

NAWGJ Professional Attire Guidelines

Gymnastics meets are events for children and young women. Judges are expected to dress appropriately for the occasion and to serve as role models for professionalism.

The NAWGJ contract specifies that judges must dress appropriately in the required uniform. Because the term “dress appropriately” can have many interpretations, this document is designed to help judges understand the expectations for wearing the NAWGJ uniform.

The official NAWGJ uniform includes an array of options to allow judges the flexibility to select a style that is comfortable for their individual body type. The unifying theme of all uniform pieces is its official color, *True Navy**, and its emblem. The uniform options include a *True Navy* jacket or sweater with the NAWGJ logo, pants/skirt, or NAWGJ dress. Footwear should allow for safe navigation when moving between sets of equipment, over mats, and uneven surfaces. The uniform options are intended for all sex and gender identities to facilitate an inclusive and positive atmosphere in the judging community.

Clothing must be clean, wrinkle-free, and fit appropriately. Fabric should not be frayed or pilled.

USA Gymnastics Uniform Expectations (from Rules & Policies)

Judges are expected to dress appropriately, regardless of the level of competition, in the required uniform (Navy skirt/pants and jacket, white blouse/shirt with the exception of theme invitationals). Judges may also wear a NAWGJ True Navy dress and NAWGJ True Navy sweater (with the dress, skirt, or pants) available on the NAWGJ uniform site. Leggings are not allowed by USA Gymnastics. Judges are required to wear the navy suit jacket at USAG state meets and above or when requested by the Meet Director.

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

The NAWGJ uniform jacket with emblem is required at NCAA competitions. A NAWGJ sweater may be worn under the jacket.

Other Organizations

The NAWGJ uniform is the expectation for judges assigned to meets for organizations other than USAG and NCAA unless the organization has its own uniform.

Suggestions for Theme Meets

Occasionally, Meet Directors will ask judges to wear clothing that corresponds to the theme of the meet. Attire worn for theme meets should follow professional expectations (no jeans, sweatshirts, or t-shirts unless the theme suggests this is appropriate). Judges who choose not to wear the suggested theme attire should wear the official uniform. If a Meet Director asks judges to wear costumes for a theme meet, the costume must be appropriate for a youth event.

**True Navy is the name of the official color of the NAWGJ uniform.*

Apparel	Part of the uniform	Not part of the uniform
Jacket	Solid <i>True Navy</i> suit jacket. Suit jackets must be worn at USAG state meets and above.	Athletic warm-up jackets unless provided by Meet Director as part of a theme meet.
Sweater	All <i>True Navy</i> sweaters/fleece jackets with the NAWGJ emblem and listed on the NAWGJ uniform site. The <i>True Navy</i> sweater with the Leaping Lady logo may be worn until they need to be replaced. Orders placed with Land's End will include only the official NAWGJ emblem.	Sweaters not included on the NAWGJ Land's End uniform site. Sweaters may not be worn in place of the suit jacket at USAG State Meets and above.
Pants	Any <i>True Navy</i> pant style available on the Land's End Business site. Pants should be hemmed so they do not drag on the floor or bunch above the shoes when standing.	Leggings, blue jeans, capri pants, shorts, or skimmers. Jeans are not allowed.
Skirt	Skirts should be approximately knee length without a high cut slit in front or back. A small pleat kick is acceptable.	
Shirt	Solid white (not cream) undecorated shirt, blouse, or turtleneck. Undershirts/tanks/camisoles worn beneath a shirt should be white/neutral.	Spaghetti straps, low-cut tops, or midriff revealing shirts. Shirts that hang below the jacket or sweater in front or back.
Dresses	<i>True Navy</i> dresses (with NAWGJ emblem) available from the NAWGJ Land's End Business site.	Dresses that are not from the NAWGJ Land's End business site.
Leg wear	Solid navy or skin color tights/hosiery with the dress/skirt; solid navy/black socks with pants. Hosiery is not required.	Tights with prints or patterns of colors other than navy color. Leg warmers
Shoes	Neutral color dress shoes of a solid color: navy blue, black, or other neutral color shoes. Boots may be worn under pant legs but not with skirts/dresses. Walking Meet Referees or judges with medical conditions that make dress shoes unfeasible may wear alternative shoes that fall within the color scheme.	Sharp heels that can damage mats (request of Meet Directors and equipment suppliers) Cowboy boots are not part of the uniform. Shoes or shoe colors that draw attention to the feet. Beach sandals or flip flops.
Accessories	Gymnastics/NAWGJ/Commemorative/U.S. flag pins may be worn on lapels. The NAWGJ scarves and tie are part of the official uniform. Other scarves/ties may be worn but should match the color scheme of the uniform and uniform patch.	Other types of jewelry