

2017 Illinois NAWGJ Newsletter

With a new year comes another season of judging. For most of us this means every weekend away from home until April or May. People who have not sat in our chair, usually 10-14 hours a day for three days straight, have no idea how difficult it is to do our job. Break time is getting shorter and shorter. Sometimes we have less than 30 minute breaks. A 14 hour day with three 20 minute breaks seems inhumane but we do it and we do it well!

Gymnastics judges are amazing people, especially the judges of Illinois. Pat yourself on the back and continue to do a job well done. Continue to be amazing weekend after weekend. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Linda

NEW JUDGES & JUDGES WITH NEW RATINGS

Billy Gurin has joined our Illinois NAWGJ family. Many of you already know Billy as he is a coach at FlipStar Gymnastics. Billy passed 4/5 and 7/8 last month. His co-workers Michelle Helmke and Jennifer Strickler who joined the judging ranks last fall also tested up to 7/8 last month. Congratulations!!!

JUDGES EXAM

Hilary will be giving the judges exam on Monday March 20th at the Bloomingdale Park District. Go to USA Gymnastics website to register.

CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Level 4 State
March 10-12
- Level 8/9/10 State
March 17-19
- Level 6/7 State
March 24-26
- Level 3/5 State
March 31- April 2
- Level 9/10 Regionals
April 6-9
- Level 7/8 Regionals
April 21-23
- Xcel State April 21-23
- Eastern Nationals
April 27-30
- JO Nationals May 6-7
- Xcel Regionals
May 12-14
- Region 4 Congress
June 16-18
- Illinois State Congress
July 7-9
- National Congress
August 17-20
- Region 5 Congress
September 15-17

A Note From Sue Woloszyk

Thank you again for your help in making the 2016 ILLINOIS JUDGES CUP successful! Below is the list of the hours you worked at Judges Cup 2016 and information about the eligible benefits you earned for working at Judges Cup 2016.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT (8 hours minimum):

If you received membership renewal it has been paid directly to NAWGJ so you do not have to submit anything for that benefit. Please LOG on to the NAWGJ.ORG website and log in to your account to confirm that your membership is now renewed through 7/31/18. Also go in to JAS and update your Membership date in “update your info” section.

CONGRESS REGISTRATION BENEFIT (12 hours minimum):

For those who earned paid registration to a State; Regional; National Congress, you should start deciding which Congress you plan to attend. To receive this benefit you must register with the Illinois NAWGJ group registration. If you sign up for a congress and do not attend you will be asked to reimburse Illinois NAWGJ for your congress fees. E-mails will be sent with registration instructions for each congress when it is time to register for each particular congress. If you plan on attending a different regional congress, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, contact Sue Woloszyk for reimbursement. Here are the Congress dates that require Illinois NAWGJ group registration:

National Congress – Anaheim California	8/17/2017 – 8/19/2017
Region 4 Congress – Cedar Rapids Iowa	6/16/2017 – 6/18/2017
Region 5 Congress – Louisville Kentucky	9/15/2017 – 9/17/2017
ILLINOIS State Congress - Location TBD	7/07/2017 – 7/09/2017

If you are registering for Region 4 Congress your registration request is due to Kathy Krebs by April 7. If you are registering for Region 5 Congress your registration request is due to Kathy Krebs by July 7. Send your name, date of birth, USA Gymnastics Pro Number, home address, email address and phone number to Kathy at kmkrebs@comcast.net.

HOTEL REIMBURSEMENT BENEFIT (18 hours minimum):

Please remember for Hotel reimbursement to make sure when you register for your hotel that YOUR NAME is on the registration/receipt. This is challenging when you use third party websites or points for booking hotel. Hotel Reimbursement should be submitted directly after the event, please don't wait until the last day (10/31/17) to request your reimbursement!

Judge	Hours	Rounded	Membership (8)	Congress (12)	Hotel up 2 \$200 (18)
Ackman, Mary Lou	0	0			
Aguilar, Amy	17.75	18	yes	yes	yes
Anghel, Michaela	24.75	25	yes	yes	yes
Axelson- McClelland, Betty	19.75	20	yes	yes	yes
Bennett, Betty	24.25	24	yes	yes	yes
Bennett, Brooke	36.5	37	yes	yes	yes
Berg, Liz	21	21	yes	yes	yes
Broderick, Stacy	24.75	25	yes	yes	yes
Brosnan, Sue	20.75	21	yes	yes	yes
Cacchione, Jenny	12	12	yes	yes	
Carlson, Hilary	0	0			
Carmona, Sue	19.5	20	yes	yes	yes
Carrico, Lilly	20.25	20	yes	yes	yes
Chmielewski, Tanya	5.25	5			
Delaney, Amy	9.25	9	yes		
Domzalski, Karyn	20.25	20	yes	yes	yes
Dover, Kali	19.25	19	yes	yes	yes
Dunne, Barb	24	24	yes	yes	yes
Drahozal, Dianne	13.5	14	yes	yes	
Dyer, Kim	14	14	yes	yes	
Ellis, Betsy	23.75	24	yes	yes	yes
Forbes, Heather	31.5	32	yes	yes	yes
Gebhardt, Kathy	25.5	26	yes	yes	yes
Grono, Jennifer	10.25	10	yes		
Harwood, Judy	28.5	29	yes	yes	yes
Helmke, Michelle	12	12	yes	yes	
Holtz, Jessica	8.25	8	yes		
Insalata, Karin	7.5	8	yes		
Johnson, Jean	23.75	24	yes	yes	yes
Kearns, Christi	27	27	yes	yes	yes
Klaus, Leigh Ann	0	0			
Koch, Brystol (Powelski)	9	9	yes		

Koga, Natalie	30.75	31	yes	yes	yes
Krebs, Kathy	26.25	26	yes	yes	yes
Mark, Sarah	29.75	30	yes	yes	yes
Maxon, Camrie	12	12	yes	yes	
McDonald, Linda	36.25	36	yes	yes	yes
Mooney, Stacey	19	19	yes	yes	yes
Morano, Cindy	30.5	31	yes	yes	yes
Perchatsch- Wade, Kristin	0	0			
Redmond, Judy	19	19	yes	yes	yes
Rodriguez, Connie Urich	19.25	19	yes	yes	yes
Roehrig, Mary Joe	26.5	27	yes	yes	yes
Rogers, Tracey	25	25	yes	yes	yes
Sanders, Addie	24.25	24	yes	yes	yes
Sanders, Shane	19.25	19	yes	yes	yes
Sargeant, Sharon	12	12	yes	yes	
Schmidt, Tanya	19.75	20	yes	yes	yes
Schuh, Cheryl	29.25	29	yes	yes	yes
Spolarich, Haley	23.5	24	yes	yes	yes
Sprong, Jessica	16.25	16	yes	yes	
Swyningan, Jasmine	21.25	21	yes	yes	yes
Taylor, Marlinde	19	19	yes	yes	yes
Thompson, Cathy	12	12	yes	yes	
Tritt, Deb	18.75	19	yes	yes	yes
Tubbs, Renee	20.5	21	yes	yes	yes
Williams, Terry	8	8	yes		
Winton, Tiffany	20	20	yes	yes	yes
Woloszyk, Sue	34.5	35	yes	yes	yes

REMINDERS: A Note from Hilary

With up to 10 Levels of competition in the JO Program, 5 Divisions of Xcel, not to mention AAU, high school, college and who knows what else, it is imperative that each and every judge review before every meet! There are 2 judges per event for a reason. Discuss questions with your partner and if neither of you is sure, look it up. Here are a few things that have already come up this year.

*****If an Acting Judge is fairly sure that the Chief Judge is making a mistake, say something!! As always, say it politely and with respect, but do not let a mistake go. It has happened to me. It is frustrating when you get an inquiry and realized you did not apply a rule correctly and the AJ says, "That's what I thought it was." As I said, there are 2 judges for a reason!

Other reminders:

1. You MUST count value parts, Special requirements and difficulty every routine.
2. You MUST know difficulty restrictions and deduct for them!!
3. You MUST take angle deductions for casts, turns, clear hips on EVERY bar routine.
4. If a girl does a full on floor at Level 8, front tuck front tuck and those are her only passes, she is missing a 3rd salto. The full does not negate the rule.

Know the rules. Apply them. Do not make up rules. If you can't find it in the Code or R & P, then don't use it. There is no rule saying a gymnast cannot wear a Band Aid, yet that was taken at a recent meet. It is too late in the quadranium to not know that if a gymnast does flip flop, stop, flip flop, the 2nd flip flop has no value.

Most judges are doing a fantastic job, but there are too many mistakes being made.

Gymnasts and coaches work too hard for them not to get a true evaluation of their routines. If you have a situation of which you are unsure, contact your SJD, Linda. If she isn't sure, Linda will go through the proper channels to get the information.

Thanks!! Hilary Carlson, Education Chair

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL JUDGES WITH REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Xcel Regionals	Heather Forbes-Jessica Holtz-Jeanne Johnson-Natalie Koga-Shane Sanders
7/8 Regionals	Amy Delaney-Kathie Gebhardt-Mary Joe Roehrig
9/10 Regionals	Mary Lou Ackman-Sue Brosnan-Linda McDonald
Level 9	
Eastern Nationals	Mary Lou Ackman-Sue Brosnan
Level 10	
JO Nationals	Linda McDonald

ILLINOIS EXPENSE VOUCHERS

Please make sure you are using the Illinois Expense Vouchers. Your Illinois NAWGJ Board voted to provide all members with vouchers and use the vouchers at every meet. Meet referees are required to use the vouchers. You may use whatever you like to calculate times. However, the vouchers must be used. Judges are entitled to know hours worked and this must be reported on the voucher and each judge must receive the yellow copy.

If you need expense vouchers please contact the SJD.

Volunteers Needed

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AT THE XCEL REGIONAL MEET MAY 12-14 IN PEORIA, LEVEL 10 STATE IN BLOOMINGTON MARCH 17, AND FOR THE NCAA REGIONAL MEET AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS APRIL 2ND. CONTACT HILARY IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP AT LEVEL 10 STATE AND XCEL REGIONALS AND CONTACT LINDA IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP AT NCAA REGIONALS.

ASSIGNING SYSTEM

Please update your availability! Many of you show available but when assigned are not accepting contracts. Also, when a meet changes dates and contracts are re-issued you must go back in and accept the re-issued contract. Meet referees, please remember to assign events in the assigning system to the best of your ability. It is not a perfect science but other meet referees are using this as a tool to assign events.

Tumbling Into A PIT DURING A SANCTIONED COMPETITION

This is something that has happened in our state and is being dealt with by USA Gymnastics. Although this is not allowed and a sanction violation, through the course of the investigation USA Gymnastics found there was a “loophole” in their wording in the Rules and Policies. USA Gymnastics will be correcting all wording in the 2017-2018 Rules and Policies.

Tumbling into a pit during a sanctioned USA Gymnastics event should not be allowed.
