

September,  
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# ILNAWGJ NOTES

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Welcome to a new season! You have many tasks to complete before you can start judging.

- Renew your memberships and complete all course work for memberships
- Order your Code of Points for the Developmental Program and Xcel Program
- Complete the on-line written test for your level
- Take the practical test (you must register for the test two weeks before the exam)
- Enter availability in assigning system
- Accept contracts in a timely manner

## **DID YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIPS? THEY EXPIRED ON JULY 31.**

### **Membership Renewals:**

Safe Sport Certification: Must be renewed annually after August 1

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

NGA Membership: Join/renew on August 1

AAU Membership: Join/renew on August 15

### **Events:**

Written tests are available on-line at [usagym.org](http://usagym.org) whenever you are ready to test. A complete list of testing sites can be found on [usagym.org](http://usagym.org).

Practical Exams will be given in the following cities.

- September 4: Kalamazoo, Michigan
- September 16: Indianapolis, Indiana
- September 17: West Des Moines, Iowa
- October 15: DeKalb, IL.

October 15: First assigning meeting

October 16: Illinois USA Gymnastics Congress at Energym—DeKalb, IL

November 11: Second assigning meeting

November 11-13: Judges Cup

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)

### Where Can I Find Help For Testing? – Kathy Krebs

NAWGJ.org is the primary source for testing information. There are practice tests, practice clips, practice videos for all levels. Currently NAWGJ is offering practice sessions (Round 1) for each event in preparation for the Level 10 practical. Round 2 is set to debut in October. There are also practice videos for Level 7, 8, and 9. Winnie Witten and many other judges have posted quizzes, charts, judging forms and many other valuable tools to assist in test preparation.

“Flipping Education” is accepting registration for a series of judging sessions that features Xcel judging.

Utube also has many clips for skill identification and practice judging.

### SAD NEWS TO SHARE

It is with deep sympathy that I share with you the passing of Sue Woloszyk’s sister. Patricia Ziemba passed on August 5, 2022 from a rare form of Bile Duct Cancer. Patricia and her daughter reside in Anchorage, Alaska. Sue and another sister, Janet, were able to spend 7 days with their sister Patricia just before her 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Sue wants to thank all of her friends and judging colleagues who reached out and gave kind words to help Sue and her family through this difficult time. Keep Sue and family in your thoughts and prayers.

### NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOUR SJD – Linda McDonald

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer of studying and is ready for a great upcoming season! Remember as per USAG, those with optional ratings through 2026 are to be assigned before those with an optional rating expiring 12/31/22. If you have not yet completed your testing, please do so before the first assigning meeting October 15<sup>th</sup>. The next exam in Illinois will be on October 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the assigning meeting. Results are immediate so those testing on that day will be eligible for assignment with a passing grade. If you need an exam prior to October 15<sup>th</sup>, check the surrounding states. There is a test in Michigan September 4<sup>th</sup>, Indianapolis September 16 and Iowa September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please have your availability up to date for the year. Perfect matches for all meets will be done at the first assigning meeting. The assigners will then assign as many meets as time permits. A second meeting will take place at Judges Cup November 11<sup>th</sup>. The majority of the remaining or all the remaining meets will be assigned at that time.

It is your responsibility to have your personal information, availability, and all membership expirations up to date in Gymjas. Looking forward to a great season!!!

## FINANCIAL NEWS – Sue Woloszyk

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Our season is less than 2 months away and several of you have completed your Optional testing –

Congrats to all!

I just wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming deadlines for reimbursement and guidelines.

- Please remember that you must send ACTUAL RECEIPTS. The NAWGJ National office does not allow me to accept Credit card statements, packing receipts or anything that is NOT a RECEIPT.
- If someone bought the item on your behalf, you can both be reimbursed but I need to have written agreement from the person who **PAID** to identify that the book was bought by Judge name 1 and Judge name 2 paid me back for the purchase of their book.
- I cannot accept PICTURES of receipts. Please save the receipts as PDF files and email them to me at [financialsuew@gmail.com](mailto:financialsuew@gmail.com) or mail them via USPS to my home address.
- Do not send reimbursement requests to my personal email address.
- After your check is written, it has to be sent to Linda for signature. I do one mailing a week to Linda unless I have a ton checks to send. This means it can take about a 7-10 days upon receipt of your request for your check to be received by you. Unless one of us is on vacation, we are very quick to get your money back to you.

**1. DEADLINE OCTOBER 31, 2022** – Many of you have earned benefits from working at Judges Cup 2021 last year, that remain UNCLAIMED. 31 JUDGES still need to claim your \$200 Educational Benefit as of Aug 27 th . If you cannot remember if you are one of the 31 judges, send me an email at [financialsuew@gmail.com](mailto:financialsuew@gmail.com) Also, if you are one of the 10 people who did not register/attend ANY Congress but still earned the Registration benefit and you attended one of the Flipping Education courses, you CAN claim that as your Registration Benefit. **Go to our ILNAWGJ.com website and print out the reimbursement form and send to me before Oct 31 st !**

### **2. DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 2023 - OPTIONAL TESTING REIMBURSEMENT -**

- a. First if you are NOT testing for an Optional rating, you cannot claim **ANY** of this reimbursement.

**b.** If you have NOT taken the test, you must wait until AFTER you take BOTH tests. **You do not have to PASS to claim reimbursement, you just need to have TAKEN the test.**

**c.** I do not need to know if you passed or failed. Not my business but hope you all do pass on your first try!

**d.** Receipts can only be used for one reimbursement. So, if you are claiming mileage to the Congress/Test for your \$200 Educational benefit from JC2021, then you cannot use that receipt again UNLESS the amount of the receipt is OVER the amount needed. For example, you went 400 miles to Congress **to test** ( $400 \times 0.625 = \$250$ ). The \$200 can be used for JC2021 Educational Benefit (for Congress, if you earned it) and the \$50 can be used towards your testing benefit of the additional \$225. Again, you must provide receipts for all BOOKS, mileage (mapquest).

**e.** You CANNOT claim FOOD or drinks for reimbursement. Parking, Hotel costs and Mileage can be used for the \$225 Testing benefit as well as other educational benefits that you have not claimed in the past.

**f.** Although I prefer to receive all receipts in one request, you can separately ask for some of the money and then later submit the rest of the receipts later as long as you are before the deadline, but you have to have tested to do so.

**g. The form to submit is on the ILNAWGJ.com website.**

**If you have any questions, email me at [financialsuew@gmail.com](mailto:financialsuew@gmail.com) – the sooner the better as the 22-23 season is 2 months away!**

Best of luck in testing!

Sue Woloszyk  
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