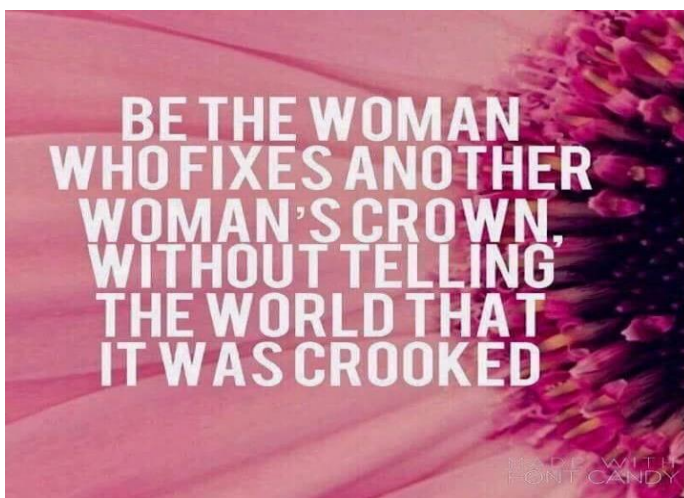


HAPPY NEW YEAR

ILLINOIS NAWGJ JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

WORKING TOGETHER IN 2019

The new composition deductions are making our job slightly more labor intensive!!!! Take your time and go through your check list. Come prepared for every judging assignment. No judge is mistake free! We are all human. We can expect that there will be some mistakes with the new rules and composition deductions. Additionally, there is added pressure to our judging decisions this year because not all meet directors have anticipated the extra time needed to arrive at a score with the additional factors that must be evaluated. Fortunately, there are two judges. If one judge misses something, we hopefully have a judging partner who catches it! If we make a mistake, we must correct it, so we are fair to all gymnasts. Please be respectful to your judging partners. Each judge needs to come prepared, individually determine their score and start value, and be the best for our gymnasts.



LEVEL 6 BARS

The code of points can be confusing concerning the angle requirement for Level 6 bars. Level 6's must cast above horizontal, not 45 degrees above horizontal, to receive the special requirement. Level 6's also have their own amplitude of cast deductions. Level 6 cast deductions do not follow the Level 7-10 cast deductions. Level 7's still must cast to 45 degrees above horizontal, not handstand, and the regular amplitude of cast deductions apply.

Meet Referee/Meet Director Form

The Illinois USA Gymnastics Committee has decided to do a meet director and meet referee evaluation form after every USA Gymnastics sanctioned meet. We discussed this at length at the open membership meeting with Norbert Bendixon, State Chair. Many questions and concerns were expressed. The evaluations are meant to be used as a tool to help the committee select judges for next year's state meet series. Many judges are uncertain about the evaluations. I see this as a positive tool. I know we have a great number of deserving judges who do not receive a state meet assignment. I find this to be a tool to lobby for all judges to receive post season assignments. When judges have no complaints from meet directors, which is exactly what I expect will happen, how can the committee deny them a state meet? Judges have asked if they are able to know if any negative remarks are made in their name. Absolutely. We will be looking for patterns, not just one instance. Please give this process a chance. I truly believe this will help more judges receive state meet assignments. The Illinois USA Gymnastics Committee sent a letter to all meet directors in November instructing them on how to do the report. The committee will also be providing a letter to Illinois NAWGJ to distribute to our membership instructing meet referees on how to complete the report. Many of you have reached out to the committee with your own ideas for state meet selection. I encourage anyone with suggestions to reach out to them. As your SJD, each year I ask for more judges to be awarded state meet assignments. I will continue to support and advocate for all Illinois judges. If you have any questions about the evaluations, please feel free to contact me at any time.

2019 IRS Mileage Rate is now .58

LEVEL 6 and 7 VAULT

Illinois NAWGJ along with Jason MacDonald produced a video, Training Your Eye To Judge The 6/7 Vault. The video is on our website, www.ilnawgj.com The video is located on the EDUCATION tab. USA Gymnastics has a complimentary 6/7 Vault webinar done by Tom Koll. The webinar can be found on the USA Gymnastics website www.usagym.com Make sure you are prepared to judge the NEW 6/7 vault!

Region 5 is once again wanting judges to count their judgements at Level 10 for the 2019-2020 Professional Involvement form. Please count number of individual judgements, not sessions.

Every four years there is a NAWGJ NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM. A clinic for judges brought to you by the judge's organization, NAWGJ. This is the BEST clinic you will ever attend!!! I am told that the hotel block is filling up so make your reservations today!



2019 National NAWGJ Symposium

July 11 – 14, 2019

Worthington Renaissance Hotel

Fort Worth, Texas

[Additional Information](#)

Go to www.nawgj.org for more info

Congratulations to All Judges Who Received State-Regional-National Assignments

Level 3 State

Meet Referee Christi Kearns
Hilary Carlson
Amy Delaney
Jessica Holtz
Heather Forbes
Cindy Morano
Shane Sanders
Deb Tritt
Tiffany Winton

Level 4-5 State

Meet Referee Hilary Carlson
Mary Lou Ackman
Heather Forbes
Jessica Holtz
Cindy Morano
Shane Sanders
Renee Tubbs
Tiffany Winton
Sue Woloszyk

Level 7-8 State

Meet Referee Mary Lou Ackman
Amy Delaney
Heather Forbes
Kathie Gebhardt
Jessica Holtz
Linda McDonald
Sue McNamara-Brosnan
Mary Joe Roehrig
Shane Sanders

Level 6-9 State

Meet Referee Jessica Holtz
Mary Lou Ackman
Hilary Carlson
Amy Delaney
Kathie Gebhardt
Christi Kearns
Linda McDonald
Sue McNamara-Brosnan
Mary Joe Roehrig

Xcel Bronze & Silver State

Meet Referee Renee Tubbs
Brooke Bennett
Heather Forbes
Kathie Gebhardt
Christi Kearns
Linda McDonald
Cindy Morano
Rachel Wheeler
Tiffany Winton

Xcel Gold-Platinum-Diamond State

Meet Referee Renee Tubbs
Heather Forbes
Kathie Gebhardt
Christi Kearns
Cindy Morano
Shane Sanders
Cheryl Schuh
Tiffany Winton
Sue Woloszyk

Level 10 State

Meet Referee Jessica Holtz

Mary Lou Ackman

Brooke Bennett

Amy Delaney

Heather Forbes

Christi Kearns

Sue McNamara-Brosnan

Mary Joe Roehrig

Renee Tubbs

Betty Axelson-McClelland

Hilary Carlson

Kimberly Dyer

Kathie Gebhardt

Linda McDonald

Cindy Morano

Cheryl Schuh

Rachel Wheeler

Xcel Regionals

Kathie Gebhardt

Christi Kearns

Cindy Morano

Level 7 Regionals

Heather Forbes

Mary Joe Roehrig

Shane Sanders

Level 8 Regionals

Amy Delaney

Linda McDonald

Level 9/10 Regionals

Mary Lou Ackman

Sue McNamara-Brosnan

Hilary Carlson

Level 10 JO Nationals

Hilary Carlson