

Illinois NAWGJ

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ILLINOIS NAWGJ MEMBERS

I survived my first National SJD Meeting! After two days of intense meetings in Las Vegas I am feeling at home in my new position as Illinois State Judging Director.

It is important for the membership to know that the SJD does not fly solo. Your elected State Governing Board is instrumental in the decision making process. All major decisions must be approved by your board and the SJD only has a vote if there is a tie. No one person or position has “all the power”. We are a team and our job is to work for the benefit of all members of Illinois NAWGJ .

Our promise to you is to always keep the entire membership’s best interest at heart and our number one goal is to help raise as much money as possible to be used for judges education and to lessen the financial burden we as judges face in keeping our certifications up to date.

Please get involved with Illinois NAWGJ and make sure you volunteer at Judges Cup so that you can reap the full extent of the benefits available to Illinois judges.

**Linda McDonald
ILLINOIS SJD**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Judges Test

Sign up at

www.usa-gymnastics.org

Itasca, IL

August 13

USAG National Congress

August 18-21

St Paul, MN

US National Championships

August 17-20

St Paul, MN

Gymnastics Etc. Clinic

Bloomington, IL

August 20-21

SEPTEMBER

USAG Region 5 Congress

September 23-25

Indianapolis, IN

PIF Forms Due

September 15

NOVEMBER

Illinois Judges Cup

November 11-13

Hidden Cove

Bourbonnais, IL

ILLINOIS NAWGJ STATE GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS

I would like to thank Betty Axelson-McClelland and Carrie Marquardt for their years of service. Both will step down from their positions on Aug 1st and we thank them for their years of service to Illinois NAWGJ.

Your newly elected board will begin their term on Aug. 1st and consists of:

Administrative Assistant

Sue Brosnan

North Assigner

Mary Lou Ackman

South Assigner

Billie Stone

Education

Deb Tritt

Judges Cup

Cathy Peebles

Kathie Gebhardt

Treasurer

Cyndi Zimmerman

New board members will take office
August 1, 2011

Illinois Judges Cup 2011

North and South will unite and the state of Illinois will have one Judges Cup meet this year and it will be held November 11-13, 2011 at Hidden Cove in Bourbonnais, Illinois. The Illinois NAWGJ board voted unanimously to combine the two Judges Cup meets. All judges should participate and support Illinois NAWGJ. Please encourage coaches to attend our meet. This is our only real fundraiser and it is how we fund judges training and education.

2013 Educational Fund

I have placed \$5,000 in a savings account titled 2013 Educational Fund. My goal is to grow this account to an amount that will cover 2013 recertification. Judges must participate in Judges Cup to reap the benefits. It would be great if we could pay for a compulsory clinic for everyone, National and Brevet courses, compulsory and optional handbooks for everyone. Exact guidelines are in the works and will be finalized soon.



Professional Involvement Forms PIF

Professional Involvement forms are due September 15th. Go to www.region-5.com Click on the Judges link and then on Illinois. Judges must fill out this form to be eligible to judge State, Regional, and National meets. There is no verification that your electronic PIF is actually received. If after sending, you would like verification, send me an e-mail and I will verify for you. lindasjd@ilnawgj.com

ANNUAL ASSIGNERS LETTER

The Annual Assigner's Letter to the membership will be going out the first week of August. Please make sure you read all the directions for updating/editing your profile and availability online. The USAG Calendar should be completed sometime in August. When that process is complete, and everyone's availability is entered, we can start assigning some time in September.

Billie Stone, South Assigner

Mary Lou Ackman, North Assigner

Judges Study Group

Sue Brosnan and I have worked very hard to put together a study group for judges testing Level 9 on Aug.13th. All judges are invited to attend. The focus is Level 9. Hours may be used toward CPE practice judging. We will meet on Thursdays at 4pm except for this week Thurs.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Gym</u>	<u>Clinician</u>
July 22	4:00pm	Bars	UGA	Carrie
July 27	6:30 pm	Beam	Premier Downers Grove	Mary Lou
August 4	4:00pm	Floor	Flying High	Hilary
August 11	4:00pm	Vault/Review	BIG	Linda

A huge THANK YOU to all the clubs who donated their facilities !

Our facebook page has been very well received! We have had 43 people hit the like button. Important information and deadlines are place on the facebook page. It will be a great tool for receiving information, reminders, and for promoting Judges Cup. If you have not joined, please join today.



Mileage has increased to .55/mile.

It is now a requirement for judges to use MapQuest as proof of mileage. Please bring a copy of your MapQuest miles, just in case you are asked to provide it to the meet director, to be reimbursed for mileage.

National SJD Meeting Las Vegas July 2011

I just returned from the National SJD Meeting and here are a few things we discussed.

www.nawgj.org

Please visit the National NAWGJ website. This website has been updated and it is fabulous! It is still under construction. However, if you go to the right side of the home page and look under What's New, you will find practice judging tests, practice judging videos, links to USAG updates, Gymnastike, Youtube, Regional and State sites. Tool Tyme has mileage charts, cheat sheets, and pay sheets. Everything a judge needs is on this improved website. Please check it out, become familiar with it, and use it!

Per Diem

More outlined rules were asked for because per diem is so vague in R&P. It was stressed that we are not to call meet directors and ask for hot breakfast items or ask for specific food items. Meet directors are not required to provide us with a hot breakfast. All R&P says is not concession food however, coffee and donuts is acceptable breakfast food. Also, R&P states that if judges have particular dietary needs it is their responsibility, this is not the meet directors responsibility.

Social Media

Be very careful with postings and pictures you place on facebook. Your reputation is at stake here. Once something is posted into cyberspace, it is out there and you cannot get it back. If you are friends with athletes, coaches, and parents please be careful with what you post. A simple "you did great" or "congratulations" to a gymnast or team can be perceived as bias towards that gymnast or team. Perception is reality! Be careful with your posts.

NCAA Judging

Judges will again have to take an online test to be eligible to judge NCAA competitions. This year a passing grade of 80% will be required. Last years test was flawed. The flaws have been worked out.

Practice Judging DVD's

I have purchased the new practice judging DVD's for all levels. These are available to all Illinois NAWGJ members. Sue Brosnan, Billie Stone, Linda McDonald, and Deb Tritt will all have copies. Contact one of us to borrow the DVD's. Scores are available on the National website, www.nawgj.org