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# ILNAWGJ NOTES

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It's time to start thinking about continuing education opportunities this summer. The deadline for Illinois Early Bird registration for Region 5 Congress is March 10, 2022. This deadline date gives Sue time to notify each registrant the amount they must pay. Region 5 Congress will be in Grand Rapids, MI., July 22-24. Information about the hotel is available at [usagymnastics.org](http://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. Finally, be sure to indicate whether you want to register for the banquet. The cost of the banquet is not known at this time. Sue will contact you with your portion of the registration rate for Congress and the cost of the banquet ticket.

USA Gymnastics will also host the National Congress in Tampa, Florida on August 18-21. Registration for the Illinois Early Bird rate for National Congress will not be accepted until March 15. A reminder will be posted in the March “IN”.

Be sure to check out the Education Corner for some reminders from Kathie Gebhardt as well as Situations and Rulings.

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](mailto:ilnawgjkathy@gmail.com).

## **NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOUR SJD LINDA MCDONALD**

As the season is now in full swing, we continue to find challenges due to COVID. The assigners are still filling meets as mandates threw a wrench in their planning. Please keep your availability up to date. One weekend we are bringing in 19 judges from 10 states! Please accept and create your contracts in a timely manner. The assigners have way too much on their plates to be tracking you down to ask you to do your job! State meets have been assigned by the USAG State Committee. Once the names have been made public they will appear in the IN. I do believe the document I created with everyone's reasons for not completing a Professional Involvement form was helpful. More judges did receive State Meet assignments. Thanks to all who contributed.

## **Shareable News**

Jeanne Johnson's mother passed away on January 16, 2022. Jean E. Elg was 94 years old. Jean was the mother of Kathy Elg, a former ILNAWGJ judge and Jeanne Johnson. Services have been held. Be sure to keep Jeanne and her entire family in your thoughts and prayers in this most difficult time.

## **Education Corner – Kathie Gebhardt**

Level 6 must have a Dance Passage of a min. of two different group 1 elements directly or indirectly connected with one leap requiring a 180-degree split either cross or side position. If they do a split leap, assemble, stretch jump this does not fulfill the requirement as the assemble and stretch jump are not from group 1. Therefore, there is no Dance passage requirement.

Also please watch the Bronze floor when the kids do a round-off backward roll for one of the requirements. Some are doing a round-off, tuck jump, full stop and then the backward roll. Some also do Round-off rebound that looks like a tuck jump but maybe just a rebound with bent knees (as they may not be aware they are bending their knees.) to the backward roll. Benefit to the gymnast and take for bent knees in the rebound.

*The following Situations and Rulings were submitted to Kathie Gebhardt by Tracey Rogers for the purpose of adding supplemental explanations to situations that happen in meets.*

**Situation:**

An entire team opted to wear black shorts over their leotards. Several of the girls had rhinestones emblazoning the manufacturer’s logo. The coach stated that the judges at the previous meet did not say anything about the shorts. **Ruling:** The gymnasts were issued a warning for inappropriate attire on their first event. **Comment:** Correct procedure. Page 20 of the 2021-2022 Rules and Policies (10.a.5) states “Shorts: must be solid black (small manufacturers branding allowed) with no embellishments.”

