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SEPTEMBER 2026

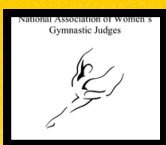
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 1 - Oct 31 - Reimbursements can be submitted for Education Package during "testing year" 2026.
- Sep 13 - Email deadline to Heather Forbes if interested in attending National Judges Cup 2027
- Sep 13 - IL NAWGJ SGC In-person meeting
- Sep 26 - MO NAWGJ Fall Judges Clinic - St Charles, MO
- Sep 29 - All updates must be completed to receive any assignments (*i.e., Availability & Profile in GymJas*)
- Sep 29 - First Assigning 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

- UPDATE YOUR PROFILE AND AVAILABILITY IN GYMJAS TODAY!
- ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING NATIONAL JUDGES CUP? SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFO.
- ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING MISSOURI'S FALL JUDGES CLINIC. SEE PAGE 4.
- FOR REIMBURSEMENTS TO BE SUCCESSFULLY PROCESSED, COMPLETE A SEPARATE ONLINE FORM FOR EACH RECEIPT.
- CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO : [WAG JUDGES CPE ANNOUNCEMENT](#).
- EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND PRACTICE TESTS FOR LEVELS 6-10 HAVE BEEN EMAILED TO ALL NAWGJ MEMBERS.
- NAWGJ HAS RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. PLEASE CLICK THE LINK ON THIS PAGE TO REVIEW THE POLICY.
- LINKS FOR REGION 5 CAMP INFO AND INTEREST FORM ON PAGE 3.



LINK TO NAWGJ'S RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

"Rule 8 :Accepting Assignments with Appropriate Ratings/No Solicitation of Meets:
Judges must accept only contracts for meets if they hold the appropriate rating and have fulfilled all required professional responsibilities, unless an exception is obtained in writing from the appropriate authority prior to the event. Judges must not solicit meets."

Save the Date
**IL NAWGJ
JUDGES CUP**
11/6/26 - 11/8/26



USAG UPDATES

IMPORTANT COMMITTEE LINKS

- [Joint Xcel/Technical Committee minutes from May 12, 2026](#)
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Here is your Judging Checklist

Are you
Ready?



- 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 WITHIN 7 DAYS OR RISK BEING REPLACED

NEW!

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

BREAKING NEWS

**Digital CPE Form
for 2026-2027**

Here is the LINK

Link
NATIONAL JC 2027

NAWGJ
**NATIONAL
Judges Cup**

About the National Judges Cup

The National Judges Cup is an annual fundraising invitational to benefit the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges (NAWGJ). Funds raised from this competition are used to further judges' education nationally and support the annual operating budget of the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges.

National Judges Cup

January 8-10, 2027

Hosted by:

NAWGJ & Flips Gymnastics

Niagara Falls Convention Ctr
Niagara Falls, New York



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Our lil' Midwest corner



**DO YOU
KNOW**



**LINK TO
REGION 5**

Training Camps



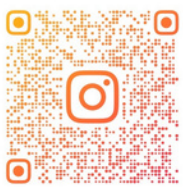
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If you would like to attend a
Region 5 Training Camp
please fill out the information
in the link below.

**I would like to
attend a Region 5
Training Camp!**

**IL USAG
is on
Instagram!**



@ILUSAGWOMEN

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WARNING

**Absolutely NO SOLICITING as a
meet referee or a judge to Meet
Directors. See Rule #8
Rules of Professional Conduct**



MO NAWGJ FALL JUDGE'S CLINIC

September 26, 2026 - LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY
St. Charles, MO

SCHEDULE

9:00AM - NOON - MORNING SESSIONS
12:00 - 1:00 - LUNCH AND LEARN (lunch provided)
1:00 - 5:00PM - AFTERNOON SESSIONS

You will receive **8 CPE** credits for attending the full day.

TOPICS

BREAKING DOWN THE NEW CODE OF POINTS
OPTIONAL FLOOR
SHORTHAND
NAVIGATING GYMNAS
PRACTICE JUDGING
AND SO MUCH MORE!



Please contact Edye at edyekendrick@gmail.com with
any questions, topic suggestions and to REGISTER
Registration Deadline is SEPTEMBER 10TH

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](#)

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