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# ILNAWGJ NOTES

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This is the May issue of Illinois NAWGJ Notes. Not much has changed since the beginning of April. Each state in our country is moving toward some version of returning to work and activity. Illinois is still observing a stay-at-home advisory. There are rumors circulating in different states regarding the resumption of activity in clubs with strict guidelines about the number of athletes per square foot, the number of athletes per class and the number of hours permitted to practice as well as other precautions. These are all still rumors! USA Gymnastics has not issued any guidelines or statements regarding a resumption of activity. However, USA Gymnastics lists a number of resources on its' website and is offering a variety of webinars. If interested in any of this information visit their website.

Linda has provided some very valuable information in her article about resources for independent contractors and the Cares Act.

Don't forget that your CPE summary is due to Heather Forbes by May 31. A chart for CPE requirements is included in this edition.

## NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOUR SJD – Linda McDonald

I hope everyone is staying healthy and well as the COVID19 pandemic changes all of our lives and our industry.

There are resources for independent contractors. The Cares Act can be accessed by the below link. <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>

This is information from the Nor-Cal SJD - I applied a few days ago for the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan and called their customer service to help with the process. I was fortunate to get right through and talk to two great people. I'm considered an independent contractor/sole proprietor. Here are a few tips if you need to apply:

1. Only use Microsoft Edge or Internet Explorer. Chrome and Safari may “freeze” and not push your application through without issues. She stressed this point the MOST!
2. EIN/SSN section will fill in as an EIN number even if you use your SSN. That is fine. In the end, you'll be able to review the application and edit before you submit the application. In that section, your SSN will appear in the correct grouping of numbers.
3. Cost of Goods Sold should be 0. I'm a choreographer and judge in the gymnastics industry. I do not have employees. I do not sell anything.
4. All dates need to have a four-digit number for the year. For example, do not use 88 for 1988. Use all four digits!
5. I was advised to use Miscellaneous for Business Activity. Then use “None of the below” for Detailed Business Activity.
6. The number of employees in my case is 0. Do not include yourself. You are the owner and 100% owner.
7. I was advised to answer NO to the question, “If I was owned by a business entity.”

I hope this helps. Hopefully, I was guided correctly. GOOD LUCK! Hang in there! BE SAFE! We will get through this together!

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Some judges may also qualify for unemployment as an independent contractor. Here is the link to the Illinois Unemployment.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/aboutides/Pages/10%20Things%20You%20Should%20Know.aspx>

Moving forward we still do not know if National Congress will be held in August. We still do not know when USA Gymnastics will allow for sanctioned events. We still do not know whether summer camps or fall training camps will be allowed. We still do not know when the Governor will open the state and once again allow gymnastics clubs to resume business.

As we patiently wait, stay well. This too will pass. Hopefully sooner than later.

### NEW CPE REQUIREMENTS FROM USA GYMNASTICS

Due to the outbreak of the coronavirus and the resulting cancellation of the end of season championship competitions, the Women’s Technical Committee has voted to reduce the number of CPE credits required for the 2019-2020 season. We realize that many judges counted on volunteering at some of these events to complete their total number of CPE hours. The recent decision to re-schedule the National Congress may also prevent some officials to be compliant before the new season begins on August 1, 2020.

Therefore, please refer to the following chart indicating the change in the CPE requirements for the 2019-2020 accreditation year. Please be aware that anyone who has not fulfilled the new requirement by the end of May will still be required to submit their Annual Report Form to their State CPE Coordinator by May 31 and indicate any plans to attend any state/ regional or national education opportunities. Once they fulfill their total number of CPE hours and the number of Clinic hours according to their rating, they need to re-submit their Annual CPE Report so they can be considered for judging assignments after August 1, 2020.

(see the CPE chart on page 5)

**Adjustment in CPE requirements for the 2019-20 season**

<b>Highest Rating Held as of August 1, 2019</b>	<b>Total CPE Hours Required for Accreditation Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>Minimum # Clinic Hours as part of the yearly total</b>	<b>Minimum # of Clinic Hrs. to carry forward</b>
<b>Level 4/5 &amp; Level 6/7/8</b>	From 12 reduce to <b>6</b>	From 6 reduce to <b>3</b>	From 2 increase to <b>3</b>
<b>Level 9</b>	From 16 reduce to <b>8</b>	From 8 reduce to <b>4</b>	From 3 increase to <b>4</b>
<b>Level 10/National/Brevet</b>	From 20 reduce to <b>10</b>	From 10 reduce to <b>5</b>	From 4 increase to <b>5</b>

