

## **MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER**

### **TESTING 2018**

- 1) Everyone must retest this summer. Optional ratings will expire on December 31, 2018. Your board has not yet met to determine how the 2018 educational fund will be distributed because we are awaiting verification of costs of materials, codes etc. What we know for sure:
- 2) Everyone will be reimbursed for their first attempt at an optional exam
- 3) Everyone will be reimbursed for an optional code of points
- 4) We will have money left over for other things to be determined by your board once we know the cost of materials
- 5) **SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS**, you will need to submit receipts for reimbursement
- 6) There will be a form to be submitted to the Financial Assistant. One check will be written for the reimbursement of all 2018 Educational Fund benefits

We will be organizing study groups for all levels of testing. Many National's are testing at Region 4 Congress so plan on late May, early June study groups. There will be additional study groups throughout the summer for National Course, Level 10, 9, and 7/8. More information will be available soon.

The first testing opportunity for Levels 7/8, 9, and 10 is at the National Congress in Providence, Rhode Island August 17-19, 2018. There will be several exams scheduled in Illinois the end of August and throughout the fall.

### **UNIFORM**

As we approach the state series here is a quick reminder about professionalism.

The uniform is the official NAWGJ uniform.

New judges are not required to buy the uniform their first year. Navy slacks, white top, navy sweater or jacket is then to be worn.

Yoga pants are not to be worn. There is a new approved slim leg pant available for purchase at Lands' End.

Grey, brown, tan, even navy sweaters, NAWGJ logo or no logo, are not part of the uniform and are not to be worn. The Land's End fleece jacket is also not part of the uniform.

Scarfs are not part of the uniform.

With state meets approaching please be professional and wear only the official NAWGJ uniform.

## **FACEBOOK**

Please remember to remain unbiased. Comments made to coach's posts can be misconstrued. Judges are not to comment on routines, other judges scores, meets or your personal opinion about that meet. Never solicit yourself by commenting on how great a meet was and how much you enjoyed judging that meet. If you feel the need to thank a meet director do it privately. Refer to Cannon's #16

*CANON 16: A judge should exercise good judgment when using social networking media (Facebook, Twitter, blogs, texting, e-mail, etc.) i.e. avoid communicating with coaches or gymnasts during, before or after a competition; or refrain from making inappropriate statements about fellow judges, coaches, gymnasts, clubs or parents.*

## **POST SEASON JUDGES**

### **Congratulations to the following judges selected by the Illinois USA Gymnastics Committee for USA Gymnastics State Meets:**

Xcel State: Meet Referee Cindy Morano, Mary Lou Ackman, Jane Droese, Heather Forbes, Jessica Holtz, Christi Kearns, Shane Sanders, Cheryl Schuh, Renee Tubbs

Level 3 State: Meet Referee Mary Lou Ackman, Jane Droese, Heather Forbes, Christi Kearns, Cindy Morano, Shane Sanders, Renee Tubbs, Sue Woloszyk

Level 4/5 State: Meet Referee Renee Tubbs, Mary Lou Ackman, Amy Delaney, Heather Forbes, Christi Kearns, Cindy Morano, Shane Sanders, Sue Woloszyk

Level 6/9 State: Meet Referee Hilary Carlson, Mary Lou Ackman, Sue Brosnan, Amy Delaney, Heather Forbes, Christi Kearns, Linda McDonald, Mary Joe Roehrig, Shane Sanders

Level 7/8 State: Meet Referee Jessica Holtz, Mary Lou Ackman, Sue Brosnan, Hilary Carlson, Amy Delaney, Heather Forbes, Cindy Morano, Shane Sanders, Renee Tubbs

Level 10 State: Meet Referee Hilary Carlson, Mary Lou Ackman, Betty Axelson-McClelland, Sue Brosnan, Amy Delaney, Kimberly Dyer, Heather Forbes, Jeanne Johnson, Christi Kearns, Linda McDonald, Cindy Morano, Mary Joe Roehrig, Shane Sanders, Renee Tubbs, Connie Ulrich-Rodriguez, Rachel Wheeler, Sue Woloszyk

### **Congratulations to the following judges selected by the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Committee for USA Gymnastics Regional and National Meets:**

Xcel Regionals Indianapolis, Indiana: Heather Forbes, Christi Kearns, Cindy Morano

Level 7 Regionals Akron, Ohio: Mary Lou Ackman

Level 8 Regionals Akron, Ohio: Shane Sanders

Level 9/10 Regionals Kalamazoo, MI: Sue Brosnan, Jeanne Johnson, Linda McDonald

Eastern Nationals Rochester, New York: Jeanne Johnson

JO Nationals Cincinnati, Ohio: Sue Brosnan

**Congratulations to the following judges selected by the Illinois GIJO Committee for the GIJO League Championships:**

Meet Referee Linda McDonald, Betty Bennett, Kathi Gebhardt, Cheryl Schuh, Connie Urich-Rodriguez, Sharon Sargeant, Terry Williams, Sue Woloszyk

**Congratulations to the following judges selected by the AAU National Committee for the AAU National Championships in Tampa, Florida:**

Linda McDonald

**NCAA**

**Regional and National assignments are confidential; however, many Illinois judges were selected for Conference Championships:**

BIG 10, Champaign Illinois: Brooke Bennett, Stacey Mooney, Kathi Ortiz

BIG 12, Ames, Iowa: Judy Harwood

Mountain Rim, Cedar City, Utah: Linda McDonald

SEC, St Louis, Missouri: Judy Johnson-Durr



As your State Judging Director, I would like to thank each and every one of you for an outstanding job this year. Our assigning team had quite a challenge with staffing every meet. Many of you went up and beyond in helping make sure all meets were covered. Some of you judged two meets in one day. Some of you drove from one meet to another and then back to another. All in one weekend! Your efforts did not go unnoticed. As we finish the last couple of months of meets, keep up the good work. Continue to be awesome and thank you for all you do for Illinois NAWGJ.

Linda McDonald SJD