

New to Collegiate Judging - 2025

This form is for anyone who has not previously judged collegiate gymnastics within the last five (5) years.

The purpose is to give you information about collegiate judging, as well as ensure that you have read and are able to comply with all required policies and procedures.

- Please read and initial each section.
- Sign and date the document.
- Submit the completed form to Jenna Karadbil at jfk-jas@outlook.com.

Personal Information (Please type or use fillable form)

Name _____ Current Rating _____

Address _____ Email _____

JAS (Judges Assigning System)

_____ Download and read the [2025 JAS Manual](#)

_____ Register on the JAS <https://RoadToNationals.com/jas>

Considerations:

_____ I understand the collegiate “per diem” and what it covers.

_____ I understand that I will not always be paid on site.

_____ I understand that I may be required to share a hotel room.

_____ I understand the protocol for contracts.

_____ I understand the protocol for travel.

Preparing to Judge College:

_____ I agree to print and study the [Collegiate Rules & Modifications](#) document located on the NCAA page of the NAWGJ national website.

NOTE: All judges will be required to take an Open Book Test on the JAS website between November 15, 2024, and December 15, 2024.

NOTE: Bi-monthly newsletters will be available during the season on this NCAA page. Also, videos of collegiate routines with Start Values and score ranges will be available before the season begins.

NCAA Duties and Standards:

It is imperative to the dignity and growth of women’s gymnastics that judges be well educated in the details of gymnastics and the current rules, thoroughly prepared for each assignment, and able to cover all possible circumstances. To that end, the Women’s Collegiate Gymnastics Association “WCGA” – has adopted the following code of ethics for judges:

_____ All meets should be regarded as part of the National Qualifying System for individual competitors.

Judges should strive for consistency in scoring at all collegiate meets regardless of division, location, or type of meet.

_____ **QUALIFICATIONS** – It is the duty of all judges to prepare themselves thoroughly and constantly update their preparation. They should not accept any collegiate assignment for which they are not well qualified. Level 10 or higher ratings are required.

_____ **AFFILIATION** – No judge with an affiliation with an NCAA institution that sponsors women’s gymnastics will be assigned (by the NCAA) to the national championship. However, a judge may be assigned to a regional competition where he/she is not affiliated. Examples of affiliation would be, but not limited to:

You would be considered affiliated if:

- You are affiliated to an institution and their conference if you were a part of an NCAA team in the last five years.
- You are affiliated to an institution and their conference if you are a former coach, or an immediate family member of a former coach of an NCAA team in the last five years.
- You are affiliated if you receive any financial remuneration, as an employee, vendor or independent contractor of college or university for work or business other than officiating.
- You are affiliated to an institution and their conference if you are an NCAA athletics-related booster club member.
- You are affiliated if you coach or work for a club gymnastics program that is under the auspices of a university or college program.
- You are affiliated to an institution if you were a club coach or gym owner of an athlete on a collegiate team. Your affiliation remains in effect for five years from the last time you coached that athlete.

You are not considered affiliated in the following situations:

- You are NOT affiliated to a school you attended or graduated from unless you were a member of the gymnastics program in the last five years.
- You are NOT affiliated to an institution if you are a Graduate Assistant who is NOT associated with the athletic department.
- You are NOT affiliated if your son or daughter is a student – and not a part of the gymnastics program - at an NCAA institution.

You are not eligible to serve as a judge if you are:

- You are not eligible to serve as a judge if you are currently a part of any NCAA gymnastics program (athlete, coach, volunteer coach, manager, trainer etc.)
- You are not eligible to serve as a judge if you are an individual with a daughter who is a current gymnast on the roster of an NCAA program. Once your daughter has completed her eligibility you will be affiliated with her alma-mater and their conference for five years.
- You are not eligible to serve as a judge in **any** collegiate competition if you are currently a S.C.O.R.E. Board member or the Supervisor of Officials.

APPEARANCE – Each judge should be in their NAWGJ uniform a minimum of **45** minutes prior to the start of competition for the judges meeting held by the Meet Referee.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES –

- Judges shall be greeted by a representative of the host institution before the start of the competition. Coaches are permitted to formally acknowledge and greet judges in a cordial manner before the start of the competition. Conversations with a chief judge or meet referee for purposes of changing a lineup or discussing an inquiry, after initiation by a judge, are permissible.
- Discussions with student-athletes, parents, alumni, and/or recruits should not occur.
- Judges should avoid any appearance of particular friendship or fraternization with coaches or competitors.
- At regular, conference championships, and post season competition, judges are prohibited from entering the competition floor until the floor is cleared after warm-ups.
- Event standards should be strictly enforced at all meets (e.g., timing of falls/routines, boundary deductions) and should be noted on the official score sheet.
- Judges must be seated separately on the competition floor.
- Individual judges' scores, start values, and UTL cards (when warranted) must be flashed.
- NCAA allowable range of scores is to be followed for all collegiate meets.
- Inquiries should be handled by the meet referee/chief judge. If an inquiry response is unsatisfactory to the coach, a video review is allowable following the conclusion of the meet. (See NCAA Rules & Modifications for procedures).

- Judges must process all inquiries before the start of the next event.
- **All** judges must check the score sheet at the end of the competition and verify by signatures the accuracy of the scores.
- Routine Summaries are to be completed by individual judges in long hand with as much information as possible.
- Following the meet, the judge needs to complete the Self-Reflection form in the JAS.

Signature _____ Date _____

Submit completed form to the National Assignor: jfk-jas@outlook.com