

November,  
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# ILNAWGJ NOTES

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And we're off to a running start!!!

The 2021-2022 competitive season has begun. Assignments through mid-January were made at the first assigning meeting. The next meeting will begin with meets in mid-January through the end of the season. It is important for you to update your availability in Gymjas. Your updates and changes must be completed by **November 10**. This gives the assigners one day to make corrections to their projected plan for assigning a weekend. The next assigning meeting will be November 12. The remaining meets will be assigned at that time. It is still a good idea to update your availability after the second assigning meeting because things happen in all of our lives which affect our judging schedule too. Notify the assigner if you have an emergency that requires a change of plans. Remember you signed a contract and you are expected to fulfill that commitment.

Here are the top ten ways to make your judging weekend successful:

- 1) Prepare your suitcase and all judging materials the night before the meet. Prepare the proper uniform or clothes for a theme meet. Leaving everything to the last minute is the best way to forget something.
- 2) Leave plenty of time to travel to the meet. Rain, snow and ice add extra time to your travel, so plan accordingly.
- 3) Have the phone number of the meet referee with you in the car so that you can call the meet ref with an update on arrival time if a problem occurs.
- 4) Once you arrive at the meet, check in with the meet referee and your judging partner. You should arrive by the report time so the Meet Referee can proceed with the judges meeting.
- 5) After the judges meeting, you and your judging partner may want to review items related to the event you are judging. You and your partner should decide on specific duties related to recording the score. One judge will enter the score on the input device and the other judge will keep track of the scores and average on the scoring sheet. The chief judge should allow enough time for the second judge to enter the scores before signaling the next gymnast to begin.

6) At the end of the session, remain seated until you are instructed to review the print out of the scores and sign the score sheet.

7) During breaks, be respectful of other judges by listening to your computer or other electronic devices through ear pods. It is also annoying to hear loud phone conversations or other interactions that disrupt the judging room.

8) It is your responsibility to provide your own food if you have special food requirements. Do not call the meet director ahead of time to ask for special meals. That includes not asking parents of the host club to make a run to Starbucks.

9) Leave the judges room at the end of the day and the end of the meet neat and clean. Pick up your trash and throw it out.

10) It never hurts to thank the host coach, meet director and meet referee for their hospitality as you pick up your check.  
Have a great season!

### Reminder

November 12, 13, 14: ILNAWGJ Judges Cup—Contact Ellen McDermott, [judgescupellen@gmail.com](mailto:judgescupellen@gmail.com) for volunteer/judging opportunities.

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

With November comes our annual Judges Cup fundraiser! 800 gymnasts are ready to start their season off right with our unique critique meet. Ellen will have assignments ready soon. I thank you all in advance for your efforts in making our meet a great competitive experience and educational opportunity for our gymnasts and coaches!

Remember that National Course forms are due November 1. Send to Sue Kane [suekanegymoh@gmail.com](mailto:suekanegymoh@gmail.com)

The National Judges Cup will be held in New Orleans, LA January 7-9, 2022. The Illinois NAWGJ Board chose to send a donation this year rather than sending a judge. If you would like to volunteer, you may do so on your own expense. Here is the link to the meet, <http://www.judgescup.com/>

This is the time of year we take nominations for the green flag award. If there is a judge you believe goes above and beyond in their dedication to NAWGJ and our sport, please submit their name to a board member for consideration.

Please continue to follow COVID protocols as per the Governor and the IDPH.  
Let's make the 2021-2022 season the best ever!

## Shareable News

A celebration of the life of Dianne Durham will take place Saturday November 6, 2021, 3:00pm at the Westside Leadership Academy in Gary Indiana. Here is a link to the event.

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