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NOVEMBER 2026

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 1 - Oct 31 - Reimbursements can be submitted for Education Package during "testing year" 2026.
- Nov 3 - IL NAWGJ SGC Online Meeting
- Nov 6-8 - Illinois Judges Cup 2026 - Bourbonnais, IL
- Dec 31 - Old credentials expire today
- Jan 8-10 - National Judges Cup 2027 - Niagara Falls, NY

TOP NEWS

- IL JUDGES CUP - NOV 6TH-8TH
- EDUCATIONAL CLINIC IN THE EVENING AT JUDGES CUP ON SATURDAY, NOV 7TH.
- IMPORTANT JUDGES CUP 2026 INFORMATION, INCLUDING JC BENEFITS FOUND ON PAGE 2.
- ASSIGNING PROTOCOLS FOR IL-NAWGJ ON PAGE 3.
- LINK TO HUGS RULES ON PAGE 4.
- LINK TO AAU RULES ON PAGE 4.
- CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO : WAG JUDGES CPE ANNOUNCEMENT.

YIPPEE!

NEW JUDGE !!

Karen Chew

- Level 4/5 -

Great Job !!

Morgan Lelia - Level 8

HAS SUCCESFULLY LEVELED UP

Green Flag Award

-2025 Winner-

Sue Brosnan-McNamara

will be presented @Judges Cup 2026

DON'T FORGET

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JUDGES CUP

11/6/26 - 11/8/26

See you soon!

Congratulations

-2026 Winner-

Mary Lou Ackman

is this year's Illinois Green Flag Award Winner

Judges Cup 2026

A letter from your Judges Cup Chair...

Hi!

Hope you all had a great summer! Can't believe season is right around the corner.

This is the biggest Illinois Judges Cup ever so we need as many judges as possible to work all 3 days. It is November 6-8, 2026 in Bourbonnais, IL.

Each judge working at least 2 days will receive 2 short sleeve t-shirts. If you are working only 1 day, you will receive 1 short sleeve t-shirt. If you need to wear a shirt under it because you are cold, the shirt underneath must be white. We have a NEW LOGO this year, so no wearing anything you have received in the past. Black (or navy if you do not have black) pants are to be worn. No jeans & no leggings. The Judges Cup t-shirts from this year are the required uniform for this meet.

You do NOT need to print your mileage anymore.

As you can see from the benefits chart on the next page, you only have to work 7 sessions to receive the 2027 National Symposium paid for at the extra early bird rate with group registration.

Sharon Sargeant
IL Judges Cup Chair
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JUDGES CUP COMPENSATION 2026

Criteria	Benefit	Notes
First 3 hours of Judges Cup for each judge	• Judges Cup 2026 apparel • Mileage/tolls to and from 2026 Judges cup reimbursed with receipts • Hotel room will be covered	Mileage will not be printed at event
Work 3+ hours at Judges Cup	• Receive NAWGJ membership paid • Will be paid the USAG contracted rate	*those working admissions/hospitality/will have either later start or earlier finish for their session time-
Work 7 sessions or more	• National Symposium will be paid and registered at super early bird group rate Deadline to register 1/20/27	*if can't attend symposium, please reach out to SJD
	• CPE Clinics available Saturday Night • CPE Clinics available Sunday Morning	



Benefits available through 10/1/27

IL-NAWGJ Compensation to members only

ASSIGNING PROTOCOLS
2026-2027 IL-NAWGJ

ELIGIBILITY:

- **Must be available in GymJas at time of assigning meeting. If a judge is requested and not available, assignor on record will contact the judge to confirm availability.**
- **Must have the appropriate rating for the meet taking into consideration the number of judges requested and meet format. ILNAWGJ will follow the best practices established by USAG.**
- **Must be a member in good standing with NAWGJ and USAG (NGA, AAU if necessary). All memberships and certifications must be current AND updated in GymJas.**
- **If a contract is canceled by a judge, your eligibility is moved to the end of the list. (special exceptions-funerals, illness)**

PROCEDURES:

- **Assign judges based on meet director requests entered into GymJas and judge preferences on day of assigning. Requests made after initial assigning will not be guaranteed.**
- **After meet director requests and judge preferences have been exhausted, assigning will default to the existing assigning process until the remaining judge positions are filled.**
- **Other considerations for assigning such as proximity to the meet site and number of meets already assigned to each judge.**
- **Contracts not signed within 7 days can be removed by the assigning committee.**
- **Out of State judges will only be assigned at the written request of the meet DIRECTOR in GymJas OR if no other Illinois judges in good standing and/or with the required rating are available at the time of assigning.**
- **If an out-of-state meet referee is requested, it is the responsibility of the meet director to ensure the out-of-state meet referee follows IL-procedures. Illinois Meet Referee responsibilities.**
- **A contract can only be canceled by the assigning committee under limited circumstances (i.e. a change of dates/level, a decrease in the number of judges requested due to registration). The meet director must inform the assigner on record in writing what changes are occurring and if applicable which contracts will be canceled.**
- **Please refer to R&P (p. 25 section G) regarding additional information about modifications and cancellations of contracts.**

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Here is your Judging Checklist

- PURCHASE NEW DIGITAL CODE OF POINTS
- STUDY AND UNDERSTAND ALL NEW CHANGES IN THE CODE
- COMPLETE WRITTEN AND PRACTICAL TESTS FOR APPROPRIATE OPTIONAL LEVEL
- UPDATE PROFILE IN GYMJAS
- UPDATE AVAILABILITY IN GYMJAS
- UPDATE YOUR USAG AND NAWGJ PROFILE(NAWGJ.ORG) TO INCLUDE AFFILIATION AS A NAWGJ REGION 5 MEMBER
- RESPOND TO CONTRACTS ITHIN 7 DAYS OR RISK EING REPLACED

BREAKING NEWS

Digital CPE Form for 2026-2027

Here is the LINK

NEW!

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026, THE IRS BUSINESS STANDARD MILEAGE RATE IS 76.0 CENTS PER MILE.

Link to HUGS Rules



AAU Updates

Click the appropriate link below...

AAU GIRLS GYMNASTICS NATIONAL PROGRAM ALLOWANCES AND PENALTIES

- Copper
- Boys 4X4
- Youth Open Optional
- Specal Stars

USAG UPDATES

IMPORTANT COMMITTEE LINKS

- Joint Xcel/Technical Committee minutes from May 12, 2026
- Xcel Committee minutes from May 12-13, 2026
- Joint Dev. Program/Technical Committee minutes from May 11, 2026
- Dev. Program Committee minutes from May 11, 2026
- Technical Committee minutes from May 11-13, 2026

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 Eligibilty 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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Link to AAU

NATIONAL NGA GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

Link to NGA

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