

"IN"

Newsletter

DECEMBER 2023

WWW.ILNAWGJ.COM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 5 - ILNAWGJSGC online meeting
- Dec 15 - Region 5 – Regional Green Flag Award announced
- Jan 5th-7th - National Judges Cup - Tinley Park
- February 3rd - Need Judges!
- February 24th-25th - Need Judges!

Have you...

- looked at GymJas?
- updated any changes to your availability including April & May
- updated your affiliation?
- accepted meets?
- created contracts?

It is much appreciated when these steps are done in a timely manner.

TOP NEWS

- NEED JUDGES FOR FEBRUARY 3RD IN DECATUR -
 - ILNAWGJASSIGNORSUSAN@GMAIL.COM
- MEET REFEREES, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SEND MEET INFORMATION & ASSIGNMENTS TO THE ASSIGNER ON THAT WEEKEND.
- REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM INFO FOUND ON PAGE 3
- HELPFUL REMINDERS FOR THE COMPETITION SEASON ON PAGE 3
- PLEASE UPDATE THE STATUS OF YOUR AFFILIATION AS WELL AS AVAILABILITY.
- BE SURE TO FRESHEN UP ON THE CHANGES IN THE AAU PROGRAM. LINK ON PAGE 4. ALL NAWGJ JUDGES CAN ALSO JUDGE AAU MEETS.
- AAU HAS A NEW INTRODUCTORY LEVEL CALLED XCEL COPPER.
- THE ANSWER TO THE QUIZ IS "C".

Congratulations to those judges receiving Regional Assignments:

Level 9/10
Regionals:

- Mary Lou Ackman
- Sue McNamara-Brosnan
- Heather Forbes

Level 6/7/8
Regionals:

- Billy Gurin
- Sharon Sargeant
- Shane Sanders
- Cindy Morano
- Renee Tubbs

XCEL
Regionals:

- Hilary Carlson
- Cheryl Schuh
- Sue Schneider
- Richard Sabel
- Sue Woloszyk

Are you a new judge & need a mentor?

Christi Kearns our Education Chairperson would love to help you.

educationchristi@gmail.com



Judges Cup 2023



Thank You!!!

A huge thank you to all who worked Judges Cup. The meet was a huge success and it was all thanks to all of you!

You are all amazing judges! I feel blessed to be the Judges Cup Chair for the state of Illinois.

-Sharon Sargeant

Highlights of 2023

- 740 GYMNASTS
- 24 CLUBS INCLUDING A TEAM FROM MICHIGAN
- 55 JUDGES
- \$500 IN DONATIONS FROM CLUBS THAT COULD NOT ATTEND
- OVERALL INCOME - \$132,805
- OVERALL EXPENSES - \$91,923
- OVERALL NET - \$40,882
- THESE EARNINGS WILL BE USED FOR OUR OPERATING BUDGET AND DEPOSITS FOR JUDGES CUP 2024
- ILNAWGJSGC MEETING ON DEC 5TH WILL VOTE ON EDUCATION FUND TRANSFER
- A TOTAL OF OVER 100,000 STEPS FOR HEATHER AND SHARON FOR THE WEEKEND!

FEEDBACK Please!

While you are all thinking of it, please let me know the jobs you enjoyed doing, the jobs that you did not enjoy doing & the jobs you would have liked to have been assigned to. Email feedback to: judgescupsharon@gmail.com.

Jobs to think about:
Awards, T-shirts, Admissions, Hospitality, Timing, Inputting, Judging & Critiquing

Changes for Next Year...

I am looking for 3 people who would all enjoy being in the hospitality room for 1 day each next year. So if you feel that would be your calling, please let me know ASAP.

I have already formed a critiquing committee who will develop criteria to help the judges who critique. Thank you Renee Tubbs & Amy Delaney! So please let me know if you would like to do critiquing!

We already received some great feedback on how to improve things, but we need your ideas to keep coming. So please email me with your ideas! We are meeting as a board on December 5 to look at all of these ideas & use them to start working on the 2024 Judges' Cup.

Reminders from your SJD...

As season takes off, just a few reminders on assigning, preparation and professionalism.

Are you ready for
the 2023/24 season?



ASSIGNING

- Please remember to keep your availability up to date in GymJas as there are still some weekends that are being assigned/problem solved.
- Use preference to indicate which meet you'd prefer to judge. Selecting multiple meets for the same weekend does NOT indicate a preference.
- Use the comments section when you are available, but know you will be getting assigned elsewhere (i.e. out of state, regional, national)
- The expectation is that you will accept/create contracts within 2 weeks of receiving the assignment. If there is an issue, then reach out to the assigning committee immediately. Do not wait for them to reach out to you; they already have enough work.
- assignors can be reached at the following emails :
assignerbilly@gmail.com, ilnawgjassignorsusan@gmail.com, & assignercheryl@gmail.com



PREPARATION

- Be sure to keep all your materials up to date.
- If you haven't judged an event this year, double check all the updates/changes even at the compulsory levels as there have been changes.
- Don't forget we have an entire new level in the Xcel program. Recent issues of the IN include links to this year's updates and are available on ILNAWGJ.com
- Please remember to wear your uniform, when required. If it is a theme meet, ensure that what you have selected is youth sport appropriate.
- If something different, unusual or crazy happens at a meet, please consult with your meet referee before taking action. If they don't know the answer, then they should reach out to SJD. It can be helpful to share these incidents, so that others may learn and/or we can find an answer from USA Gymnastics/NAWGJ.

PROFESIONALISM

- Remember the NAWGJ Code of Professional Responsibility while at a meet. You are representing yourself, NAWGJ, Illinois and Region 5.
- No cell phones at the judging table. (If an emergency arises, please leave competition area briefly and communicate with meet ref)
- If you are judging on an iPad/tablet it should be in airplane mode.
- Speaking with coaches should be minimal and limited to quick answers. If you are needing to explain an entire routine they should be submitting an inquiry.

SAVE THE DATE

September 28-29, 2024
Noblesville, Indiana

REGION 5

SYMPOSIUM

Heartbeat of Region 5

Location:

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Noblesville Indianapolis
Conference Center



Room Rate (QR code):
\$199+tax/night
Cutoff date is August 28

All levels of judging!
Offering up to 10 CPE
hours!

R5S2024



Price:

Early Bird: \$150 before May 31
Price increase to \$175 on June 1

Registration coming soon!



AAU has 2 new programs
which you may be
judging at meets !

XCEL Copper
(intro level)
&
Boys 4X4

Click on link to get full details of rules

[LINK to Updated AAU Rules](#)

QUIZ TIME

**SCENARIO: BALANCE BEAM - A LEVEL 3 GYMNAST
PERFORMS A HEEL SNAP 1/2 TURN, ARABESQUE
FOLLOWED BY A STRETCH JUMP, STRETCH JUMP.**

**Which one is the correct answer for
deductions to take?**

- A)** execution of all skills performed and a flat 0.30 for reversing the order
- B)** execution of all skills performed, double the value of the 2 stretch jumps missing prior to the arabesque and 0.60 for adding 2 stretch jumps after the arabesque
- C)** execution of all skills performed and double the value of the 2 stretch jumps missing prior to the arabesque
- D)** execution of the arabesque and double the value of the 2 stretch jumps missing prior to the arabesque



HINT

Compulsory routines are set and you must judge in the order the routine is presented in the book.

Answer is the last bullet point in the TOP NEWS section on page 1

ARE YOU A NEW MEET REF ?

I JUST FOUND OUT I'M A MEET REFEREE.
WHAT DO I DO?
HERE ARE GREAT LINKS TO HELP...

[IL MEET REFEREE CHECKLIST](#)

[IL MEET REFEREE JUDGES MEETING TEMPLATE](#)

ARE YOU A NEW JUDGE ?

Please contact me, Christi Kearns if you are a new judge. I can help assign you to a mentor!

educationchristi@gmail.com

Link to Updates

<https://nawgj.org/https-usagym-org/updates/>

NATIONAL LINKS

- [Category Description & Eligibility Criteria - USA Brevet & National](#)
- [Brevet Course Eligibility Form](#)
- [National Course Eligibility Form](#)
- [Documentation - USA Brevet & National](#)
- [Activity Involvement - USA Brevet & National](#)
- [Leadership Approval Form - USA Brevet & National Eligibility Course- Leadership Credit](#)

"IN"



IMPORTANT TECHNICAL LINKS

- [Joint Xcel/Technical Committee meeting minutes - May 16, 2023](#)
- [Xcel Committee minutes - May 16-17, 2023](#)
- [Joint Dev Program/Technical Meeting Minutes - May 15, 2023](#)
- [Dev Program Committee meeting minutes - May 15, 2023](#)
- [Technical Committee minutes - May 15-17, 2023](#)

IL NAWGJ Committee Contact Information

- Heather Forbes - State Judging Director (SJD)
 - ilsjdheather@gmail.com
- Tanya Chmielewski- Administrative Assistant
 - tanya.ilnawgjadmassist@gmail.com
- Christi Kearns-Education Chairperson
 - educationchristi@gmail.com
- Sharon Sargeant- Judges Cup
 - judgescupsharon@gmail.com
- Sue Woloszyk-Financial Assistant
 - financialsuew@gmail.com
- Richard Sabel - Webmaster
 - ilwebmasterrichard@gmail.com
- Billy Gurin- Assignor
 - assignerbilly@gmail.com
- Sue Brosnan - Assignor
 - ilnawgjassignorsusan@gmail.com
- Cheryl Schuh - Assignor
 - assignercheryl@gmail.com