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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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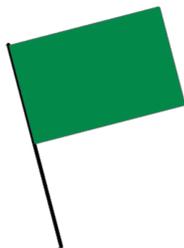
2020 is a wrap! Whew! It has given us some new insight into the strength of our NAWGJ membership. Life was wonderful in January and February as we were able to judge, hug each other, and spend time with our extended families. Then, we were thrown a curveball (PG talk) with COVID-19 in March. We pulled together our strengths and learned to think outside the box by providing virtual clinics and meets, having Zoom gatherings with our gymnastics community, and we persevered like the strong women and men we are. We learned to use technology better than we ever thought possible. **Great job!**



Education Projects

The Award Committee is still in search of "[Request for Projects](#)". With all of this time to think, we are sure to get some amazing projects for 2021.

<https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/RFP-2020-21-Info-Form.pdf>



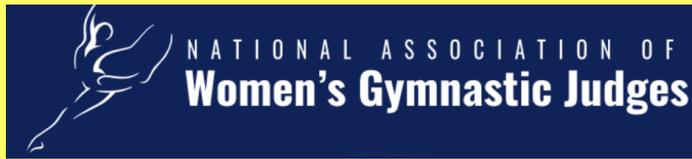
Congratulations to all the State and Regional [Green Flag](#) recipients. Their names will be posted on the NAWGJ website. Congratulations to you all and thank you for your contributions to NAWGJ.

It was wonderful to see so many NAWGJ members as presenters at USA Gymnastics National Congress in August. The option to view sessions at a later date presented a great opportunity for all of us.



Mileage Reimbursement rate for officials, **effect January 1, 2021:**
the IRS business standard **mileage rate is 56 cents per mile**
(a 1.5 cent decrease from the 57.5 cents rate for 2020)

Many opportunities have been provided by NAWGJ for judges' education. It started with the Region 7 Symposium with their maiden voyage into the land of virtual clinics. They did an amazing job. Region 4 followed suit with another great virtual clinic as did many across the states with great virtual clinics.



In July the new NAWGJ website was launched. Brenda Eberhardt was instrumental in this great feat and you can see "[What's New](#)" at this link. Please check it out and if you haven't already, subscribe to the updates. If you can't find something, use the search option. The NAWGJ National Website has links to clinics, practice judging routines (Developmental Program & NCAA) that you can access easily.

Here are a few - click the links:

[Developmental Program videos](#)

[Models Project](#)

[NCAA Virtual Judging Clinic](#)



[Virtual Judging videos by NAWGJ](#) Learn the ins and outs of virtual judging intra squads and meets. Virtual competitions debuted in the fall. Our thanks to Region 7 for pioneering all aspects of [virtual competitions](#). We encourage all members to check out the videos provided on the NAWGJ website. Check out the [Virtual Playbook](#) as well.

Getting Through the Pandemic: Virtual Judging-- USAG Playbook & Flyp10 Platform

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlcYVEh8PiY>

NCAA Clinic: 2021 General Rules, Beam, and Vault

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9b6VWjRUywk>

NCAA Clinic: FX

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-hzef71qvg>

NCAA Clinic: UB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yM2DrU2dTLA>



Lows, Highs, & Changes in the Ranks!

We had some sad times in 2020, such as the loss of our dear friend and Director of Finance/National Judges Cup Director, Patty Shipman. Her beautiful smile, sweet disposition, and love of gymnastics has been greatly missed. We will miss the judges we lost in 2020 and appreciate all their contributions to NAWGJ and our sport.

As Evelyn Chandler, our past NAWGJ President, moved on to more golf, sunshine, and a new puppy, we are thankful for her many years of dedicated leadership and expertise.. Cookie Batche took on the reins in April and with her amazing skills at organization and her calm presentation style, she led us through the ins and outs of virtual meetings and meets. Her ability to create and edit informative videos is outstanding.

The National NAWGJ Board elected Robin Ruegg as our Director of Finance. She too has provided great finesse at providing virtual leadership with our SJD's and board. Currently she is updating our reporting forms and processes with the assistance of her newly formed Finance Committee.

Evelyn Paradis has taken on the challenge of the National Judges Cup amid our COVID-19 crisis. This position was separated from the Director of Finance since it is a huge undertaking.

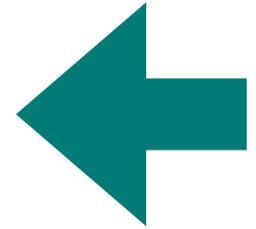
After an awesome job as NCAA Assigner Director, Donnalyn Tevethan passed the torch to Lois Colburn who has had her hands full with the COVID-19 crisis. Gracefully, she successfully negotiates her way through a plethora of challenges. Thank you, Donnalyn and Lois!

Diane Thompson took over as RJD in Region 8 to fill the shoes as Cookie moved into the Top Dog position. She and the new SJD's have had to learn this position virtually, and we look forward to the time to see Diane and all the SJD's in person at our SJD workshop in Seattle, WA next summer. (Hopefully!)

Barb Tebben announced her intention to retire. We will miss her amazing detailed minutes and her contributions to our constitution and other committees. We are looking forward to a sequel to her book and wish her the best in all her many other endeavors.



Please checkout the **NAWGJ National Website** for
judging study aids and updated judges sheets.
<https://nawgj.org/judging-aids/>



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Virtual platforms continue to allow us to connect in a variety of ways, such as NAWGJ boards, general membership meetings, practice judging, and social activities and games. We have varied levels of judging opportunities across the country due to the COVID-19 situation, and we look forward to the time we can all be together in person. As we move forward, we feel bad at losing the opportunity to judge, hug each other, and catch up on life, but we know that 2021 will provide many more adventures.



Take care, keep safe & healthy. Happy New Year from your
NAWGJ Regional Judging Directors!

Cindy Lord, Denise Green, Marilyn Blilie, Robin Smith,
Debbie Campbell, Pat Panichas, Bonnie Synol, Diane
Thompson