

February, 2021

ILNAWGJ NOTES

“IN”

Hello February! This is a busy month for traveling to meets. Just as this busy month gets started the snow machine was turned on. Many of you are traveling solo to meets to avoid being in car with someone else. It might be helpful to have the meet referee's phone number handy as you are traveling to your assigned meet in case you are delayed because of the weather. It may also be helpful to have one other judge's phone number with you in case the meet referee is unable to answer your call. Allow extra time when you drive to the meet you are judging so you don't add extra stress to an already stressful season.

I have heard several great comments by meet directors about the professional job ILNAWGJ judges are doing this year. Meet formats are all over the map. Judges have been judging in-person meets, some meets are a mix of in-person with virtual routines sprinkled in with live performances, some are virtual meets with or without your partner judging from home and some are virtual meets with judges at a gym. Many of these meets have gone off without a hitch but others have been, shall we say, a challenge. On more than one occasion the scoring platforms have failed to download routines in a timely manner forcing judges to wait long periods of time for the correct routine on the event they are judging. Incredibly some judges have continued judging until midnight at the meet site or in their hotel rooms or had to finish their event at home on Monday and even on Tuesday, days after the meet's scheduled conclusion. But, thanks to the talented Illinois judges, of all ratings, you plowed through all of the unusual situations so you could provide an opportunity for our gymnasts to

compete.

Last month, I mentioned that it is our responsibility as a community of judges to be patient, kind and helpful to other judges. A great big THANK YOU is in order for all of the judges who hauled extra electronic devices to meets to make your job easier and to help your judging partners. Many of you have also mentored another judge while they learned how to judge virtually. Kudos to all of the anonymous judges who have given the extra effort to help a fellow judge be successful.

Finally, I am going to give Betsy Ellis a high five for going the extra mile to help a fellow judge by taking that judge to the hospital for surgery and then to the pharmacy and finally to the grocery store.

These are the kinds of random acts of kindness that I hope to highlight in future issues of the “IN”. Let me know of other special happenings in our ranks.

Linda has a few remarks in Noteworthy Notes From Your SJD. Be sure to check out Christi’s Corner which features several links to a variety of resources to enhance your judging experience. Sue Woloszyk has information about name tags in A Word From The Treasurer.

I’m interested in what you would like to see included in the “IN” or any other comments you may have. You can contact me, Kathy Krebs at ilnawgjkathy@gmail.com.

**NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOUR SJD
LINDA MCDONALD**

Things are looking up! Competitions small and large look like they may be starting to happen in person! Please remember to continue to social distance and do your part in making this season happen safely.

The Illinois USA Gymnastics Committee met and selected state meet judges. Judges selected have been notified. We have not yet been given the AOK to release the assignments. Look for that in your March IN. That being said, your Assigning Committee can now move forward with assigning March competitions. Please make sure your availability is up to date.

The Regional Committee for USA Gymnastics is meeting February 15th. After that meeting, we will have more information on regional judging assignments and championship meets.

Thanks for all you are doing to ensure this season

CHRISTI'S CORNER – Christi Kearns

Practice Judging:

<https://nawgj.org/video-projects/>

Reference Cards for Level 8-10 Composition

<https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Composition-Cards-Lev-8-10-Updated-8720.pdf>

Composition Cards for Level 8

<https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/L8-Composition-2019-1.pdf>

Composition Cards for Level 9

<https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/L9-Composition-2019-1.pdf>

Composition Cards for Level 10

<https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/L10-Composition-2019-1.pdf>

Optional and Xcel Vault Chart all on one page

<https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/VT-JO-Xcel-Values-Table-20-21-Updated-920.pdf>

Optional Vault Deductions

<https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Levels-6-10-Vault-Deductions.pdf>

Xcel Reference Cards

<https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Xcel-Reference-Cards-All-Events-JD-2020-21.pdf>

This one is a great Reference for common deductions and how the deduction may differ on Vault


<https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Deductions-Common-and-Specific-2.pdf>

SOOOOOO Many Resources so little time.

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A WORD FROM THE TREASURER – Sue Woloszyk

If you need a new ILNAWGJ nametag, please contact me ASAP so that I can place an order. My email is: financialsew@gmail.com



SAD NEWS TO SHARE

It is with great sadness to share with you the passing of Cheryl Schuh's brother. Randy succumbed to COVID19 on December 12, 2020. A celebration of life for Randy will be scheduled for a future date. Please keep Cheryl and her family in your thoughts during this difficulty time.

