



## New Judge To-Do List (Information as of 11/20/2023)

We are excited to have you join us as a gymnastics judge! First things first, pass your test—we suggest you start with Level 4/5; after passing you will be eligible to judge compulsory and Bronze and Silver Xcel competitions. You may also choose to take an optional Level 7/8 test or if you were a Regional NCAA or Level 10 senior gymnast you may start at Level 9. Note that this check list is for USAG competitions; we also work for other organizations and their requirements may differ somewhat. See link:

[Judges • USA Gymnastics](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Reference Materials & study

[USA Gymnastics | W316: 2021-2029 Women Development Program Compulsory Materials](#)

If you are testing at an optional level, you'll also need the Dev Program Code of Points:

[USA Gymnastics - Women's Development Program \(WDP\) - Optional levels 6 through 10 \(sportgraphics.biz\)](#)

Take your test(s). It's online and open book for written compulsory and optional level tests. For those wanting to take an optional test (7/8 or 9), in addition you will have to sign up for an in-person practical (film) exam.

[USA Gymnastics | Judging Accreditation](#)

*Congratulations! Now that you've passed your test(s), among other items, you need to obtain professional memberships and practice judge (in most states) before you will be eligible to judge a meet. Use this "to-do" list to guide you:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Become a Member

Yes, membership costs add up. However, our professional memberships are important for many reasons. Most importantly, judges are covered by liability insurance when we contract through NAWGJ and judge under a sanction.

1) NAWGJ (note that you pay half price--\$30—for your first year of judging)

[Membership – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges \(nawgj.org\)](#)

\$30 first year; \$60 after that. Renew annually

2) USAG (Besides your USAG membership, you must take and pass safety courses and have a background check done.)

[Judge • USA Gymnastics](#) \$97. Renew annually.

[USA Gymnastics | U101: Safety and Risk Management](#) \$75 USAG members. Online, renew every 4 years.

[USA Gymnastics | Professional Background Check](#) \$30. Renew every 2 years.

[U110: U.S. Center for Safe Sport Course](#) Free-USAG members. Online, annual.

[USA Gymnastics | U113 USA Gymnastics Safety & Response Policy Course](#) Free-USAG member. Online, annual.

\_\_\_ Contact your State Judging Director. Click on the region to see the names of SJDs and their contact information.

[Directory: Regional & State – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges \(nawgj.org\)](#)

\_\_\_ Practice Judge (if required in your state—although it's a good idea anyhow.)

When you check with your State Judging Director, you'll be given information on the requirements of your state.

\_\_\_ Enter availability in GymJas or whichever system your state uses <https://gymjas.com>

Again, your SJD can steer you towards the system used in your state.

\_\_\_ Bookmark your state's website (Only those states highlighted have web sites; check with the SJD for more information if your state does not have a web site.)

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\_\_\_ Get ready to Judge Xcel (which may open up more judging opportunities for you)

Yes, you'll need to purchase an Xcel Code and study a bit more to judge this level; the good news is you don't have to take another test. You'll also need a Start Value flasher (which you will also use for future optional level competitions.) Note that we've included a link to an Xcel on-line judging course which you can take to prepare for judging this level.

[USA Gymnastics - Women's Xcel Program \(sportgraphics.biz\)](#)

[USA Gymnastics | 2021-26 Xcel Bronze/Silver/Gold Judges' Course](#)

[Supplies & Fun Stuff – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges \(nawgj.org\)](#)

\_\_\_ Uniform

[Uniform – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges \(nawgj.org\)](#)

For first year judges, dress professionally in white shirt and navy slacks or skirt. Wear the official NAWGJ uniform for your SECOND year and beyond of judging. WEAR YOUR UNIFORM WHEN YOU PRACTICE JUDGE.

\_\_\_ Save your Receipts

Keep track of your income from judging and save your receipts for judging expenses such as memberships, uniform, books, clinics etc. You are responsible for tracking these for federal and state (if applicable) income taxes.

*A note on the judging timeline: Our meet assigners plan long before the competitive season. Judges are asked for their availability months in advance. Because of the early timelines, first year judges are often not eligible to judge until after meet assignments have already been made for the season. Stick with us and get ready to judge. We may have meets that still need judges or we may need you as a sub. Your second year, you'll be right in there with the rest of us. We look forward to judging with you!*