

September,
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ILNAWGJ NOTES

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Preparations are under-way to get the 21-22 season rolling. Each ILNAWGJ member has a part to play in this preparation. First thing, make sure you have renewed all of your memberships. Second, you must take the compulsory exam. The exam is online and with instant feedback on passing or failing. Meet assignments are dependent on testing. Assigning will begin on September 25. Third, be sure to enter your availability in Gymjas. Coming soon, will be a new feature on the ILNAWGJ website. This new feature is called “5 for 5” and will have more information for you regarding meet host expectations relating to COVID and the environment that will be provided at the meet. This will be another tool for you to use to determine if a meet is a good fit for you. Finally, make a list of the things you need to do so you will be eligible for meet assignments.

The September issue has articles from your SJD, the Assigners and a handy chart on the last page to help you determine which membership category applies to you.

Did you renew your memberships? They expired on July 31.

Membership Renewals: All are past-due!

Safe Sport Certification: Must be renewed annually by July 31

USA Gymnastics Professional Membership: Renew by July 31

USA Gymnastics Background Check: Renew by July 31 if your cycle expires this year

USA Gymnastics Safety Certification: Renew by July 31 if your cycle expires this year

NAWGJ Professional Membership: Renew by July 31

Events:

August – December: USA Gymnastics Developmental Program Compulsory Testing
Is in progress. Be sure to take the Compulsory Exam.

September 1: Enter availability for judging meets in Gymjas

September 12: Region 4 Virtual Symposium, 12 pm. (5-7 Clinic Hours)

September 15: Regional PIFs are due

September 25: Assigning committee will begin assigning meets

September 25: Judges Optional Exam – Energym – (Contact Linda for more specifics)

September 26: Illinois USA Gymnastics State Congress, Energym

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
LINDA MCDONALD**

September has arrived and a new season is just around the corner! There is still much uncertainty as a new mask mandate was set in place for August 30. With a positive attitude we are moving forward in hopes of a safe and successful gymnastics season. Once again there will be an in-person State Congress! The clinic is CPE eligible and will be held Sunday, September 26 at Energym Gymnastics in Sycamore Illinois. The cost of the clinic will be covered by ILNAWGJ for all members who wish to attend. Contact Kathy Gebhardt, educationgeb@gmail.com to register for the State Congress. A schedule of events will be sent when available.

Your assigning committee is meeting on Saturday, September 25 to assign October, November, December and possibly January. Please make sure you have passed your compulsory exam by Friday, September 24 to be eligible for assignment. There is no need to send your results to me or Kathy Krebs. I will be pulling the list of people who have passed the exam from USAG and providing the list to the assigners. To be eligible for assignment you must also be up to date with all memberships. Your Gymjas profile must show your current expiration dates. Your profile must also have your address, cell phone number, and email. It is your professional responsibility to make sure everything is current and present in Gymjas. Update your profile and availability ASAP!

Remember, October 31 is the deadline for judges with the \$200 Judges Cup benefit to send receipts to Sue Woloszyk for reimbursement. Mini code and test reimbursement deadline is December 31. Your memberships and address must be current in Gymjas for reimbursement.

As we begin a new season, remember **CANON 9: A judge should not solicit meets for herself/himself or for others**. I recently saw on facebook a judge from another state soliciting herself for an Illinois meet. Do not solicit yourself or others. If a meet director asks you as a meet referee to find them judges, this is soliciting. Kindly inform the meet director that this is against our rules. Meet directors may call whomever they chose to judge their meet as per USAG Rules and Policies. However, meet referees, this does not fall under your duties and is a violation of Canon #9.

**A NOTE FROM THE ASSIGNERS – BROOKE BENNETT,
HEATHER FORBES, BILLY GURIN**

As the 2021-2022 season quickly approaches, your assigning committee wanted to take a moment to address some of the “finer” points of assigning. We have listed them - in no particular order - for you below:

- Make sure all of your memberships (NAWGJ, USAG, NGA, etc.) are up-to-date and entered into the Gymjas system.

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- Enter your availability into Gymjas as soon as possible. Our first assigning meeting is scheduled for the end of September, so your availability should be entered prior to that point.
- We will be following all USA gymnastics guidelines when assigning meets. That means that those who have tested and passed the new compulsory exam will be assigned first. Linda will be providing us with a list of those individuals.
- When indicating your preferences for meet, please do NOT select more than half of the meets on a weekend. A preference for all meets is the same as a no preference. If, however, there is a meet that you do NOT want to be assigned to, please indicate that in the comments section.
- Kathy Krebs will be keeping a spreadsheet of assignments with “perfect matches.” Judge requests and the requested judges by the Meet Director will be highlighted when appropriate. If you have any questions regarding assignments, she may be able to help clarify things via this tool.
- Your NAWGJ Governing Board has come up with an abridged version of last year’s “Ten for Ten.” These FIVE expectations were sent to each of the Meet Directors to either agree or disagree. This information will be made available for anyone that is interested in what each Meet Director will or will not be abiding by.
- The FIVE expectations are as follows:
 - Individual hotel rooms for each judge.
 - Adequate and clean space for judges at their judging table.
 - Request that coaches avoid the judges’ table (i.e. using writing utensils, sitting in judges’ chairs, leaving coffee cups/other beverages and garbage on the judges’ table, etc.)
 - Limit meet volunteers circulating at judges’ table to minimize interactions with judges.
 - Commit to follow local, state, and CDC guidelines.

We are all looking forward to another amazing season and cannot wait to get things started!



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MEMBERSHIPS		MINIMUM AGE	USA GYMNASTICS BACKGROUND CHECK	U110: U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT COURSE	U101: SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT COURSE	U113: SAFE-SPORT POLICY COURSE <small>Must be completed by Nov. 1, 2021</small>	U112: TOUGH COACHING OR EMOTIONAL ABUSE COURSE <small>Must be completed by Jan. 1, 2022</small>	CONCUSSION EDUCATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT	U100: FUNDAMENTALS OF GYMNASTICS INSTRUCTION COURSE	MEET DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION <small>For Acrobatic and Women disciplines only</small>
Formerly known as Professional Member	Competitive Coach	16	✓ 18+	✓ 18+	✓	✓ 18+	✓ 18+	✓ 18+	✓	
	Judge	16	✓ 18+	✓ 18+	✓	✓ 18+				
	Organizational Owner / Managing Director	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	Meet Director	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Formerly known as Instructor Member	Recreational Coach	14	✓ 18+	✓ 18+		✓ 18+	✓ 18+	✓ 18+		
	Photographer / Videographer	18	✓	✓		✓				
	Medical	18	✓	✓						
	Volunteer	14		✓ 18+						
	Athlete	N/A		✓ 18+						

*An individual may hold more than one membership type. **Additional education requirements may be required based on the discipline that the coach or judge participates in.