

July, 2021

# ILNAWGJ NOTES

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Happy Fourth of July!! Olympic Trials and National Congress just concluded and preparations are under-way for the fall season. Although summer is at the half-way point, it is time to renew memberships and certifications. Take the time now to update these professional requirements before the Olympics start on July 23. Many of you have already learned the new compulsories and are studying for the test. ILNAWGJ has a free clinic scheduled for July 17-18 to learn the compulsories from Windee Weiss, the choreographer of the routines. Did I mention that the clinic is free? It is provided to you as an educational benefit to members of ILNAWGJ. Let Christi Kearns know if you are interested in attending. The National NAWGJ website has several study aids and practice tests available to help you prepare for the exam.

Connie Maloney announced at Congress this past weekend that the Compulsory test will be given on-line from the comfort of your home. It is an open book test and will be timed. You will have one hour to complete the test. As Connie said, this weekend, even though this is an on-line test you need to do some studying because you will not have time to look up every answer. The test may be taken four times before December 31.

### **Membership Renewals:**

Safe Sport Certification: Must be renewed annually by July 31

USA Gymnastics Professional Membership: Renew by July 31

USA Gymnastics Background Check: Renew by July 31 if your cycle expires this year

USA Gymnastics Safety Certification: Renew by July 31 if your cycle expires this year

NAWGJ Professional Membership: Renew by July 31

### **Events:**

July 17-18: ILNAWGJ Compulsory Clinic – Phenom – Oswego, IL

August 1: USA Gymnastics Developmental Program Compulsory Testing begins  
(More information will be sent to you as soon as it is available)

August 6-8: Region 5 Compulsory Workshop – Ft. Wayne, IN

December 31: All 2013 - 2021 Compulsory ratings expire.

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 [kmkrebs@comcast.net](mailto:kmkrebs@comcast.net)

**NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOUR SJD  
LINDA MCDONALD**

We have an Olympic Team and the 2020-2021 Games are just around the corner. Life is getting back to normal and there are a lot of exciting things in our gymnastics future! We have an election starting July 1 for Administrative Assistant. Everyone will receive an email with instructions from Election Buddy, our online voting company. Please make sure you vote! I would like to welcome Ellen McDermott (Judges Cup) and Kathy Gebhardt (Education) to the board. I would also like to say THANK YOU to Christie Kearns and Gwyneth Milbrath for their years of service as they step down off the board.

Details will be coming soon about compulsory testing. The exams will be online through USA Gymnastics beginning August 1. July 31 is the last day gymnasts are able to compete the 2013-2021 Compulsories. All meets starting August 1, 2021 must be the new compulsory routines! Also, test promptly!!!! Even though your compulsory rating is good through December 31, 2021 assigning will be based on:

- Judges who have tested and passed the compulsory exam will be assigned first.
- Judges who tested but did not pass are next in line for compulsory assignment.
- Judges who have not tested at all will be considered last. Even if you were requested by the meet director, if you have not tested and judges who have tested are available, the judges who have tested will be assigned. This is a USAG mandate, no exceptions.

We are opening the Windee Weiss Compulsory Clinic to coaches and people interested in becoming a judge. The fee for these non-NAWGJ members is \$175. They will sign up by emailing Christi Kearns. The Windee Clinic will award you 13 CPE credits and it is Saturday and Sunday July 17-18, 2021.

There are study resources on the National website at [www.nawgj.org](http://www.nawgj.org) for testing the new compulsories. The minutes from the Technical Committee meetings are now posted. Make sure you read them to learn all the new changes! Remember, each judge is responsible for keeping up with the rules.

Dianne Durham was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame. Her husband Tom gave a beautiful acceptance speech on her behalf. There will be a celebration of her life on November 6 in Gary Indiana. More information will be coming for anyone who would like to attend. I will be collecting donations from any NAWGJ member who would like to contribute and be included in flowers for the celebration. Any amount is welcome. I will purchase and sign everyone's name on a card.



**Dianne Durham was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame!**

Linda McDonald is with Tom Drahozal, Dianne's husband, at the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame banquet in St. Louis on June 26, 2021.

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### **Windee Weiss Compulsory Routine Clinic - Schedule**

**SATURDAY, JULY 17:**

8:30am - 11:30am Welcome & amp; Level 5 FX

11:30am -12:30pm Lunch

12:30pm - 2:15pm Level 5 BB

2:15pm -2:30pm Break

2:30pm - 4:45pm Level 4 FX

4:45pm -6:00pm Practice session & amp; review

**SUNDAY, JULY 18:**

8:30am - 10:00am Level 4 BB

10:00am - 10:15am Break

10:15am - 11:30am Level 3 FX

11:30-12:30pm Lunch

12:30pm - 1:30pm Level 3 BB

1:30pm - 1:45pm Break

1:45pm -3:30pm Vault and Bars- L3-L5

There is a block of rooms at the Best Western Oswego, 2055 Wiesbrook Road Oswego, IL 60543. The rate is \$110/night. To receive the special rate, you must book by June 16. Call 630-844-4700 and mention the Gymnastics Judge's Clinic.

## Christi's Education Corner – Christi Kearns

NAWGJ.org has listed a new pdf project that comments on the Developmental Program Update and also comments on several Compulsory items. Use the link below to view this project or simply go to NAWGJ.org for access to lzaGymJudge.com. This is a very good way to see explanations of the update.