

October, 2021

ILNAWGJ NOTES

“IN”

The first meets of the season happen at the end of the month. Are you ready? Have you found your judging bag and cleaned out the dead pens, candy wrappers and used paper? It's time to start preparing your bag. Find your uniform in the back of the closet. Should it go to the cleaners? You might as well take care of that now instead of waiting until the week before your first meet. Check out your car too. Is the battery good? Does your car need any work done to it before the snow flies? Where is the snow scrapper? Hard to believe that we are looking for this stuff when the weather is so good but we live in the Chicago area. It could be 80 degrees one day and a blizzard the next.

Be sure you have made all of the corrections to your Compulsory Code. There were several that were posted on the Women's page on the USA Gymnastics website. There were changes to the DP Code that were also posted on the USA Gymnastics website at the end of the summer.

The clinics and other educational experiences have ended but you can still practice judge. Go to the NAWGJ website and there are several opportunities to practice judge both optionals and compulsories. You can also find some opportunities on YouTube.

The first assigning meeting last Sunday was a success. Meets were assigned up to the middle of January. Several meets were not assigned. If a meet you had a preference for has not been assigned yet, there are a variety of reasons. Sometimes the meet numbers changed and the meet did not need as many judges as the meet director requested. Other times meet information from the meet director was inconclusive. The unassigned meets will continue to be assigned as more information becomes available. The next assigning meeting will be November 12. It is your responsibility to update your availability. Not every meet has been entered into the system at this point. Try to check the assigning system at least every other day to see if there are other judging dates that have been entered and await your availability. Judges cup is November 12, 13 and 14. There are lots of entries. We need you to enter your availability in the assigning system and reply to Ellen's email requesting your preferences for the weekend.

Finally, many of you have not taken the compulsory test yet. You cannot be assigned a meet until you have taken the test. The test is online and is very reasonable.

Reminder

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

**NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOUR SJD
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With October comes our 2021-2022 Competitive Season!!! There are many meets on the calendar, and we are full swing ahead! The assigners are off to a great start and will meet again November 12 to assign the remainder of the season. There are a few Fall meets that have not yet been assigned. Please continue to update your availability.

The Illinois USA Gymnastics Committee assigns state meets. They will be coming out with an Illinois PIF, Professional Involvement Form sometime this fall. State meets cannot be assigned until after the Regional Committee meets and decides Regional and National assignments.

Judges Cup is just around the corner, and we have closed the meet with 800 gymnasts! We need everyone's help to run this annual fundraiser. Judge's benefits are listed in the August minutes. If you have not yet signed up, please contact Ellen at judgescupellen@gmail.com. Ellen needs to know what days you can work, what time you can get there on Friday and how late you can stay on Sunday, what nights you need hotel, and t-shirt size. This information is due October 1.

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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