

Happy 2024 Fall to all NAWGJ Members

Welcome to our National Newsletter.

My hope is to keep you updated quarterly on events in our Regions and what is happening in our NAWGJ Committees through out the year.

There is so much happening in the gymnastics judging community, this newsletter should answer a few questions about where to go for answers, who can help you along the way and how to become more involved if you so desire.

I look forward to a great fall season. Getting ready for Winter Invitationals, the National Judges Cup, College Judging and all the different Championship meets that our athletes get to be a part of during the coming season.

Please remember this season to take care of yourself:

- by getting plenty of rest,
- staying hydrated
- taking bathroom breaks (when needed)
- referring to our wellness section on our website.

Best Regards, Teresa Barnard

NAWGJ President

CPEs at Sea

Unfortunately NAWGJ will NOT be moving forward with this idea.

Thank you all for filling out the form and showing interest in additional educational experiences. However, we were given important information that made this idea not feasible for NAWGJ to sponsor.

2024/2025 Important Information

If you are assigned by NAWGJ you are covered by NAWGJ Professional Liability Insurance (only NAWGJ offers you individual coverage).

You may enter meets in to your PAR (in gymjas), if you are not assigned directly through gymjas.

If you would like more information on our insurance you may contact: Teresa.Barnard33@gmail.com

Please remember USAG RTCCs should answer any questions concerning Catagories for National/Brevet ratings and credits for leadership.

Please help them by being on time with all paperwork and forms.

Make sure you have printed or downloaded the newest R&P and updated all codes and charts for the season.

The Guide to Changes will be up on the NAWGJ website soon.

Outreach, Mentoring & Recruitment Committee

Spotlight on Minnesota

Minnesota SJD, Kylie Fortunato snapped this photo as inspiration for "Recruitment of New Judges". Minnesota has 8 new judges (the photo shows 5 new judges practice judging at their Judge's Cup and 3 more practiced in the morning). The experienced judge, Kim (former new judges coordinator), is overseeing and helping them.

An 18-year-old college freshman in her second year of judging worked at the Judges Cup. She did great and even has shorthand down already. She's a gymnast at Gustavus, will also be on the golf team, is taking 17 credits and aiming for premed. Bright, capable, fun!

Karin Ederer is our New Judges Coordinator on the state NAWGJ committee. Karin is gentle, encouraging and builds people up.

Minnesota and Region 4 are having fun watching these new judges who are still competing themselves, including an Xcel gymnast (16–18-year-olds with a few a bit older). One of the new judges passed her Level 9! (she just graduated from college and is in law school--and sharp).

Robin Ruegg says, "We will be able to retire someday,



Finance Committee

We are working with the SJDs to help develop strong compensation packages for education.

NAWGJ may add a convenience fee (such as for credit card /Paypal) if the state laws allow to a buyer's bill, provided the buyer is also offered an opportunity to pay using a method that does not charge a fee

We are also working on updating the current Quarterly Financial Reports

History Committee

Have you seen our Pandemic Judging Memories on the NAWGJ History page?

Thanks to all who shared the experiences and photos!



Site Committee

January 3rd-5th 2025 National Judges Cup Ft. Lauderdale, FL

June 25th-June 29th Board of Directors Meeting Baltimore, MD

January 2nd-4th 2026 National Judges Cup Anaheim, CA

**** Coming soon the location of the 2027 Symposium ****

Ad Hoc Assigning Committee

September Zoom meetings with SJDs and Assigners

Working on updating Powerpoint

Bylaws and Election Committees

Updating the Bylaws

Updated Term Limits

Preparing for the 2025 elections

Awards Committee

Green Flag Forms were sent out to SJDs due Oct. 15th

Winners due to RJD by Nov. 15th

College Judging Committee

New to College Judging Clinic

Oct. 22nd

7pm EST

College Judging Clinics

**Dec.3rd & Dec. 10th
7pm EST**

Website Content Committee

Updating and implementing changes that were suggested at the summer SJD meeting

Working on faster and streamlined navigation of our content pages

Education Committee

Updating the education webpage and removing outdated materials

Updating all education materials to reflect the most recent rule changes

Region 1

We are hosting several training camps withn Region 1 giving judges opportunities to earn leadership credits.

Several states have already hosted their judges cups and Northern California, Southern California and Nevada are sponsoring teams to participate in the Patty J Shipman Level 7 State Team Challenge.

Our Regional Symposium will take place Dec. 8th in Los Angeles.

Region 2

Region 2 NAWGJ Symposium was hosted with Region 2 USAG Congress in July 2024. Judging track section was provided with 9 sessions specifically for judges, prepared and presented by judges. Congress/Symposium was well attended with judges receiving a variety of educational opportunities.

Love 2 Judge Retreat was hosted in Eastern Washington on September 6-8 with 31 judges attending, representing 4 States in Region 2. The retreat was open to Region 2 judges with 18 possible CPE clinic credits available for the weekend (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon). Airport transportation, housing and food was made available, and the event is FREE for Region 2 judges. Plans for next year are already in the works!

Region 2 Fall Training Camps are underway with lots of opportunities for judges to participate.The RTC and RJD

worked together to give judges specific educational assignments to benefit athletes, coaches and judges.

- South Super Camp in Eugene OR
- North Super Camp in Vancouver WA
- Mountain Super Camp in Bozeman MT
- High Tech Camp in Kent WA



Region 3

A huge thank you to all the incredible judges who made our recent camps and events a success! We wrapped up three outstanding training camps – **WOGA College Bound, Incline Xcel/Compulsory Camp, and CGI High Performance Camp** – the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The involvement of judges at these camps truly made a difference, helping both the coaches and athletes. Looking for the same dynamics at the [Pearland Elite High Tech Camp](#) Nov. 16-17, 2024 with NCAA coaches.

We want to express our gratitude to all the judges who contributed to the success of the State Judge's Cups across the region. Everyone's participation and dedication help accomplish our shared goals and pursuit of excellence are truly appreciated!

We are thankful for the many clinics held throughout the summer and fall in every Region 3 state. These clinics have been instrumental in preparing our judges for the upcoming 2025 season, ensuring everyone is up-to-date with the latest rule changes creating more consistent /accurate judging. We are looking forward to a fantastic 2024-25 season!



Region 4

Region 4 NAWGJ is having a Virtual Symposium in October. We will have several presentations from members of the Region 4 Judging Community. It will be free to our Region 4 Judges.

Many of our judges are participating in Region 4 Training Camps this fall.

Region 5

On September 28th-29th, Region 5 NAWGJ held a Regional Symposium in Noblesville, IN. We had a great turnout with 229 judges attending the event and 28 clinicians hosting 3 tracks of education!

We were lucky enough to have our clinicians lecture about all levels and aspects of judging over the two days, with topics spanning from mental health and work/life balance to



Region 6

Region 6 is hosting three Rising Stars training camps in October.

- 10/12-13: New Image Gymnastics - Edgewood, NY [Long Island]
- 10/19-20: All American Gymnastics - Wilbraham, MA
- 10/26-27: Cartwheels Gymnastics Center - Halfmoon, NY [Albany]

We are also hosting two XCEL Training Camps in October.

- 10/5-6: Sterling Academy of Gymnastics - Sterling, MA [+Compulsories]
- 10/19-20: Tricks for Treats ~ Bright Raven Gymnastics - Victor, NY.

Three high performance Development Program training camps are also planned over the next two months in CT, MA, and RI. Thank you to all our all volunteer judges and coaches, and especially our host clubs.

Region 7

We hosted our Region 7 NAWGJ Symposium.

It was in person this year. It was wonderful to see everyone and learn all the changes and updates for the season.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this season!

Region 8

Region 8 is hosting our third training camp October 18th -20th in Clarksville, TN. Our earlier camps were hosted in Tampa, FL and at the new training facility at Clemson University. Our Regional NAWGJ Symposium was done in conjunction with the National Training Camp at Clemson. Quite a few judges served as new presenters covering a variety of topics.

Our region was recently hit by two massive hurricanes causing serious flooding in NC, FL and TN. Our gymnastics community continues to offer emotional and financial support to each other as we all recover.

Our individual states have conducted Judges' Cups and clinics as well as Excel training camps. The interactive nature of all of our camps and clinics was much appreciated by coaches and athletes and also offered leadership opportunities to our judges.

We look forward to a great season!

Thank you and look for our next newsletter in January. Continue to keep up to date by visiting our NAWGJ Website.

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