeannie Lippert - Secretary/Webmaster
Anne Malone - Education
Sara McCoy - Western Critique Coordinator
Terry McGirk - At Large Member
Abby Menna - Assistant Eastern/Central Assigner
Jan Morrow - At Large Member
Jean Noecker - Mentorship
Mary Ann Olson - Historian
Kathy Ritchie - Assistant Western Assigner
Connie Schultz - CPE Coordinator
Debra Yohman - Educational Assistant

Save the dates...

UPCOMING CLINICS/EVENTS

PA/DE NAWGJ Start Value Clinic - September 10 | Zoom
7:30-9:00 PM. CPE clinic credit is available.

PA/DE NAWGJ Level 6/7 Vault Clinic - September 17 | Zoom
7:30-9:00 PM. CPE clinic credit is available.

**Western Critique Clinic - October 7 |
Gymsport (Bridgeville, PA)**
Contact Sara McCoy (saramccoy16@hotmail.com) if
you are planning to volunteer.

PA/DE NAWGJ General Meeting - October 8 | Zoom
6:45-7:30 PM.

PA/DE NAWGJ Compulsory Clinic - October 8 | Zoom
7:30-9:00 PM. CPE clinic credit is available.

PA/DE NAWGJ Xcel Clinic - October 15 | Zoom
7:30-9:00 PM. CPE clinic credit is available.

PA/DE NAWGJ Optional Clinic - October 22 | Zoom
7:30-9:00 PM. CPE clinic credit is available.

*****Please note Zoom links will be provided closer to
each date**

2023 Judges Cup

Judges Cup will be held the
weekend of
December 15-17 at
AJS Pancott.
Please save the date and
plan on volunteering at
some point during the
weekend.



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 Laurie Lengel, PA/DE Co-SJD and Linda Kothe PA/DE Co-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.

National/Brevet Course Update

Per the May National Technical Committee Minutes:
Recommendation passed to differentiate National and USA
Brevet rated judges beginning with the
2026-2030 testing cycle.

More information will be shared as it is released from
USA Gymnastics

Quiz Korner | Questions

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

1. Which is the **CORRECT** statement for beam and floor non-flight walkover skills for the Dev Optionals?
 - A. Required to show 180° split throughout the skill for no lack of split deduction
 - B. Required to show 150° split throughout the skill for no lack of split deduction
 - C. Required to show 180° split at some point during the skill for no lack of split deduction
 - D. There is no specific degree of split required for these skills
2. Which answer below fulfills the Xcel Gold bars Special Requirements 2 & 3 concerning the 360° circling skills?
 - A. Two directly connected circling elements (performed on either bar)
 - B. Two different circling elements connect or isolated (performed on either bar)
 - C. Two of the same circling elements (one performed on low bar and one performed on high bar)
 - D. All of the above fulfill the SRs 2 & 3 on Xcel Gold bars
3. What is the **INCORRECT** landing deduction for a squat on the landings for Dev and Xcel for vault, dismounts on bars and beam, and acro on beam and floor?
 - A. Hips even with knees = .1
 - B. Hips are slightly above knees = No deduction
 - C. Hips are below knees = up to .3
 - D. Lands in squat position and falls = Up to .3 +.5 for fall

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.

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.

Please remember to fill out an activity report anytime you go into a gym in a judging capacity, and do not have a NAWGJ contract.

IMPORTANT EMAIL ADDRESSES

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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.usagym.org
www.nawgj.org

welcome

to the new officials joining us this season!

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].

UPCOMING TESTING

If you are interested in taking an optional practice exam, we have testing dates scheduled in September in Central and Western PA. Visit the USA Gymnastics website for more information and to register.

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.



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 (www.roadtonationals.com/jas) 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.

2024 State Meet Schedule -

March 22-24 | Level 8/9/10 States, Dynamats
March 23-24 | Delaware States, Olympiad
April 5-7 | Level 6/7 States, Centre Elite
April 13-14 | Xcel Silver, Berks East
April 20-21 | Xcel Gold, Girls Co-Op
April 27-28 | Xcel Platinum/Diamond/Sapphire, Aerials
May 3-5 | Level 4/5, Xquisite
May 11-12 | Level 3, River Run

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

Kwiz Korner | Answers

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Judges' Expense Voucher 2023-2024

Date: _____

Meet: _____

NAME/ADDRESS	MILEAGE		MEALS	MISCELLANEOUS Itemize	SUBTOTAL	FEE			TOTAL
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DAY 1
Report Time:
Meet End Time:
Total Time on site = hours paid:

DAY 2
Report Time:
Meet End Time:
Total Time on site = hours paid:

DAY 3
Report Time:
Meet End Time:
Total Time on site = 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 Kathy Ritchie.
 Leslie Boyer ~ 107 Crossings Lane, Lewisburg, PA 17837 | Kathy Ritchie ~ 6001 Pudding Stone Lane, Bethel Park, PA 15102