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ILNAWGJ NOTES

“IN”

Welcome to ILNAWGJ NOTES. This is the first edition of monthly news and updates for ILNAWGJ members. “IN” will feature a variety of topics to keep you connected with your professional organization. Communication is important to a successful organization. Featured topics will include: Noteworthy Notes From Your SJD, Christi’s Corner, What’s Up With Judges Cup?, The Web of Notes, Shareable Notes, and Make A Note of It and other topics as they are developed.

NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOUR SJD - Linda McDonald

Every month the State Governing Board will bring you news about ILNAWGJ. “IN” will provide updates and clarifications to rules, progress on Judge’s Cup, educational information, good news about our membership, website postings, registrations for clinics, benefits and reimbursement updates, important dates and any information related to assigning of meets. Keep in mind that knowledge is the key to success in our ever-changing sport. That is why the governing board will make every effort to improve our communication with the membership. Enjoy your first edition of “IN”.



WHAT'S UP WITH JUDGES CUP? – Brooke Bennett

Registration for Judge's Cup is up from last year. We have almost 40 clubs with over 750 athletes competing this year.

All judges Friday evening will have the opportunity to earn up to 3 CPE hours in our clinic. Christi has put some great thought into the evening and hopes to make it educational for all. 4/5 and 7/8 judges who will get a lot of exposure to the level 8 athletes. Judges testing for 9 or are already 9 rated will get to work with a lot of level 9 athletes. Level 10 and above judges will hopefully be able to provide a lot of mentoring for those less seasoned. Please come prepared to share your experience as well as any tips or tricks of the trade. If you coach in a club, we still have room for more athletes for the clinic and would love to have more! Please consider bringing some 8, 9 and 10s for us!! There will be no vault and routines are not required. This event is an opportunity to work on skills in a competitive environment while being able to receive some judging feedback.

Assignments for the meet are currently underway. I will do my best to rotate as many people into the gym to judge as possible. Please let me know if I have you scheduled in more than one place at once, it's quite the daunting task!

A few other reminders. Please don't forget to return your contract for the meet. While I do all scheduling based off your emails to me, contracts are still required. Additionally, I would like to ask as many judges as possible to bring a baked good for hospitality. If baking not your thing, granola bars or other snack/side food would be appreciated

Thank you in advance for all your help with this meet! I truly appreciate so many people reaching out and covering to go above and beyond with little things.

Christi's Corner – Christi Kearns

Hi everyone! Welcome to my "Corner" of the world. I will be featuring education related articles in my column called "Christi's Corner". This month I just want to recap how we are doing with all things educational. First, thank you to all judge-presenters at State Congress. Judges as well as coaches let me know that all the sessions were presented well and the presenters shared important information. Thank you again for your service to ILNAWGJ. The Mentor Program is up and running. Every judge from level 4/5 through level 9 has received a mentor. Your mentor should have contacted you by now. If you have not heard from your mentor yet send me an email to my ILNAWGJ Gmail. Your mentor should be your immediate resource. Start practice judging now so you are ready by Judges Cup.

My next article will focus on “What's In My Judging Bag”. Dust off your bag and get “**Ready**” to clean out your old candy wrappers and junk from last year so we can get “**Set**” for this year before we “**Go**” to our first meet.

If you have anything that you would like discussed this year in my column be sure you send your ideas to Kathy, the Administrative Assistant, who is coordinating the effort to send you “IN” (ilnawgjkathy@gmail.com).

Finally, I know some of you are looking for additional material about ILNAWGJ. Be sure to go to the ILNAWGJ website to the Illinois NAWGJ Guidelines which should be your quick reference to all things about your membership in ILNAWGJ. See you next time!

Shareable Notes –

This section of “IN” is set aside for member news. If you have a good news item you would like to share, send that information to ilnawgjkathy@gmail.com.

Make A Note of It – Important Dates

October 25, 2019	ILNAWGJ Governing Board Meeting
November 1-3, 2019	Forward Momentum Camp Olympia Gymnastics, Shelby Township, MI
November 8, 2019	ILNAWGJ Assigning Meeting - Bourbonnais
November 8, 2019	ILNAWGJ State Governing Board and Open Membership Meeting
November 8 – 10	Judges Cup

It is important to hear from you. “IN” can only be as successful as the ideas we receive from you. Send ideas to Kathy at her Gmail address: ilnawgjkathy@gmail.com

READY—SET—GO! THE JUDGING SEASON IS HERE