

**"IN"****Newsletter****MAY 2026**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Jan 1 - Oct 31 - Reimbursements can be submitted for Education Package during "testing year" 2026.
- May 4 - IL NAWGJ SGC online meeting
- May 31 - CPE form due to Mary Lou: [financeackman@gmail.com](mailto:financeackman@gmail.com)
- Jun 19-21 - Region 4/5 Congress - Lombard, IL

**THANK YOU !!****Level 9/10/3 State**

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 Betty Axelson  
 Karin Rousey  
 Amy Delaney  
 Connie Rodriguez  
 Sue Schneider

**Level 6-8 State**

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**XCEL State**  
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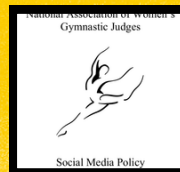
***YOUR TIME VOLUNTEERING AT AN ILLINOIS STATE COMPETITION WAS EXTREMELY APPRECIATED.***

**BREAKING NEWS****WAG JUDGES CPE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Beginning June 1, 2027, the CPE recording year will permanently run from June 1 through May 31

**TOP NEWS**

- [CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO : WAG JUDGES CPE ANNOUNCEMENT.](#)
- HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR CPE YET? PLEASE USE THIS CPE FORM AND SEND TO MARY LOU. ([LINK TO CPE FORM](#))
- CLARIFICATION OF 2025 JUDGES CUP BENEFITS VERSUS 2026 EDUCATION BENEFITS ON PAGE 3.
- NAWGJ HAS A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY. PLEASE CLICK THE LINK ON THIS PAGE TO REVIEW.
- NATIONAL/BREVET EXAM INFORMATION AS WELL AS LINK TO L6-10 EXAM INFORMATION ON PAGE 4.
- THE NEW CODE IS HERE!!! SEE PAGE 2.



**LINK TO NAWGJ'S SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

**Click on this link to complete a form to voice any Judges concerns.**



# It's Here!



Link to  
**NEW DEV**  
**OPTIONAL CODE**  
**OF POINTS**

## Key Info

- The Code is digital
- You can download onto:
  - 1) Ipad iOS 18 or greater
  - 2) Amazon Fire OS 8 or greater
- Cost of Code of Points is \$80.00
- It **does not yet** include the illustrations or the Table of Elements.
- There should be an update in about 4-5 weeks.

## Need help studying?

- IL NAWGJ SGC will be hosting Wednesday evening online Zoom sessions starting May 20th.
- The online study group will focus on the practical portion of the Optional exam.
- Stay tuned for additional details.

## Reimbursement **INFORMATION**

Reimbursement for both the Code of Points and Testing will be given in one single check.

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please complete the form.

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

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GOOGLE FORM FOR  
MEMBERSHIP  
REIMBURSEMENTS](#)

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

# 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

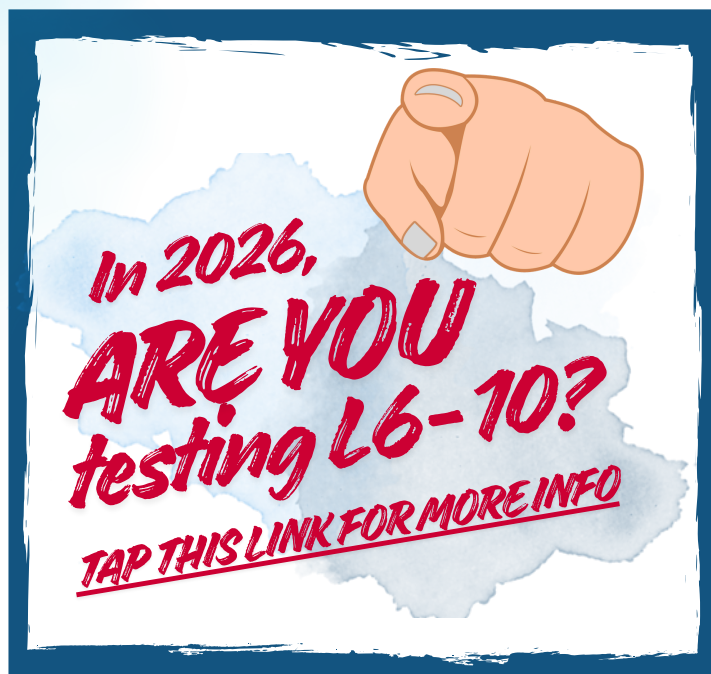
- Registration Opens: **Late April 2026**
- Includes:
  - J501 Study Materials
  - One (1) In-Person Written Exam
- Retake:
  - One (1) in-person retake allowed
  - Fee: **\$30**

### 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!*

[educationchristi@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)

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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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