

#### Region 3 Newsletter August 2016

What a fantastic time we had at the National NAWGJ Board Meeting in Newport, CA! It was fun to meet the new Board members and SJDs from across the country, as well as interact with the National Governing Board and returning SJD's. A very special thank you to the SJD's and other members of the National Governing Board for all of the hard work they do! It is incredible how much volunteer time gymnastics judges devote to their craft. We had a lot of meetings...a lot!! But they were full of beneficial brainstorming activities, educational tools, laughter, and great bonding & sharing of ideas. Region 3 was well represented, and did a wonderful job representing our amazing judges. We had our Region 3 Board meeting and our minutes are posted on our Region 3 Web Page.



#### REMINDERS

- **Regional Availability** for Region 3 Regional Meets 2017 is due 8/15/16
- **Renew** all your memberships (USAGym, Safety, Background, NAWGJ)
- **2016-2017 Rules & Policies @**

[https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2016\\_2017\\_w\\_rulespolicies\\_0801.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2016_2017_w_rulespolicies_0801.pdf)

#### CPE additions & clarifications

- **In-gym** observation or in-gym critiquing/consulting with coaches and gymnasts (6 hrs.), must be signed by the coach.
- **Volunteering** (4 hr.) at a judging-related activity such as a competition or at a USA Gymnastics Congress or clinic. CPE form must be signed by the event coordinator, meet director, or meet referee.
- **Video or live practicing judging** at a level equal to or higher than your current level (3 hrs.) Practice judging will require pre-approval from the SJD and/or USA Gymnastics State Administrative Chair.

For pre-approval, simply send an e-mail to the appropriate officer requesting permission. Please note that live Practice Judging will also require pre-approval from the Meet Director; this is done by contacting the Meet Referee(not the Meet Director) for the event.



**Marilyn Blilie**

**Regional Judging Director**

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## **Judge's Compensation: Be sure you are familiar with the fee structure changes**

### Hourly Meet Fee

1. Judges will be paid an hourly fee, according to their rating, with a minimum payment of three hours PER DAY.

For meets with multiple sessions PER DAY, judges are to be provided a 30-minute break time between scheduled sessions. The daily number of paid hours is calculated by subtracting the required break time (number of sessions minus 1 = number of required 30-minute breaks) from the total time at the meet (from start of report time/judges' meeting to the completion of all four events for the day).

#### Examples:

- a. Three session meet: Report time for judges' meeting is at 8:00 AM, march-in /competition begins at 8:30 AM and the last session ends at 8:00 PM. Two 30-minute breaks were provided. Total time from report time to end of competition in the last session that day is 12 hours. Deduct the required one hour of break time (two 30-minute breaks); the judge will be paid for 11 hours. If both break times between sessions were one hour instead of 30 minutes, there would be a total time of 13 hours (report time at 8:00 AM; meet ends at 9:00 PM), deduct 1 hour of required break time and judges would be paid for 12 hours.
  - b. Four-session meet: Report time 8:00 AM; break between sessions 1 & 2 is 30 minutes; break between sessions 2 & 3 is 45 minutes; break between sessions 3 & 4 is 40 minutes. Meet is completely over at 9:20 PM. Total time at meet is 13 hrs. 20 minutes, so round to 13.5 hours. Subtract 1.5 hrs. for the required break time (3 x 30 min.) for a total of 12 paid hours.
2. If the required break times have not been provided, payment for the day is calculated from the contracted report time to the end of the entire competition for that day.
3. At State, Regional and Nationals competitions which require a video analysis (Base Score) in addition to the judges' meeting, the paid judging time starts with the scheduled report time, up to one hour prior to the scheduled march-in time.
4. A portion of the hourly rate may be broken into halves, not less. Calculate the total time at the meet, then round off to the nearest half-hour (i.e., a total of 8 hours 15 minutes will be considered as 8 hours; a total of 8 hours 16 minutes will be considered as 8½ hours). Do not round up for each session. Subtract the required break time from the total (or adjusted) time at the meet to determine the number of hours for which to be paid the hourly rate based on rating.



Please check out U.S. Junior Olympic National Championships & Women's Junior Olympic Level 9 Eastern and Western Championships info at:

<https://usagym.org/pages/post.html?PostID=18980&prog=>

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM NATIONAL BOARD MEETING 7/11-17/16:

## **NAWGJ Membership:**

- Over 2200 – about 130 members up from last year
- Remember renewal date was July 31; September 1, membership will lapse, insurance will lapse and should not be assigned meets. (30 day grace). If new (not judges who quit and come back) judges can join January – May 31 for \$30.00.

## **National Judge's Cup:**

- 2016 was 2nd largest NJC; 2nd highest # of gymnasts in NJC BUT NOT enough judges volunteering, & hospitality was not sufficient.
- 2016 NJC was held in Covington, KY. The net profit was \$31,793.53.
- Our 2017 NJC will be held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach. (Fly into Norfolk, Virginia.) Levels 1-10 and Xcel.
- NJC may be used for CPE for the National/Brevet Courses. All SJD's should try to attend plus try to send one other judge.

## **National Education Director:**

- Congratulations Jan Eyman, so excited for all the great educational opportunities that you and your committee (Cookie Batsche, Donna Trevethan, Pat, Panichias, Judy Dubransky & Robin Smith) will be providing.
- Please take the education survey; gathering member information of what you are wanting/needing in regards to education.

## **Financials:**

- *Non-Profit Status* – our biggest asset.
- *Donations:* To protect our nonprofit status, do not use state or regional funds to do things outside of our purpose , which is stated in our mission statement. For example, don't help an individual in need. Instead, pass the hat at an event but don't pass that money thru your account. Don't help their cause with state or regional funds. \*Do not use state or Regional funds outside our purpose.
- *Gifts:* Make board guidelines: Examples: Memorial or get well gifts only to immediate family and or those (like parents) living in their household; send just a card to others. Your SGB can vote it in.  
\*\* Judges make sure Meet Directors get copy of your contracts. Judges, you should report all your income; IRS audits are tracing revenue paid through meet directors' contracts so judges should pay taxes on all income you make not just what you get the 1099 for. (In an IRS gym owner audit, they asked for judge's contracts and names of all judges assigned.)

## **NCAA judges:**

- About 500 (1/3 of all L 10, National, Brevet judges in USA), assigned 2200 NCAA meets; conference meets an issue, need 165 judges.
- Nov. 15-Dec. 15 is the open book test (Pass or Fail). New NCCA Nationals format – was very successful and will be the same for next year.
- Kelly Dornan-Heimsoth is the new NCAA Assignor.
- Thank you to Denise Coats-Lauriat for her great job as assigner these last 4 years
- Assigners may not assign a D1 meet to anyone with 7 D I meets unless approved by JAS Committee Chairman (Donna) with reasoning. (NOT Included: non-Judging Meet Refs, Conference and Regional meets)



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## 2016 USAGYM NATIONAL CONGRESS / REGION 3 CONGRESS:

**\*JO Compulsory Floor From a Coach/Judge Perspective Lecture:** Tom Koll lectured on the importance of deducting ^0.1 for insufficient or no contractions where written on BB & FX. A seemingly perfect routine where the athlete doesn't perform any of the contractions shouldn't score above a 9.3.

**\*Floor Composition Lecture:** Analysis by Marie DeCristoforo  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9ski2z33govh6kh/AAB8OsCvXqx2U3CdhIV2NWSXa/DeCristoforo%2C%20Maira%20-%20FLOOR%20COMPOSITION.pdf?dl=0>

**\*Updates:** Be sure to know all the changes. Brenda Eberhardt has compiled the updates from the '2016 Minutes' pertaining to judges:

JO @ <http://www.nawgj.org/JO%20Update%202016>.

Xcel @ <http://www.nawgj.org/Xcel%20Update%202016.pdf>

### **Compulsory General Faults & Penalties:**

Thank you Carole Bunge for editing our 'quick reference guide' of General Faults & Penalties for BB & FX Levels 1-5:

[http://www.nawgj.org/Compulsory%20Levels%201%202%203%204%205%20General%20Faults%20&%20Penalties%20BB%20FX%207%2029%2016%20%20Bunge%20Revised%20\(2\)%20\(1\).docx](http://www.nawgj.org/Compulsory%20Levels%201%202%203%204%205%20General%20Faults%20&%20Penalties%20BB%20FX%207%2029%2016%20%20Bunge%20Revised%20(2)%20(1).docx)

## CONGRATULATIONS TEAM USA!!

Simply amazing! So proud of you all!

