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Newsletter

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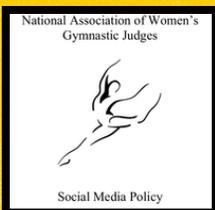
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 1 - Oct 31 - Reimbursements can be submitted for Education Package during "testing year" 2026
- Apr 6 - IL NAWGJ SGC online meeting



Need help studying?

- IL NAWGJ SGC will be hosting Wednesday Evening online Zoom sessions after the new code is published.
- The online study group will focus on the practical portion of the Optional exam.
- Stay tuned for additional details.



LINK TO
NAWGJ'S SOCIAL
MEDIA POLICY

TOP NEWS

- STATE & REGIONAL MEETS REQUIRE OFFICIAL UNIFORM! NO SWEATERS OR OTHER UNIFORM PIECES MAY BE WORN.
- CLARIFICATION OF 2025 JUDGES CUP BENEFITS VERSUS 2026 EDUCATION BENEFITS ON PAGE 2.
- REGION 5 NEEDS YOUR HELP! PLEASE SEE PAGE 3 TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.
- NAWGJ HAS A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY. PLEASE CLICK THE LINK ON THIS PAGE TO REVIEW.
- NATIONAL/BREVET EXAM INFORMATION ON PAGE 4.

*Do you have
Judge concerns?*

Click on this link to
complete the form to
voice your concerns.



JUDGES CUP BENEFITS



EDUCATION BENEFITS

2025 JUDGES CUP BENEFITS

These benefits were earned at Judges Cup 2025. You must use these benefits prior to **10/31/2026**. Based on how many sessions you worked determines what you are eligible for:

- If you worked 1 Session- you received 4 volunteer CPE hours
- If you worked 2-5 Sessions- you received 4 volunteer CPE hours and your NAWGJ Dues paid
- If you worked 6 Sessions- you received 4 volunteer CPE hours, NAWGJ Dues paid, educational opportunity (paid at early bird, group rate), \$250 towards reimbursable expenses,
 - Educational opportunity = i.e. national congress, regional congress, state congress, Flipping Education, Symposium - If you are unsure, please ask
 - Reimbursable expenses= i.e hotel for congress, travel to congress, uniform from Lands End, official (NAWGJ, USAG, NGA, AAU, GIJO approved) judging aids, memberships to organizations - if you are unsure, please ask

2026 EDUCATION BENEFITS

All members of IL-NAWGJ are eligible for these benefits. You must use these benefits prior to 10/31/2026. You are eligible to receive:

- First optional test- this includes both written and practical. If you are testing National it will include the required course
- USAG Developmental Code of Points- this will be electronic and you must provide a receipt
- \$400 towards reimbursable expenses
 - Examples- registration to congress, hotel for congress, travel to Congress, uniform from Lands End, official (NAWGJ, USAG, NGA, AAU, GIJO approved) judging aids, iPad (up to \$399), memberships to organizations- if you are unsure, please ask

There are Google forms available on the website and in the monthly IN that you must fill out to be reimbursed. There is also a Google form to register for Congress. Our first deadline is FEBRUARY 3rd. Please complete the form.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE
GOOGLE FORM TO SIGN-
UP FOR CONGRESS](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE
GOOGLE FORM FOR
MEMBERSHIP
REIMBURSEMENTS](#)

THANKS EVERYONE AND THANKS IL-NAWGJ FOR PROVIDING SUCH GREAT BENEFITS



VOLUNTEERS! NEEDED

Region 5 will be having all of our Regional meets soon! Now is the time to help Region 5 and get some of your volunteer credits completed! You can earn a max of 4 credits for the National Course 2030; 1 credit per session. You can also earn CPE credits. Please bring your documents with you to get signed.

We know how hard it is to find Regional volunteer opportunities so if there is one close to you, please volunteer!



- Level 9/10 Regionals - April 10-12 Columbus, OH (Greater Columbus Convention Center)*
- Level 6-8 Regionals - April 17-19 Fort Wayne, IN (Turnstone)*
- Xcel Regionals - April 24-26 Louisville, KY (Norton Healthcare Sports and Learning Center).*



The Link to Volunteer for Level 6-8 or 9-10 Regionals is below. The schedule will not be available until late March, so the session numbers each day are a guess! Once the schedule is complete will have definite times for you. Please reach out to her if you have any questions.

Please complete this by April 3rd if you would like to volunteer.

*Level 6-8 Regionals Volunteer
LINK TO SIGN-UP FORM*

*Level 9-10 Regionals Volunteer
LINK TO SIGN-UP FORM*

**HELP
PLEASE
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Xcel volunteer information coming soon!

USA GYMNASTICS WAG Brevet/National EXAM INFORMATION – 2026



REGISTRATION DETAILS

Two separate registrations are required:

- Written Exam: **\$110**
- Practical Exam: **\$110**

Practical Exam registration requires a site selection. Selection based on each individual's schedule and needs.

CATEGORIES 1–3 & RETURNING CATEGORY 4

WRITTEN EXAM

- Registration Opens: **Late April 2026**
- Includes:
 - J501 Study Materials
 - One (1) Written Exam; online at home
- Exam Window: **May 27 – June 17 (3 weeks only)**
- Retake:
 - One (1) additional attempt online at home within the 3-week window
 - Fee: **\$30**



PRACTICAL EXAM

- Registration Opens: **Late April 2026**
- Includes:
 - In-Person Mock Exam
 - In-Person Practical Exam
- Results:
 - Determined by Category and per Event
 - May require a **Professional Improvement Plan (PIP)**
- Education:
 - ALL **PIP's** will be administered online at home, and set to open **July 2026**
- **Note: NO** Practical exam retake required for these categories.

NEW CATEGORY 4

WRITTEN EXAM

- Registration Opens: **Late April 2026**
- Includes:
 - J501 Study Materials
 - One (1) In-Person Written Exam
- Retake:
 - One (1) in-person retake allowed
 - Fee: **\$30**

PRACTICAL EXAM

- Registration Opens: **Late April 2026**
- Includes:
 - In-Person Mock Exam
 - In-Person Practical Exam
- Retake:
 - One (1) in-person retake allowed
 - Fee: **\$30**



DEVELOPMENT CODE OF POINTS

- Digital launch: **Late April 2026**
- Cost: **\$80**



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!

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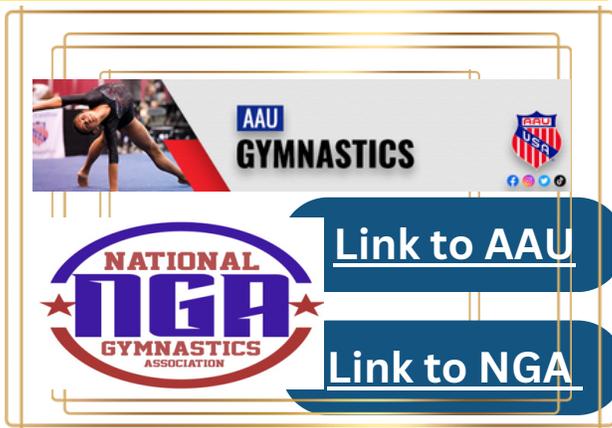
Link to Updates

<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](#)

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IMPORTANT COMMITTEE LINKS

- [Joint Xcel/Technical Committee minutes from May 13, 2025](#)
- [Xcel Committee minutes from May 13-14, 2025](#)
- [Joint Dev. Program/Technical Committee minutes from May 12, 2025](#)
- [Dev. Program Committee minutes from May 12-13, 2025](#)
- [Technical Committee minutes from May 12-14, 2025](#)

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