

### Happy New Year to all NAWGJ Members

Welcome to our 2025 January National Newsletter.

I hope this New Year finds you and your families well. My heart goes out to the all the judges, coaches and athletes affected by the California Wild Fires. We have seen so many in our gymnastics community impacted by natural disasters these past several months. I am encouraged by the outreach in our community and the spirit of unity being shown across the country.

May we all remember how blessed we are to be a part of this wonderful gymnastics community. Please take care yourselves and stay healthy during the season. Each and everyone of you is an important part of our circle.

Best Regards, Teresa Barnard

NAWGJ President

### Region 5 & The History Committee

Betty Sroufe was a Charter member and the NAWGJ Secretary for almost 40 years! She recently passed this past December at the age of 99. NAWGJ will always be grateful for her contributions to Region 5 and our organization. Learn more about her on our Honored Members section of the website along with other amazing judges.

<https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Betty-Sroufe.pdf>



### 2025 Important Information

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

You may enter meets or volunteer service in to your Professional Activity Report (PAR) (in gymjas), if you are not assigned directly through gymjas, it is a great way to keep track for liability.

If you would like more information on our insurance you may contact: [Teresa.Barnard33@gmail.com](mailto:Teresa.Barnard33@gmail.com)

Please remember **USAG RTCCs** should answer any questions concerning categories 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.

Election Committee

- **Upcoming!** The Elections Committee will meet virtually with State (SJD) and Regional Judging Directors (RJD) prior to State Committee elections.

May 9, 2025, 6:00 pm PST

- **Current:** Election for Regional Judging Directors (Odd Regions)
  - Eligibility criteria sent January 1, 2025
  - Applications due January 15, 2025
  - Voting period January 30 - February 15, 2025
  - RJD assumes office May 15, 2025

Outreach, Mentoring & Recruitment Committee

NAIGC – Outreach to Graduating Seniors Nate Sharpe and Amanda Reynolds (NAIGC.org) contacted Teresa Barnard with an outreach / recruitment project for 200+ athletes each year graduating from their program. Our committee will provide a “welcome packet – new judges” to give the athletes and information for the NAIGC spring newsletter. International – USAG (Clubs and Judges)

Tiffany Mills – a civilian living and working in Japan on an US Military base brought several athletes to Washington State for their NAWGJ critic meet in December. She also successfully passed her Level 10 judges exams. USAG added JAPAN to Region 2 and Washington State.

The picture below is of Tiffany and her mentor Myra Elfenbein.



Finance Committee

Happy 2025! It's tax time and we wanted to remind you of a portion of Rule 3 of NAWGJ's Code of Professional Responsibility: "Judges shall be responsible for maintaining their own financial records and paying their appropriate taxes." Here's a link to a presentation on running your gymnastic judging business from the 2023 Symposium. Note that tax laws change and that each state has different rules. Consult your tax professional for your individual situation.

<https://hawgi.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Running-your-own-Gymnastics-Judging-Business-presentation-for-2023-NAWGJ-Symposium.pdf>

Awards Committee

Awards Committee is in the process of recognizing state and regional Green Flag winners. Pins and flags will be mailed out soon. We also appreciate the efforts of RJDs and SJDs in collecting gift cards to recognize our judging community who volunteered at National Judges Cup. Kudos to all!



Site Committee

June 25th-June 29th, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting  
Baltimore, MD  
January 2nd-4th 2026 National Judges Cup @ The Marriott  
Anaheim, CA  
July 15th-July 18th, 2027 NAWGJ Symposium @ The Loews  
Kansas City, KS

Helping Hands Committee

We continue to receive donations for Helping Hands. We had a contest for a trip to National Judges Cup, and Montana NAWGJ gave us the winning proposal. They will receive a check for their hotel and flight expenses in Ft Lauderdale.

Education Committee

Updated Rapid Reviews for the 2024-2025 Season & working on removing any outdated educational materials from the website.

Region 1

The Region1 Base Score Clinic was held last month and it was a success with approximately 100 members in attendance. The feedback was positive and it was great to see everyone before the season begins. At National Judges Cup 3 teams participated in the Patty Shipman session. Nor Cal 3rd place, So Cal 4th place and Nevada 12th place. We are proud of all the girls and we thank all the Region 1 judges for the volunteer efforts at the meet.

Region 2

Congratulations to the Montana State Committee – Helping Hands Project Winner. Jeanine Henneford, Sharon Mozer, Maria Fish and Delia Harvey, who won airfare and hotel room expenses for the National Judges Cup in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Congratulations: Newest Level 8 Judge (Dec. 2024) Karissa Cleveringa, WA Regional Green Flag Award Winner Tracy Duncan, WA

Photo 1- Montana Committee

Photo 2- Karissa Cleveringa & Tracy Duncan





### Region 3

[National Judges' Cup](#): Exciting to have four Region 3 states competing at the L 7 Patty J Shipman Team Challenge - AR, KS, OK, TX.

Congratulations to TX - 1st place team.

Reg 3 Reminders:

[Reg 3 2026 Regional Meet Judges' Application](#): If planning to apply for a 2026 Regional Meet, keep track of # sessions of L7-10 and XG-Sa for your P.I.E./application.

2025 -Reg 3 - NO Reg 3 Regional Congress - Nat'l Congress in New Orleans

[2026-30 USA Brevet & National Judges Course: 2026 USA Brevet /National Judge Course Eligibility Form](#) NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, and NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT EASTERN TIME ON NOVEMBER 1, 2025. NO late forms will be accepted, NO exceptions

2025 - Region 3 doesn't have a Regional Congress - [National Congress in New Orleans](#)

[Region 3 2025 Camps](#):

High Performance Camp Level 6-10, XP-XSa 7/12-13/25 - WOGA Frisco, TX

High Performance Camp Level 6-10, XP-XSa 8/23-224/25 - CGI, Aurora, CO

High Tech Camp Level 6-10 Athletes 10/25-26/25 Pearland Elite, Pearland, TX

### Region 4

Region 4 hosted a Virtual Symposium. We had Seven hours of training from a variety of judges in our Region. The topics were approved by our RTC for credit. We had a great variety of topics for beginner to advanced judges. We had four Green Flag winners this year- Gina Fuller, MO, Beth Miller, IA, Connie Dickson, MN, and Jan Adkins, WI. Jan Adkins was our Regional Green Flag winner. Region 4 has gone to 4 judge panels for all of our optional levels 6-10, giving multiple opportunities for our judges to participate.

### Region 6

All Rising Stars Camps including Dev Program and XCEL were attended by a record number of athletes. Both of our High Performance Camps also had excellent participation with a wide variety of coaches, and judges from Region 6 participating. The 2024-25 competition season is well underway with Invitationals being held nearly every weekend.

### Region 7

MD held two Level 7/8 virtual clinics and one athlete clinic. They are sending two teams to National Judges' Cup and four judges. MD had a successful Judges' Cup which was also a clinic for their judges. Year 2 of their Mentor program includes seven mentors and eight mentees. In the area of Diversity and Inclusion, MD NAWGJ invited Racine Smith to speak at the MD Judges Cup, Racine, a MD gymnast, was the first African American to receive a scholarship to Nebraska. Racine has also written a book. This book was purchased for all gymnasts attending the National Judges Cup, "Upside Down is Right Side Up "

NJ held their NAWGJ state meeting, judges' clinic and a very successful state judges' cup in the fall with 493 athletes. They sent one judge to represent NJ at the National Judges' Cup last year and will be sending two this year. They have administered the judging exam twice in 2024.

PA/DE will be sending a team of six to the Patty Shipman Level 7 Team Challenge, a team of three to the All Star session, and two judges. They held a PA Western Critique with 200 registered athletes and a clinic with 2 hrs CPE for their Western PA judges. They held five virtual clinics this fall for vault, bars, beam, floor, and meet referee.

VA/WV had their VAWV NAWGJ Judges' Training Camp and Level 7 qualifier meet for the National Judges Cup in November, with 47 judges volunteering their time and expertise. They are sending a team this year and one judge. They had five regional brush up clinics in October to get judges ready for the season. They have many new judges that have tested in VA and WV, as well as many others that have tested up a level.



## Region 8

Region 8 had a busy fall with two of our training camps being held in September and October. Our 6/7/8 Training Camp was held in July in Florida. The other two camps were both held at new facilities which were quite impressive. In September, our National Team Training Camp took place at the new Clemson training facility in conjunction with our Region 8 Symposium.

We encouraged new facilitators to present at Symposium and got a great response. The 9/10 Training Camp took place at Clarksville Elite Gymnastics Center in TN. We are lucky to have such nice facilities that are willing to host these events for our athletes. We are also so appreciative of the many coaches and judges who volunteered their time and experience to work with the athletes. Each state in Region 8 held fund raisers and Judges' Cups to replenish their state accounts and continue to support training efforts for our judges at all levels.

Region 8 was well represented at National Judges' Cup as many of our judges were excited to participate in the event this year. We look forward to a busy competitive season with multiple meets scheduled on most weekends.

### NAIGC Volunteer Position Openings

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Judge Coordinator Volunteer Description:

- responsible for obtaining judges for Nationals
- building relationships with judges across the nation
- helping build resources for NAIGC
- guides to assist clubs and NAIGC volunteers to find judges for competitions
- handles inquiries at Nationals

The WAG Judge Coordinator should be a certified judge and will report to the WAG Rules Coordinator and be a member of the WAG Rules Team and the Event Sanctioning Team.

Please contact [nate.sharpe@naigc.org](mailto:nate.sharpe@naigc.org) for more information

#### NAIGC Board of Directors Applications Open!

Applications are open for the NAIGC Board of Directors and we need your help! Board members are responsible for shaping the strategic direction of the organization including but not limited to:

Revising governing documents and policies  
Developing KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) for the organization  
Implementing long-term volunteer recruitment and retention strategies  
Managing financial statements, accounts, and budgets  
Increasing organizational fundraising and sponsorships  
Feel free to message Dan Marshall ([danmarshall@naigc.org](mailto:danmarshall@naigc.org)) with any questions!

Ultimately we are looking for passionate people to further the NAIGC and adult gymnastics as a whole so don't worry about being under qualified!

Election information as well as a link to the application can be found here:  
<https://naigc.org/2025-elections>

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

<https://nawgj.org/>

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