

April, 2022

ILNAWGJ NOTES

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The deadline for ILNAWGJ Early Bird registration for National Congress is April 8, 2022. The National Congress will be held in Tampa, Florida from August 18-21. Hotel information can be found at usagymnastics.org. If you would like to register with the Early Bird rate be sure to send Kathy Krebs the following information: Name as it appears on your USA Gymnastics membership form, date of birth, USA Gymnastics Number, address (including street, city, state, zip code), email address and phone number.

As the competitive season winds down, you may want to start to ramp up your preparation for optional testing. Check usagymnastics.org for specifics regarding testing. A good way to prepare is to attend a Congress, sign up for an online course or form a study group.

Information about studying for the level 10 test is included on page 2. I would like to include study group information in the May “IN”. If you intend to form a study group send me the following information: host(s) of the study group with contact information (email, text number), level of the study group (level 7/8, 9, 10, National), dates of the study group, location of study group, time of study group and any cost associated with the study group. Send that information to me by April 28, 2022. Study groups can be held just about anywhere: the home, library, a gym, or public facility. Hosts of the study groups should establish some basic guidelines for attendance such as: notify the host in advance of intent to attend the study session, will food be allowed, who can furnish AV equipment, who can furnish videos to review and who will be some of the presenters. Your study group may want to invite a National rated

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judge to lead the discussion on an event or your group may choose to be self-led. All study groups should be open to all ILNAWGJ members to attend. The opportunities are endless but a study group won't happen unless you make the move to form a group. I hope to hear from many of you about your groups.

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.

New Optional Judging Practice 2022 LEVEL 10

This is an excellent and inexpensive way to stay home and practice to prepare for testing in the summer of 2022! This is a wonderful event for any Level 10 and up official.

16 hours of practice on the NEW Rules!

Each session is a different event for two hours on Zoom.

If you cannot attend live, they will be recorded for thirty days.

All sessions will be led by two very experienced judges.

The Schedule will be live in February and the sessions will begin Mid May.

You can judge along, see the deductions and ask questions in the chat.

CLINICIANS:

Linda Thorberg, Tom Koll, Evelyn Chandler, Jane Caruso, Marilyn Blilie, Sue Kane, Cookie Batsche, Judy Schalk, Donna Trevethan, Bonnie Synol and more!

All sessions will be

8:00 to 10:00 p.m. *Eastern time*

COST: \$50.00 early registration
after April 15 the price is **\$75.00**.

DATES:

May 19 | May 24

May 26 | May 31

June 2 | June 7

June 9 | June 14

REGISTER: Go to the website **WWW.FLIPPINGEDU.COM**
and select the **Optional Practice 2022** icon. Purchase and pay online
OR Send a check with your payment including name, email and phone
to: **Flipping Education, 92 State Street. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861**

Final Schedule will be sent out on April 15 with all links to Zoom sessions

Best Wishes,

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NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOUR SJD – LINDA MCDONALD

As the championship season is in full swing, I would like to thank those of you who sent comments for the USAG Committee. For 11 years I have tried to get the committee to use more judges. Illinois NAWGJ and the SJD have no say in who is selected. As the voice for our membership, I send factual information to the committee. This year I sent your comments along with the facts. What the committee does with that info, I do not know. I was unaware of the cutting of eight judges for the 6/7/8 State Meet until after it had been done. This year the committee used 20 judges for State Meets and mainly because they needed 17 for the Xcel State Championships.

- Four judges received all four state meets
- One judge received three of the four
- Eight judges received two state meets
- Seven judges received one state meet
- 36 active judges received no state meets (many did not submit a PIF)

I encourage you to provide me with any info for this committee. I also encourage you to let them know your thoughts. You can speak with committee members and voice your concerns. The committee consists of Norbert Bendixon, Cyndi Zimmerman, Cindy Morano, Shane Sanders, Brad Tubbs, Jess Holtz, Andy Morealle, Nick Becker, Sari Engle, Ron Nasti, Don McPherson.

What can judges do to improve themselves? These are the concerns that have been brought to my attention during the season:

- Judges who are too slow. Some coaches perceived judges to purposely slow down the meet.
Remember, perception is reality!
- Judges who come to a meet unprepared for their assignment.
- The inconsistency of the judging of vault, specifically the compulsory handspring, Level 3, and the Level 6 & 7 vaults.
- Judges forcing judging partners to change a score or give a score similar to their score.
- Independent scoring not taking place, especially at State Meets.

Keep these things in mind, as it is a reflection of YOUR professionalism.

Everyone must retest this summer for your optional ratings. The written optional exams will be online for you to take at anytime just like the compulsory exam which has been online since August 1, 2021. The optional written exams, Level 7/8, Level 9, and Level 10, will be available after August 1, 2022. Your optional rating will be good until December 31st 2022. However, just like compulsories, judges who test

and pass will be assigned before judges who wait until the end of the year.

I will be providing many optional film, practical, exams after they are available in August. These will take place at different locations around the state. You can also go to another state to take your practical exams.

There is a great Level 10 rules clinic in May provided by Flippin Education and the RTC's. Illinois will also provide study groups. Please notify Kathy Gephardt if you are interested in a study group.