

SUMMER SJD NEWSLETTER 2017

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and some time off. I wanted to share with you some of the things we discussed at our Summer SJD Workshop.

The National Judges Cup 2018 is January 5-7, 2018 and will be held in Portland, Oregon. Any judge who would like to attend and represent Illinois should let me know.

There will be a NAWGJ National Symposium in July of 2019 in Fort Worth Texas.

There will be a National NAWGJ Open Meeting following the NCAA session on Thursday of National Congress later this month in Anaheim, CA.

ANNIE HEFFERNON FROM USA GYMNASTICS MET WITH US AND SHARED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Judges will be receiving a raise beginning August 1st. New hourly rates will be published in the 2017-2018 Rules and Policies.
- Carpooling will be removed from Rules and Policies. Meet directors cannot ask judges to carpool.
- Judges will no longer be asked to subtract 30 miles. All miles driven will now be paid.
- There is no more \$5 penalty for being late. Judges who are 5 or more minutes past report time will begin their pay at scheduled march in.
- Each state must follow their state's rules pertaining to reporting of child abuse (verbal, sexual, physical)
- We are all mandatory reporters.
- Call police, they investigate the crime.
- Report abuse to Safe Sport. safesport@usagym.org

MARION DYKES MET WITH US ABOUT JUDGES INCOME TAXES AND REPORTING

- Can use a program like i-books to keep track of expenses and income.
- Profit Motive, in 3-5 years you should be showing a profit.
- Items \$75 or less do not require a receipt.
- If claiming mileage, a mileage log must be kept.
- Uniform dry cleaning and alterations may be taken if the uniform has the official logo/patch.

CHANGES BEING MADE TO THE OPERATING CODE BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Treasurer will now be called Financial Assistant
- Every state will be required to have a Financial Assistant (in place of treasurer). SJD may not be the Financial Assistant.
- State Governing Boards must meet a minimum of two times a year. One meeting must be in person. The other can be electronic (Go To Meeting, etc)

- Financial support of the National Judges Cup must take priority over non-NAWGJ events. If you don't support the Judges Cup you may not pay USA Gymnastics Congresses or other non-NAWGJ events.

CONNIE MALONEY FROM USA GYMNASTICS MET WITH US AND PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

National/Brevet Course

- Testing will be on Sunday at the Regional Congress Course Sites
- Saturday evening will be a prep session.
- Congress is separate
- Study materials will again be online. Once registered you will be able to access online materials.
- Optional Code of Points will be done by April
- The first tests for Levels 7/8, 9, and 10 will be given at the USA Gymnastics National Congress in August of 2018. Following the National Congress exams test administrators will be allowed to give the exams in their states.

GYM JAS

42 states are now using Gym Jas

Access to mileage and hotel information will soon be added to the system.

Many improvements have already been made. Julie King is always willing to listen and make changes for the better when able.

FROM YOUR SJD

- ❖ Get your availability into the assigning system by September 1st. The assigning team will begin assigning in mid-September.
- ❖ PIF's are due August 15. Go to the Region 5 website to complete the form.
- ❖ Training camps will no longer be required. Judges may attend but there is no official judges sign up.
- ❖ Cookie Batsche Clinic - Registration for the clinic will start August 1st. If you need a hotel we have secured a special rate at the Holiday Inn Express, 2055 Weisbrook Dr, Oswego, IL (630 844 4700) Space is limited so book ASAP! The Cookie Clinic schedule and registration form is attached to this e-mail. This clinic is geared towards judges and Cookie is amazing! I hope you all plan to attend this clinic, free to all Illinois NAWGJ members, September 30-October 1st. The judge's exam will also be given in conjunction with the clinic. Go to usagym.org to register.