

ILLINOIS NAWGJ 2017 END OF SEASON NEWSLETTER

With the end of the season approaching I would like to say thanks to all of you for a job well done. The job of a gymnastics judge is not an easy job. Illinois has the best group of judges! Thanks for all you do and now enjoy some time to yourself!

2018 OPTIONAL RECERTIFICATION

Next summer all judges will need to recertify their optional rating. Compulsory ratings are good until 2021. All optional ratings will expire December 31st, 2018. Illinois NAWGJ will have study groups and provide instate exams. Exams will also be given at the state, regional, and national congresses.

NATIONAL and BREVET COURSES 2018

To help you start preparing for next summer I am going to share with you what is being talked about. Unofficially we are being told that all National and Brevet's will need to test in June 2018. USA Gymnastics will be designating four Regional Congresses as test sites. Region 5 will NOT be one of them because it is in September. As per a newsletter sent by the Iowa USA Gymnastics State Chair, Region 4 Congress will be held in St Louis and has been verified as one of the test sites. I will send official information as soon as it is received.

National and Brevet Course eligibility forms need to be sent to Char Christensen charchristensen@icloud.com between June 1 and Nov 1, 2017.

2018 EDUCATIONAL FUND

Most of you are aware of our Educational Fund. This is something I started when I became SJD and it helps with testing expenses during a recertification year. Every member benefits from this fund. It has nothing to do with working Judges Cup. Every member will have their first sitting of the optional test paid. Judges will be responsible for the cost of repeat testing. We have \$25,500 in this fund. About the same as we had four years ago and this quadrennium we only have one test to take. Four years ago, everyone received a new compulsory, optional code, an Xcel code, a flip book in addition to money towards a clinic. Your Illinois NAWGJ Board will decide how to distribute the testing funds to all members in 2018.



ELECTION 2017

The Illinois NAWGJ State Governing Board elections are just around the corner. On June 1st letters of eligibility and State Governing Board Candidate Application Form will be sent to the membership. All eligible members interested in running for a board position must complete the State Governing Board Candidate Application Form and send it to the Regional Judging Director by June 15th. To be eligible to run for a board position a judge must be a rated official for a minimum of 12 months and have a registered address on the NAWGJ membership site in the state of Illinois for a minimum of 90 days. We will once again have an online election. Voting will take place between July 1 and July 21. Only Illinois NAWGJ members with ratings listed in the NAWGJ membership site will be allowed to vote. Any new board members will assume office August 1, 217 for a two-year term.

ASSIGNING

Please know that Illinois NAWGJ has the judges best interest at heart and that is why we are making some changes to the way we assign. We have done away with the titles North and South assigner and will have two assigners for the state. Assigning will be done by a committee of the assigners and the SJD. We will have two meetings during the fall where we map out the assignments. Assigners will then have an equal number of meets in which they are responsible for assigning and managing, we are asking the USA Gymnastics State Chair of Illinois to allow NAWGJ more flexibility in our assignments. We still want to honor their Phase and Priority system. However, we also want to honor the judge's preferences and logistically do what makes sense. We have a meeting set up with the State Chair to discuss assigning issues we experienced this past year and hopefully broaden the parameters we use when assigning judges in Illinois.

COOKIE CLINIC

We are pleased to announce that Cookie Batsche, RJD of Region 8 and former Illinois judge, will be coming to Illinois for a clinic Septemeber30-October 1, 2017. Hilary is currently working out the details as to location and curriculum. This clinic is free to all NAWGJ members and will receive CPE credits. Also mark on your calendars July 8-9 for the Illinois State Congress. We are hoping to have judge's sessions and have a judge's exam. There is not yet a location for the clinic and Hilary is currently talking with Shane about possible sessions. More will be sent about these clinics when available.

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO KATHY KREBS!

Kathy Krebs has been elected to serve on the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors.
Congratulations Kathy!