

September,
2020

ILNAWGJ NOTES

“IN”

It's September and the "IN" has arrived in your mailbox. In many ways the summer flew by and in many ways the summer and 2020 since March have lasted forever. Everyone would like this year to just go away.

I have a couple of housekeeping items that I would like to remind you about. First, there are still some members who have not renewed their professional membership and/or certifications. Be sure to check your profile in Member Services at USA Gymnastics to find out which of your certifications or membership have expired and take care of that ASAP.

Second, if you attended the Virtual Congress on August 8 & 9, you have about one week left to access the lectures on-line. Once you have finished listening to all of the lectures, make sure you fill out a CPE form for your records. Note the lecture with the clinician and topic and retain for your records in case you are selected for an audit.

The minutes from the August 10 Governing Board meeting are posted on the ILNAWGJ website.

Christi provided the "IN" with a comprehensive list of Xcel changes and a link to the JO changes in the August "IN". It never hurts to review the changes now instead of waiting until you arrive at the meet.

Linda has several important points in "Noteworthy Notes From Your SJD".

As always, I'm interested in what you would like to see included in the "IN". You can contact me, Kathy Krebs, at:

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NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOUR SJD –

Linda McDonald

As we enter fall what lies ahead????? The future is still a mystery. We are all hoping and planning for a season. Here is what I know for sure!

- We have canceled Judges Cup 2020
- We are currently exploring the possibility of bringing judges into gyms as a Judges Cup alternative.
- The USAG Illinois committee is doing a virtual clinic, info TBA, on September 13
- Nancy Gibson is planning an Xcel update via ZOOM. Date TBA.
- We will not start assigning until late October.
- All 2020 Regional and National assignments will stay the same for 2021. Therefore, there will be no Regional PIF this year.
- 2021 State Meet assignments will not be the same as last year. There will be an Illinois PIF out sometime this fall and the USAG Illinois committee will select state meet judges in November.
- With virtual clinics hotels were not needed and many will not be able to use their benefit. Everyone's money earned will now be extended. Your Educational benefits and clinic benefits will be extended through October 31, 2021.
- Assigning procedures will be posted on our website www.ilnawgj.com
- There is a Ten for 10 Checklist that meet directors will be required to complete. All meet checklists will be on our website www.ilnawgj.com The checklist consists of questions that will give the judges an idea of the environment a meet will provide. The checklist is provided in this edition of “IN”, Illinois Notes.
- Please enter your availability in Gymjas as soon as you are able. If you are not comfortable judging this year please notify me so that we can get a grip on our numbers for the upcoming season.
- USAG has announced the National Compulsory Workshops to be held the first two weekends of June 2021 in Atlantic City, New Jersey and Reno, Nevada. Illinois NAWGJ will also bring Windee Wiess, one of the choreographers, to Illinois July 17 th weekend. This clinic will be free to all Illinois NAWGJ members.
- There is a new gymnastics organization, NGA, National Gymnastics Association. To be eligible to judge their meets you must be a member of their organization.

Ten for 10.00 Checklist (plus a couple of extras!) Meet Director Considerations for Judge Safety at Meets

NAWGJ appreciates the work you are doing to provide a safe environment at gymnastics meets in the upcoming year. We look forward to working with you to help all participants have a safe and enjoyable experience. As you consider the modifications you will make to provide a safe environment, we thought it would be helpful if you had some ideas that our judges have suggested to facilitate their own safety as well as those with whom they interact. We recognize that different venues present different challenges and that conditions will vary. Please complete this checklist and return it to your assigner so that judges can be prepared for different meet settings. We thank you in advance for doing the best you can to promote the safety of all participants.

Name of Meet: _____

YES NO

Will it be possible to provide a separate table for each judge to allow for social distancing? Or longer tables to provide more distancing? Or plexiglass shields between judges at same table?

Will it be possible to mark areas around/behind each judging table to prevent participants from standing in close proximity to the judges?

If you are using electronic scorepads or iPads, will it be possible to provide devices for each judge to reduce the necessity of judges passing paper slips or verbally communicating their score?

Will you be able to use scoring methods that reduce the need for staff to sit at the judging tables to input scores?

If you are using electronic scoring devices, can you provide directions describing the cleaning methods judges should use to avoid potential damage to your devices?

Will you be able to use a method to discourage volunteers and coaches from sitting at judging tables while judges are on break or are moving from Gym A to Gym B?

Will you be able to reduce the amount of paper that needs to be passed by hand from person to person, e.g., can you use rotation sheets rather than individual participant scorecards that are carried by teams from event to event or can a coach provide judges with a list of the competition order for the event in lieu of individual scorecards if the order will vary by event?

Will temperature checks be required for entry into the building?

Will masks/facial coverings be required?

Will it be possible to provide hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes at judging tables?

Will it be possible to provide socially-distanced areas for the Judge's meeting and meals? Will it be possible to provide individually packaged, boxed, or bagged meals for judges rather than buffet services? Alternatively, would it work better for you to offer judges per diem in lieu of some meals (e.g. breakfast and lunch) and ask them to provide their own meals? If so, can refrigeration and/or microwaves be provided at the meet site?

Will it be possible to provide hotel accommodations that will allow for social distancing of judges, e.g., individual rooms, suite-type hotels with two separate sleeping areas?

Please submit your completed form to the assigner for your meet. Feel free to add explanatory notes. Thank you.

The mission of NAWGJ is to provide professional development for its members and to support and promote women's gymnastics in the United States.

Adjustment in CPE requirements for the 2020-2021 season, effective August 1, 2020:

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Highest Rating Held as of August 1, 2020	Total CPE Hours Required for Accreditation Year 2020-2021	Minimum # Clinic Hours as part of the yearly total	Maximum # of Clinic Hrs. to carry forward
Level 4/5 & Level 6/7/8	From 12 reduce to 6	From 6 reduce to 3	From 2 increase to 3
Level 9	From 16 reduce to 8	From 8 reduce to 4	From 3 increase to 4
Level 10/National/Brevet	From 20 reduce to 10	From 10 reduce to 5	From 4 increase to 5

