

ILNAWGJ MARCH 2007

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IT'S ELECTION TIME!

Right now we have two elections going. We are in the process of electing a Regional Judging Director. There are 3 excellent candidates running: the incumbent Carole Liedtke, Donna Trevathan, and Illinois' own Hilary Carlson. If you are a level 10 or higher rated judge you should have received a ballot in the mail. It must be returned by March 15th.

The State Judging Director election is now upon us. Please read all of the election information included in this newsletter. Here is a list of all eligible candidates: Mary Lou Ackman, Betty Axelson, Sue Brosnan, Hilary Carlson, Samme Cuthbertson, Kathy Elg, Kathy Gebhardt, Judy Harwood, Jeanne Johnson, Mary Kraus, Sandy Oldham, Cathy Peebles, Debbie Pulley, Sharon Sargeant, Deb Tritt, Cyndi Zimmerman. If you have moved here from another state and meet the requirements, or if your name should appear on this list and does not please contact me as soon as possible. The correction will be made.

Candidate Application Forms must be postmarked by April 1st. They are to be returned to the Regional Judging Director, Carole Liedtke, 3100 Elder Park, La Grange, Kentucky 40031

A third election will be held later this spring. The Illinois NAWGJ Board will be up for election. Positions are: North Judges Cup Director, South Judges Cup Director, North Asssigner, South Assigner, Education, Newsletter & website, Treasurer & Professional Benefits Administrator, and Administrative Assistant.



A Word from Connie:

Level 7 Uneven Bar Coaches and Judges Beware!

Some routines from the last cycle WILL NOT fulfill the requirements of this new cycle. Remember Level 7 is now an optional level and a specific number of value parts (2 B's and 5 A's) are required instead of just including certain skill requirements.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Routine #1:

Glide Kip (A), cast (A), clear hip circle (B), glide kip (A), cast (A), clear hip circle (0), glide kip (A) cast squat on (A), long hang kip (A), cast (0) layout flyaway (A)

If both casts on the low bar are the same amplitude (most likely A's), the 2nd clear hip circle is preceded and followed by the same elements as the 1st clear hip circle; therefore, it would not receive VP credit. Since you cannot use an element that does not receive value part credit to fulfill a Special Requirement, this routine would be missing the SR of a 2nd circling element (0.5 deduction) and would also be missing one B, (a 0.3 deduction) for a 9.20 Start Value.

The only way this connection could work is if the 2 casts were performed with different amplitude, causing one to be an A and the other a B.

Routine #2:

Glide kip (A), cast (A), clear hip circle (B), clear hip circle (B), glide kip (A), squat on (A), long hang kip (A), cast (0) layout flyaway (A).

Routine #3:

Glide kip (A), cast (A), clear hip circle (B), glide kip (A), cast squat on (A), long hang kip (A), cast (A) clear hip circle (B), long hang kip (A), cast (0), layout flyaway (A).

Obviously, any routine containing one clear hip circle and one backward giant will easily solve the problem of performing enough B elements.

A word to the wise: Do not assume anything. Judges-always count value parts, especially A's on beam. Coaches-take time to review your athletes' routines to be sure all Difficulty and Special Requirements are met.

Good luck to all gymnasts, coaches and judges as we enter this new cycle. The words for the year are patience and tolerance as well all try to master the new rules. We all will make mistakes along the way; just be sure that you can admit to them, strive to learn from them, and continue to improve yourself.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Hilary Carlson has been awarded Level 9 Eastern Championships and Sandy Oldham is an alternate. Hilary and Sandy are on the Level 9/10 Regional Championships with Hilary as Head Judge on Floor and Sandy on Vault.

Linda McDonald and Jeanne Johnson have been awarded the Level 8 Regionals. Linda is the Head Judge on Vault and Jeanne will be on Floor.

We need volunteers to help clerk at 9/10 State. Please email Sandy O. if you are interested.

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MARY LOU NEEDS:

I need a judge for PAV Y, March 31, Report 12N, 1 session, at Lyons Township High School.

Please make an effort when talking with the coaches to see if they liked the talking or the critic books better at judges' cup. Please promote education and judges' cup.



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*If you did a basket at North Judges' Cup please email Betty Axelson-McClelland.

*Deb Tritt's new address as of April 16th:
4143 Royal Mews Circle; Naperville, IL 60564
(630-717-9616).

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR STATE JUDGING DIRECTOR ELECTION

(Refer to page 3-1 for specific timeline guidelines.)

It is the duty of the State Judging Director to compile a list of all persons who are eligible to run for State Judging Director.

February 1 A special reminder is sent to the State Judging Director by the Regional Judging Director.

March 1 A list of all eligible candidates should be published in the State Newsletter or sent to the state membership by the present SJD accompanied by a description of the voting process and dates for the procedures.

The present SJD sends each eligible candidate a letter, which includes:

1. Letter of Eligibility and Duties of the Office of State Judging Director.
2. Form letter to be completed by the candidate stating qualifications.
3. Deadline date of **April 1**. Failure to respond by the deadline date (postmarked) indicates that the candidate does NOT wish to run for the office.

April 15 Ballots are mailed to all state members of NAWGJ by the Regional Judging Director. Any NAWGJ voting member must meet the criteria for eligibility to vote 90 days prior to the date ballots are sent.

The ballots must include:

1. Election procedures
2. Names and qualifications of each candidate
3. Official ballot
4. Postmarked date for return, **May 15**
5. Stamped, addressed return envelope
6. Official ballot envelope

May 15 Ballots are sent to the Regional Judging Director for counting. The Regional Judging Director should have three (3) witnesses to help in the counting of the votes. The Regional Judging Director sends results to the candidates and the Vice President. The RJD should use the ballot tally form.

June 1 The SJD sends the election results to the state membership.

June 1 The newly elected State Judging Director assumes office.

NOTE: If any of the deadline dates fall on a Sunday or Legal Holiday, procedures should be advanced to the next business day.

CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

Letter to Candidate Notifying Eligibility - **STATE JUDGING DIRECTOR**

Date: March 1, 2007

You are eligible to run for the office of STATE JUDGING DIRECTOR for the term of 4 years. If elected your term would BEGIN ON JUNE 1, 2007 and end on MAY 31, 2009.

If you are interested in running, please complete the form below regarding your qualifications and background and return to the Regional Judging Director by April. 1, 2007.

(Request RETURN RECEIPT, please) Failure to respond (postmarked by the deadline date) indicates that you do NOT wish to run for office. This application will be COPIED and sent out with the ballot.

STATE JUDGING DIRECTOR CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ RATING _____

DATE _____ YEARS OF SERVICE: _____

NAWGJ BACKGROUND:

ADDITIONAL
CREDIT: _____

COMMENTS:

PLEASE DO NOT ADD PAGES. THIS IS THE ONLY PAGE TO BE SENT WITH THE BALLOT.
SEND TO THE REGIONAL JUDGING DIRECTOR:

Carol Liedtke
3100 Elder Park
La Grange, KY 40031

ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE JUDGING DIRECTOR

- A. All National, Regional, State and At-Large Directors and Officers shall be 21 years of age.
- B. It is recommended that all State Judging Directors be certified as a Level 10 judge.
- C. A candidate can only represent the state where her/his address is on file with the national office unless approval has been received otherwise from the RGB
- D. All Directors and Officers shall have been elected members of a NAWGJ State Governing Board for at least one year. Life members and appointed National Directors are also eligible.
- E. A candidate must be in good standing under the canons and disciplinary rules of the NAWGJ Code of Professional Responsibility.
- F. A current officer must be up-to-date with all required reports to be eligible to run for office.

DUTIES OF THE STATE JUDGING DIRECTOR

Be present at all Regional Governing Board Meetings and present, discuss, and vote on pertinent issues.

Attend a yearly national meeting as designated by the National Governing Board.

Be responsible to the Regional Judging Director.

Represent the state where her/his address is on file with the national office except under special circumstances when the RGB can be petitioned in writing.

Keep in continual contact with the Regional Judging Director and convey any National or International information of interest to their State membership via the State Newsletter.

Organize the publication and distribution of the State Newsletter to be mailed or emailed to the membership and the NAWGJ Executive Officers as well as the Regional Judging Director and the other SJDs in the region a minimum of four times

a year. Information and newsletters sent by email must be mailed to those judges who do not have access to email. This newsletter should also be sent to the National Newsletter Editor/ Website Director and the USAG State Chairman. When technical information is included from the USAG, it must be approved and signed by the appropriate USAG Director.

Maintain a current list of members at all times and update the Regional and National Directors with changes.

Hold a minimum of one State Governing Board Meeting per year and vote only when a tie exists.

Delegate responsibilities to their respective State Governing Boards.

Recommend qualified judges from their respective states for Regional and State competitions, upon request, with the assistance of the State Governing Board members. Records must be kept and filed annually with the Regional Judging Director.

Establish a separate bank account in the name of NAWGJ with her/his own name, and that of the Regional Judging Director and the National Secretary-Treasurer as trustees and be responsible for funds in the state.

File with the Regional Judging Director on a tri-annual basis an accounting of all monies received and disbursed. The report, with a copy of all receipts and bank statements, must be postmarked by the 10th of March, June and November. No monies will be disbursed from the National Secretary-Treasurer until the reports are received. Late reports will result in:
1st time -warning and SGB notification,
2nd time - fine imposed (10% of funds (max. \$500) and SGB notification,
3rd time - RGB will review and remove SJD from office or the RJD will take over the account.
(Refer to Section III – Election Procedures of Judging Directors’ Guide, Page 5 -Removal from office

Report finances to membership at least once a year.

File annual reports as designated by the National Governing Board, which may include the Equipment Inventory Report, the State Governing Board Report, and the Yearly Statistical Report.

Attend a Test Administrators’ Workshop to be eligible to administer the certification examination.

Designate a CPE Coordinator if requested to do so by the State USAG Chair. The state coordinator will receive and maintain all CPE reports and file with the State USAG Chair.

After consultation with State Governing Board members, receive written approval of the Regional Judging Director for depreciable expenditures in excess of \$200.00.

After consultation with State Governing Board members, receive written approval of the Regional Judging Director for expenses over \$100.00 for non-NAWGJ meetings or activities.

After consultation with the State Governing Board members, receive written approval of the Regional Judging Director for any gift or donation exceeding \$100.00.

Formulate an annual budget with the SGB to include designated reserves for emergency needs. Send a copy to the RJD.

Submit a budget for judges' cups or other special events to the State Governing Board prior to the event for approval.

Promote the National Judges' Cup.

Be responsible for running the State Governing Board election. (See Sect. III of Judging Directors' Guide)

Publish the form in the newsletter when a candidate for NGB runs unopposed.

Keep a list of all past SJDs and State Governing Board Members.

Hold a minimum of one State Governing Board Meeting per year

File timely reports when fundraisers and special events are held and obtain a second signature as required and distribute to SGB.

Complete and file the yearly statistical report

Enforce the adherence to high ethical standards in judging.

Failure to attend two consecutive Regional Governing Board Meetings shall constitute an automatic suspension. A proxy will not fulfill the attendance requirement. A proxy may be sent but must be an elected member of that State's Governing Board or current member of the RGB and be approved by the Regional Judging Director.

Failure to comply with the responsibilities of this office could result in removal from office after review by the Regional Governing Board.

Administer assigning of judges and inform judges that ratings and availability do not guarantee assignments.