

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE CPE'S???

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CPE's are Continuing Professional Education credits. Every judge who has held a rating before Aug. 1, 2016 and has judged (even one meet) needs to turn one in yearly. Your rating on August 1 determines the level at which you claim CPE's. (Ex: your 4/5 rating was obtained 6/16 and your 7/8 11/1. You need the credits listed for 4/5.)

If you want to judge in 2017-18 and you received a rating before Aug. 1, 2016 and judged in "16-"17 you must turn in the CPE form. That form is found on the USA website (usagymn.org) under women's program and forms. It is called the Annual Continuing Education Record. Fill that out and send it to the State CPE Coordinator, which in IL is me. It is due May 31 but many people need the summer to get credits. As long as it is in by early September the IL assigners don't have a problem assigning you.

If you do not turn in the form you can judge only if **every** judge in the State of IL is unavailable and then you must judge for \$5.00 less an hour than your rating calls for.

There are several ways to get your CPE's.

1. Clinics. These can be State, Regional or National. At the registration desk there will be a form for judges' cpe's. After each session that pertains to judging or gymnastics techniques/mechanics, the clinician will initial your form saying that you were present. The sessions must pertain to judging or coaching technique - not business, pre-school, etc. Almost all sessions are 1 hour, so that's one credit. Keep that form! Do not send it to me.

2. Miscellaneous

a. Coaching. You get a MAXIMUM of 6 credits for coaching, so if you have coached at least 6 hours during the year, you may list coaching. You don't need any documentation for that.

b. In gym with coaches and judges, MAXIMUM of 6 credits. That would be like going to a State or Regional Training Camp - or if you are lucky, to the Ranch!

c. Volunteer. That is if you help with a State or above Congress, help at US Classic, a State or Regional meet, but you cannot be paid for it. MAXIMUM of 4 credits.

d. Video or live practice judging. However, that MUST be pre-approved by the State Judging Director (Linda McDonald) or the USAGymnastics State Committee Chair (Norbert Bendixen).

e. Online courses. If you go to usagym.org/women/education, click on the School of Judging. There are courses you can take that will give you CPE credit. Make sure they say they are eligible for cpe's.

For b, c, and d above, there is a form the person in charge should sign for you. Again, keep that form - don't send it to me!

The CPE Annual Record Form says how many credits you need. You MUST get at least half from clinics, but could get all from clinics.

The reason you keep your signed papers is that each year, USA Gymnastics randomly audits judges. If you are audited, you need to supply USA Gymnastics with the proof of your credits. If you aren't audited by Dec. 15, you won't be, so you don't need to keep those papers any longer (unless you are a Type A!).

This may sound complicated but it really isn't. If you have questions, please contact me - or talk with an experienced judge. WE'RE HERE TO SERVE!!!