



## NEW JUDGES TRAINING PACKAGE 2/12/24

The **MT NAWGJ** Board voted to extend funds to our newest judges in order to help give more opportunity for a real-time judging experience, without adding the burden of *travel* expenses.

For the 2023-24 season, each new judge will receive *up to* \$250.00 per meet for two meets to be used for travel, hotel and other costs associated with attending a meet as a practice judge. In order to be reimbursed for these meets, each judge needs to complete the following:

- Have a rating of Level 4 through 8.
- Practice judge the sessions that are a minimum of (1) Dev 8-10 and/or Xcel Diamond-Sapphire, and (2) one of your own choosing.
- Communicate to the SJD which meets you plan to attend within two weeks prior to the event.
- Practice judge at least two sessions during the weekend of travel (you may, however, judge as many as you like).
- Fill out the attached Heat Sheet (see link) by documenting your scores for the events judged, and complete the steps listed below:

[https://www.mtnawgj.com/files/ugd/d9f1a1\\_65bc5f62d18b4bbd8ad7f4fd267318a4.pdf](https://www.mtnawgj.com/files/ugd/d9f1a1_65bc5f62d18b4bbd8ad7f4fd267318a4.pdf)

- Document your scores for the event judged, do your best.
- At the completion of the session, have the Chief Judge sign the Heat Sheet.
- Return the Heat Sheet to the SJD or Meet Referee for verification.
- Submit your travel expenses/receipts to the SJD for reimbursement.
- After the steps above are completed, a check will be issued either at the meet or mailed.



## NEW JUDGES REMINDER OF ETIQUETTE AT THE JUDGES TABLE 2/12/24

- As a practice judge, we ask that you refrain from giving your opinion of scores.
- Questions are most welcomed between routines or a lull in judging. Otherwise, please keep your conversation to a minimum.
- Keep focused on your event to minimize distraction and stay on task.
- At one point or another, almost everyone of our MONTANA judges have been affiliated. In addition, we are an extremely friendly state. We do, however, ask you to observe the rules of professionalism at the table, especially with the following canons:
  - ❖ <https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Final-copy-corrected-11-20-2023-Code-of-Professional-Responsibility.pdf>
    - Canon 2: Judges should avoid even the appearance of professional impropriety.
    - Canon 7: Judges should be completely unbiased and strive to always be objective. They shall not retaliate against participants, meet personnel or volunteers.
    - Canon 10: Judges should look and act professionally. They shall:
      - refrain from criticizing other officials or attempting to explain other officials' judgements, refrain from being overly officious, and confine their duties to the purpose of judging.
    - Canon 11: Judges should exercise good judgment when using social networking media (Facebook, Twitter, blogs, texting, email, etc.), e.g, judges should refrain from making inappropriate statements about fellow judges, coaches, gymnasts, parents, volunteers, clubs, competitions or organizations.
- We want **ALL** competitors, coaches, and spectators to feel equal in the eyes of the judges. For example, if an athlete tries to interact with you, feel free to smile, say hello and move on.
- Have fun! We want this to be a fantastic experience for you, and we are excited to have you be part of our close-knit judging community.
- As always please contact your SJD if you have any questions or concerns.