

# New Judge ~ CHECKLIST



We are excited to have you join us as a **Gymnastics Judge!**

First things first, pass the **Judging Exams.**

You may choose to start with **Compulsory** Level 4/5 or **Xcel** Bronze, Silver & Gold.

You may choose to take the **Optional** Level 7/8 exam.

Level 9 entry with an Entry Exemption Eligibility Form. [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

## **CHECKLIST** for USAG competitions

NAWGJ also works for other organizations and requirements may differ.

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### **Purchase Reference Materials and Education Courses**

[USA Gymnastics](#) (purchase books – Compulsory, Optional, Xcel materials)

[Store • USA Gymnastics](#) (purchase digital – Compulsory, Optional, Xcel materials)

[Complete Course Catalog • USA Gymnastics](#) (online education courses available)

### **Take Judging Exam(s)**

[USA Gymnastics | Judging Accreditation](#) (link to register for all exams)

**Written exams** online open book (Compulsory, Optional and Xcel exams)

**Practical exams** in-person judging videos (Optional Level 7/8)

**Congratulations!** Now you have a judge's rating!

You need to obtain professional memberships and practice judge (in most states) before you will be eligible to judge a meet.

Use this **CHECKLIST** to guide you:

**Become a Member** - Professional memberships are important, but most importantly, judges are covered by liability insurance when we contract through NAWGJ and judge under a meet sanction.

#### 1) **NAWGJ**

[National Association of Womens' Gymnastics Judges - Join Us](#) – renew annually.

#### 2) **USAG**

[Become a Member • USA Gymnastics](#) – renew yearly.

[USA Gymnastics | U101: Safety and Risk Management](#) – renew every 4 years.

[USA Gymnastics | Professional Background Check](#) – renew every 2 years.

[USA Gymnastics | U110: U.S. Center for SafeSport Core Course](#) – renew yearly.

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## Contact your State Judging Director.

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

Click on the Region to see the names of State Judging Directors and their contact information.

## Practice Judge (good way to observe other judges and learn to judge)

Ask your State Judging Director about the practice judging requirements for your state.

## Enter your Availability in the system your state uses, most states use [gymjas.com](http://gymjas.com)

Ask your SJD what system is used in your state.

## Websites: bookmark your state's and national website.

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

States that are highlighted have web sites.

Ask your SJD for more information if your state does not have a web site.

## NAWGJ Store:

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

Start Value flasher (use for optional level competitions)

Green Flags, Neutral Deductions, etc.

## Uniform link:

[Uniform – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

Dress professionally in a white shirt and navy slacks or skirt. Purchase 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.

## Judging Timeline

First year judges are often not yet eligible to judge until after meet assignments have been made for the season.

Be prepared and get ready to judge. Meets may still need judges or substitutes. Looking forward to judging with you!

