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GEORGIA NAWGJ BOARD

The Georgia NAWGJ is governed by an elected board and overseen by a State Judging Director

ASSIGNER/CONTRACT AGENT

- Coordinates contracts for meets and keeps a current list of assignments
- Works as booking agent on changes during the gymnastics season
- Sends a list of assignments to all judges and gyms

SECRETARY/HISTORIAN

- Records and publishes official meeting minutes for all board meetings
- Ensures minutes are published on our website ga-nawgj.org
- Assists in maintaining “Document Review Notebook” as required by NAWGJ

ETHICS/USAG LIAISON

- Addresses ethics issues and violations
- Serves as a liaison to the GA USAG State Committee; must serve on the USAG State Committee

WEB SITE COORDINATOR

- Maintains and updates our website

EVENT DIRECTOR

- Takes Meet Director Certification Test
- Primary meet director for our Judges Cup
 - Finds host gym for our Judges Cup
 - Applies for Sanction
 - Orders awards
 - Orders and receives gymnasts’ gifts
 - Sends out meet entry forms
 - Receives meet entries and fees
 - Sets and sends out meet schedule to all participating gyms
 - Fields phone calls regarding the Judges Cup in a timely manner
 - Keeps up with scratches, additions, and refunds
- Serves as Event Director for any Event/Training Camp sponsored by GA_NAWGJ

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

- Provides meals and snacks for judges and coaches at the Judges Cup
- Provides food for any NAWGJ sponsored clinics or other events as requested

EDUCATION/RECRUITING

- Sets up clinics and testing opportunities with SJD
- Sets up mentor program and pairs new judges with experienced judges
- Sends information sheets detailing the steps necessary to obtain a rating to potential new judges
- Coordinates handouts for judges and coaches clinics
- Keeps up with new mailings and internet postings to help the state keep current with national publications
- Prepares the judges track for the state clinic

RECOGNITION CHAIRPERSON

- Responsible for all recognition/award opportunities for judges. (Sends birthday cards to judges; gifts to coaches and judges who have babies; flowers or cards for hospitalization, illness & deaths in families)
- Responsible for gifts for Judge’s Cup, any Regional/National meet hosted in Georgia
- Responsible for athlete/senior gifts for all state meets

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VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

- Responsible for recruiting and scheduling volunteers for Judge's Cup
- Responsible for recruiting and scheduling volunteers for training camps, clinics, regional or national competitions as needed

NEW JUDGE REPRESENTATIVE - NON-VOTING APPOINTED MEMBER

- This position provides a voice for the newer, less-experienced judges.

REQUIREMENTS TO JUDGE IN GEORGIA

All judges are required to maintain professional memberships in the following organizations:

- USA Gymnastics (Women's Program)
- NAWGJ
- AAU

These memberships must be current and proof of membership must be supplied to the SJD each year. Judges must update the JIS (Judges Information System) as memberships are renewed. *Any fines incurred by the meet director or NAWGJ due to a lapse of membership will be passed onto the individual judge.*

Judges must obtain a rating through the testing process and fulfill continuing education requirements each year (CPE) and provide an annual CPE record and a roster information form to the SJD each year.

Judges must sign a contract and return a copy to the appropriate parties (meet director and booking agent) for each meet you are assigned. This may be done through the JIS.

Judges must fulfill each contract to the best of their ability.

Judges must volunteer regularly at state and regional events and spend time in-gym working with gymnasts.

Judges should be open to serve as mentors for new judges and strive to be positive professional role models for gymnasts.

BOOKING

Once you have joined NAWGJ and USAG and contacted the SJD AND input your information into the JIS, your name will be put on the list for booking and the distribution email lists from state, regional, and national organizations.

Georgia's current booking coordinator (meet assignment manager) is Gwyned Bius. All of our USAG and AAU meets are booked at one time, the weekend of the Judge's Cup Meet (usually around Labor Day). Some invitationals request judges by name and these contracts are typically sent out before booking.

The order of booking is determined by rating, and within that rating, time spent with that rating. The highest rated and most senior officials book their meets first. Shortly before the Judge's Cup Meet, you will be notified of your time to come to be "booked" for the year. Any judge who hasn't returned his/her

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CPE or other required paperwork to the SJD or CPE Coordinator by the appointed time will not be booked. If a judge cannot attend this booking session, s/he may send a proxy; if a judge cannot neither attend nor send a proxy, s/he will have some opportunity to be booked as vacancies appear during the year.

New judges will be required to practice judge 2-4/5 and 1-7/8 sessions before being assigned. There can be no more than 1 new judge per event practice judging. The new judge must rotate to each event. The Judges Trainer will be in charge of recording new judges practice judging. The new judges will have to get a CPE form signed by a meet referee to prove they have practiced judged and forward completed forms to the Judges Trainer.

Judges who come to booking with contracts already in hand for meets during the upcoming year must wait their turn until their peers book enough meets to equal those already booked by others in the same group. Be certain to **make yourself available on the JIS for the weeks you can judge**; otherwise, you may not be assigned.

Do not be discouraged if your rating is new! During the year, there are many openings as judges replace themselves. Don't forget to keep your availability current on the JIS system; check on it periodically especially in the winter months where there can be many changes.

Please keep personal conversations out of the booking room. You must be CPE current, be a current member of NAWGJ, and have turned in the Roster Information Sheet and copies of your USAG membership and other items requested by the SJD to be eligible to contract meets. **Otherwise, you cannot book.**

Please do not agree to judge inter-squad or practice meets that have not gone through the booking agent. This is for insurance purposes and, ultimately, for your protection. If a gym owner contacts you directly, you may certainly make a tentative commitment, but please direct them to the booking agent.

Never, under any circumstances, solicit a meet from a coach, meet director, or gym owner for yourself or anyone else! This puts the meet director in an awkward position and is an ethics violation.

JUDGES CUP

The **Judges' Blast Off** is the GA-NAWGJ sponsored competition that kicks off each fall season. You may donate your time (including travel) for this meet, but it is not required. The revenue earned from the Judges Cup is used to support judges' education in Georgia. Judges in good standing who donate their time will have their NAWGJ dues paid as an expense of the meet. In addition, the registration fee to one clinic, such as Regional Congress is often partially or fully covered by Georgia NAWGJ for judges who volunteer as funds permit. The Judges Cup is our primary fundraiser and we encourage everyone in the judging community to give of their time; all proceeds benefit our community. Judges volunteer in ALL capacities at this meet and new judges will find it a good opportunity to practice judge with more experienced judges.

NCAA meets require a Level 10 rating. All collegiate meets are assigned by regional assigners. Information regarding judging NCAA meets can be found at www.nawgj.org. During the year UGA will need auxiliary judges (line judges and timers); the booking agent (via lottery) these positions during

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booking or shortly afterward. Auxiliary judges at UGA regular season meets receive a \$50 stipend for their work.

State Meets - AAU or USAG state meets usually are two days (Saturday and Sunday) but may have so many entries that a Friday session(s) must be added. Because there is no way to estimate how many gymnasts will qualify for a state meet, you must be able to judge on the Friday of a state or state-qualifying meet should the meet start then. State meets are assigned to those who have fulfilled the requirements *prior* to booking based on your rating and your availability and are subject to USAG or AAU board approval.

Hard to Book Meets - To support gymnastics programs across the state, the booking agent designates certain meets as hard to book and will send the list of the hard to book meets to all judges (except possibly the newest judges) before booking. Each judge will be asked to choose one (1) of these hard to book meets. If the judge does NOT commit to a hard to book meet, that judge will be dropped two (2) booking groups. Exemption from this requirement can be made at the discretion of the SJD.

Local Judges Only - If a meet director has asked for local judges only (this definition may vary depending on what the meet director has asked for) and you choose to take the meet and are not within the designated mileage, you should expect little to no travel reimbursement. If the meet director has requested judges within 45 miles, for example, the most mileage that could be claimed round trip would be 90 miles (less 30 if not in a carpool.) No hotel would be provided.

CONTRACTS

Contracts are important for insurance purposes and are required as per NAWGJ assigning procedures. Shortly after booking (and certainly before your first assignment), please use the JIS to create contracts for your meets. **Failure to complete this step on the JIS could result in NO payment for expenses and could result in NO payment for services.** Failure to create these contracts on the JIS will also result in no payment for meets canceled without correct notification. It is imperative that judges return their contracts so that the gyms can create a budget for their meet and for insurance/liability purposes should there be an accident. If any conditions on the contract are altered, it is the responsibility of the Meet Director to notify the individual judge(s) and the **Contracting Official** about these changes.

Responsibilities Associated with Replacing Yourself on a Meet

Once you've created a contract to judge a meet, you should only come off the meet in cases of *emergency*. If an emergency requires you to replace yourself (following our policies), use the JIS to facilitate the change. Make every attempt to replace yourself with a properly rated official. Be cognizant, too, not to cost the meet director additional money (for travel, etc.)

Alternates must be contacted first and in order and given a reasonable amount of time to respond, if time permits. If the alternates are not able to judge, you may send a mass email or make phone calls. Once you have found a replacement you must notify the meet referee and the booking agent so the JIS can be updated. If you must come off a state meet please contact the SJD as replacements are made by order of seniority.

Judges that come off a state meet (except in cases of emergency, as per SJD's discretion) will not be eligible to judge that state meet the following year.

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When an emergency replacement is needed immediately, please contact the Booking Agent or the SJD.

ATTIRE

During their first year judging, judges may wear a white shirt and blue skirt or pants to judge. After that time, you must purchase and wear the official uniform (blue skirt or dress pants and blazer) from *Land's End Business Outfitters*. Please go to nawgj.org for the link to the store. They run frequent sales of up to 30% off, so please check periodically (through website) to see when they are having one.

Judges are expected dress professionally. They are to wear their uniform during each meet and present a professional appearance at all times. The jacket **must** be worn during march-in but may be taken off during the meet. Occasionally a meet may request theme attire (Halloween costume, holiday attire, etc.) and this would be the only exception. A uniform is always appropriate.

Your shirt and shoes should be professional; dressy sandals are permitted. If you anticipate a lot of walking, please wear comfortable dress shoes. Flip flops, sneakers and denim of any color is **NEVER** an acceptable choice unless specifically permitted by the meet director as part of the theme.

STATE MEET SELECTION / IN-GYM REQUIREMENTS

Any judge who wishes to be considered for assignment to a Georgia USAG or AAU State Meet must meet a required amount of in gym hours. Several key items must be met before the GA-USAG and AAU Boards, which have the right to accept or reject any proposed judge, can consider this judge for a state meet:

- A judge must book and officiate **at least three meets per season at the level of the state meet for which s/he wishes to be considered. Reminder that judges must judge 3 meets to be eligible to judge state meets. If they have not they may have to go to a meet and practice judge the session of the level they will be judging.**
- A judge must have in-gym experience to be considered for a USAG state meet assignment. If you turn in the **Region 8 In Gym Experience Card** which asks for a minimum of 9 hours spent in the gym with training gymnasts at the Level 8, 9, 10, Elite or Collegiate level, you do not have to send in a card with your State Meet Availability form. Otherwise you must send in an **IN-GYM CARD** with at least 6 hours in gym with training athletes every year. Please note the **LEVEL** of gymnasts on the in gym form and have it signed by the coach or gym owner. You must have 6 hours with Level 10 athletes to judge the Level 10 state meet. The in gym level must be at least as high as the level of the state meet you wish to judge. In gym experience with Level 7 athletes will **NOT** qualify you to judge Level 8 state, for example.
- Remember to dress appropriately during your in-gym when you are representing NAWGJ. Athletic attire (warm ups) or casual attire is fine, but jeans are never appropriate.
- Judges assigned to Regionals by the Region 8 Board will be considered for assignment to the corresponding Georgia State Meet regardless of seniority.

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LODGING

If a judge must stay overnight prior to, during or following the competition, lodging must be provided and paid for by the Meet Director as per the Rules and Policies. The form of accommodations must be specified in the judge's contract.

Any requests for lodging must be made through the meet referee. Under no circumstances should a judge contact the meet director directly to request accommodation. If there is an issue concerning the provided accommodations, only the meet referee should only contact the meet director. Under no circumstances should judges complain about the quality of the lodging to the hosts. At times when you check in to a hotel you may be required to leave a credit card for incidentals. If you do not have a credit card, please do not accept any contracts where this may be an issue or be flexible with the hotel's policies and provide other means of payment.

Accommodations should be based on double occupancy in a room with two beds, which cannot include a sleeper sofa. If a judge travels **MORE than 60 miles** one way to a meet, lodging must be provided between sessions that span over a two or more day period. If the judge **chooses** to return home, the Meet Referee has the option to reimburse mileage if that is the less expensive option for the meet director. If the hotel accommodations are at no expense to the host gym, the judge must stay or no mileage is paid. Our goal should always be to save the host gym from unnecessary expenses. Please contact the SJD if there are any misunderstandings of these guidelines.

When sharing a room with other judges, please be considerate:

1. Don't monopolize the bathroom in the mornings. Let all roommates have an opportunity to visit the restroom early before you shower, put on make-up, dry your hair, etc.
2. Do your make-up, hair, etc. outside the bathroom when the hotel room has dressing mirrors outside the bathroom area. This will allow your roommate to use the facilities.
3. Don't invite others to the room at night if your roommate wants to sleep. If you want to socialize, go to the lobby or elsewhere.
4. If you bring food/pizza to your room, clean up and remove the leftovers before going to bed.
5. If you will be arriving in the middle of the night, let your roommate know in advance so they won't be startled when you enter the room.
6. Please be neat and keep personal items put away.
7. If you would like to read or watch tv, ask your roommate if the light or noise will bother them.

FAMILY MEMBERS - MEET/TRAVEL GUIDELINES

If you want a family member or friend to travel with you to a meet or you wish to stay in a hotel room with a family member or friend on the way to or during a meet, the following procedures are **REQUIRED**. Please do not ask other judges, the assigner, or the SJD for an exception to these procedures. Such requests put pressure on these people to comply with your request when they may prefer not to. **So, please do not ask for exceptions.**

1. Hotel rooms are not furnished for family members. If you have been assigned to a room and you bring your family along, you can stay in the designated room but your family member may not. A judge may stay with his/her family or friend, but the judge must assume the responsibility of making the reservations and paying for any additional room(s).

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2. Please do not take food from the judges' table to feed your family members or team members. If the meet director has arranged meals in an off-site facility (restaurant), family members are not to accompany judges.
3. Family members are not permitted in the judge's room. If you want to spend time with them during the breaks, you will need to meet with them outside of the judge's room.
4. Family members who wish to attend and watch the meet must pay. They are not officials or participants; therefore, they must pay as a spectator. Do not ask for special privileges.

MEET PROTOCOLS

Seating Arrangements: Whenever possible, stay at your event until the entire meet finishes. Do not walk around and talk to the other judges and/or coaches if your event finishes early. Check your seating arrangements and the line of vision prior to the first competitor. Once the first athlete competes, your seating arrangement must stay the same throughout the entire meet. Every athlete is entitled to be evaluated from the same viewpoint as all other athletes.

Conference Etiquette: While each judge's opinion is valued, it is the Chief Judge's responsibility to call a conference when scores are not in range. Conferences should be brief and held in a professional, non-critical manner. *If a compromise cannot be reached, the CJ will put the scores in range.*

After a Meet: It's a nice gesture to send the meet director and volunteers a thank you note expressing appreciation for the hospitality after a meet. Running a meet is a tremendous responsibility for parents and clubs and it's always nice to know that a judge appreciated their efforts.

PROFESSIONALISM

Being a gymnastics official requires professional behavior at all times. It is prudent to remember the following:

1. Arrive at the meet site 30 minutes before march-in unless given specific instructions otherwise.
 - State meets require you to be at the gym, ready to judge, up to **ONE HOUR** before the start of the meet. A \$5 fine will be deducted from the check of any judge who does not report 15 minutes prior to march-in or within 15 minutes of the report time for championship meets. Sometimes there are understandable reasons to be late, but the Meet Referee **MUST** deduct the \$5 fine regardless.
2. Be in the judges' room for the judges' meeting and other pre-meet information before the meet. Avoid wandering around the gym or socializing with parents or coaches.
3. Minimize talk to coaches during the competition - even if the conversation is unrelated to the competition. Remember how important appearances are. Refer a coach's questions on a routine to the chief judge or to the meet referee. Once you talk to a coach about a routine, they may **NOT** inquire based on any feedback you have given.
4. Be on the competitive floor for march-in **wearing your jacket**.

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5. Be prepared; know the requirements and deductions. Have the materials you will need – writing tools, paper, reference books, etc. *Do not ask to make copies on the gym's copy machine.*
 - **Caution:** All levels of meets are not alike! USAG JO, USAG Elite, AAU, USAG XCEL, AAU XCEL, YMCA, USAIG, Collegiate, and high school use different rules. You must be aware of and willing to use their program rules as written.
6. Remain at your assigned event until competition at all events is completed.
7. Be prepared, and be objective and impartial in deductions and scoring. Be consistent in scoring. For all gymnasts who make similar errors, similar deductions should be taken.
8. **Disable your cell phone on the competition floor.** Do not make or receive calls or texts from your judging table. Wait until the session is over and you are off the floor. You may read books on your tablet unless instructed otherwise.
9. Never use social media to make a comment either positive or negative on a particular gymnast or team and refrain from any comment that could be taken to show any partiality. Never post anything online during the time frame which would place you at a meet unless you are between sessions and off the floor.
10. Sanction violations must be noted on the sanction by the Meet Referee. If ANY judge believes a violation has not been reported, it is your professional responsibility to report it yourself to either the SJD or directly to USAG.

RATINGS, TESTING, & MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Ratings are earned through a series of tests, written and practical, administered under the auspices of the USA-Gymnastics Judging Accreditation Program. Currently, in Georgia, our Test Administrators are Marian Dykes (RTCC), Sheila Ragle (RJD), and Kim Joye (SJD). You may begin testing at Level 4/5 (compulsory) and/or Level 7/8 (optional). Thereafter, you may test up one level **after 11-12 months**. National and Brevet judges are selected individually.

A reminder: In order to officiate women's gymnastics under USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic rules, judges must have knowledge of the rules and regulations included in the following publications (and addendums):

- *USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Compulsory Book*
- *USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Code of Points*
- *USA Gymnastics XCEL Code of Points*
- *Current USA Gymnastics Women's Rules and Policies*

USA Gymnastics (USAG) handles the testing and certification of judges. A network of Test Administrators (TA) is located throughout the United States. The TA administers the examination locally. A master test schedule is available on the USAG website. A prospective judge may also contact the Regional Judging Director (RJD) or State Judging Director (SJD) to find out when and where tests will be given. The exam is administered at various levels (Rating):

- Level 4/5 - Compulsory, written test only
- Level 7/8 - Optional, written and practical (film) tests

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- Level 9 - Optional, written and practical (film) tests
- Level 10 - Optional, written and practical (film) tests
- Level 4 & 5 and/or Level 8 are entry levels.
- Optional judges are not required to have a Level 4 & 5 rating.

Testing

- The certification year is August 1 to the following July 30.
- You may take each part of the exam up to four times in a certification year.
- You must hold a rating for 12 months before taking a higher-level test.
- Practice judging is not required to test at a higher level.
- The written test has 50 questions.
- The practical test has one demo routine and 5 routines to be judged per event.

MEET REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Meet Referees are chosen by the SJD or assigner for each meet. The information below is just a brief overview of what an MR should do. MR's set the professional tone not only for their crew but also for all of those (coaches, athletes, audience) watching us.

PRE-MEET:

- Select the Chief Judges (generally the four highest rated officials but at the MR's discretion) and assign the panel judges to their respective events after reviewing previous assignments on the website. (If you have a specific event request, please contact the meet referee who may or may not be able to accommodate you.) **Please enter your assignments into the JIS at least 8 days before the meet.**
- Determine judges' report time (30 minutes prior to march-in except for championship meets which will be earlier) and anticipated end time.
- Verify hotel arrangements for judges and assign roommates.
- Provide directions to the host facility and hotel if applicable. Phone numbers to the host site and lodging establishment are always appreciated.
- MRs should make every effort to find out about the meal arrangements (not the specific menu!) most specifically if the host will be offering a breakfast. In this case the panel should be notified. If the host will be providing hot selections, such as breakfast casseroles containing protein, this should suffice to jump start the day. If only a cold menu of pastries (donuts, bagels, muffins and the like) will be offered, then judges (who did NOT drive in that morning from home) will be allowed the option of purchasing a breakfast elsewhere and charging per diem.
- If needed, make arrangements for a television and VCR/DVD with remote control.
- MRs should have a fully charged cell phone available during the transportation phase until everyone arrives safely on site.
- MRs should thoroughly review their duties and responsibilities in the Rules and Policies and must have this with them.

ON-SITE (PRE-MEET):

- On site duties should be attended to with courtesy and patience.
- Verify arrival of all judges.
- Introduce yourself to Meet Director and head scorer/computer person.
- Obtain sanction form from the Meet Director to be signed.

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- Check that the TV, VCR/DVD player and remote are in working order if needed.
- Walk-around MRs **MUST** attend the coaches meetings. Walk around meet refs may be paid up to ½ hour more provided they were required to report at least that much earlier than the other judges to attend the coaches' meeting.
- MRs functioning as judges during the competition should inform the Meet Director of the attire/verbal cues warning and any information which should be imparted to the coaches during the coaches' meeting.
- When walk around MR: Attend coaches' meeting, get scratches, give official warning for incorrect attire, coach speaking to gymnast, advise coaches how to handle an inquiry, etc.

JUDGES' MEETING:

- Introduce the judges.
- Hand out rotation sheets.
- Give scratches or additions.
- Review procedures for score slips, technical matters, checking scores, march-in.
- Review meal arrangements.
- Review basis for inquiries.
- Advise of any rule changes.
- Review base score video (if necessary).

DURING MEET:

- Keep accurate record of judging time (on a paysheet if you prefer)
- Judge routines periodically (if not assigned to an event).
- Monitor time flow of competition and record times.
- Observe and may give opinions during conferences.
- Be available for counsel upon the request of the Chief Judge.
- Counsels the Chief Judge if in his/her opinion, the average score and/or the score of the Chief Judge seems out of line with the scoring in the competition.
- May recommend, but never force a change of any score.
- Handle inquiries.
- Distribute and collect judging expense vouchers; verify expense vouchers.
- Give any technical or judging information pertinent to the competition to the Meet Director or Organizing Committee for distribution.
- Act as the final authority in all technical matters involving timers, linesmen, scorers, judges, flashers and equipment.
- Will be available following the last competitor's exercise to deal with questions or concerns with the technical decisions and/or the judge's scores.
- Does not involve himself/herself with the conduct of gymnasts during warm-up or training. Comments to the athlete should be made **ONLY** if requested by the coach or athlete.
- Please report any unusual situations to the SJD after the meet. Any sanction violations **MUST** be noted on the sanction form.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

All reimbursements are dependent upon having funds available in our account. Please encourage gyms to participate in our annual Judges Cup (Blast Off) as this is our sole fundraising event.

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Georgia NAWGJ currently reimburses active judges in good standing who have volunteered an entire day at Judges Blast Off the following items (available funds permitting):

- NAWGJ annual dues

As this is Blast Off expense, to be reimbursed judges must submit a completely filled out expense voucher (on our website) with an original receipt at the time of volunteering. Clinics may be reimbursed in full or in-part, funds permitting.

Receipts for which you expect reimbursement must be sent to the SJD within the time frame requested. Expenses more than 6 months old will not be reimbursed in any case.

KEEPING CURRENT

You will be asked to submit some or all of the following items periodically. Please submit these items properly filled out and in the time-frame requested.

1. Input Roster info into JIS
2. Annual CPE Record to the CPE coordinator - June 30th
3. In gym card - with Regional Availability or to SJD
4. State Meet Availability input online
5. Proof of Membership or Copies of Cards for USAG and NAWGJ
6. Current Rating Card

Additionally, all judges are encouraged to turn in Regional Availability and to make themselves available for championship and college meets if possible.

YOUR JUDGING IMAGE

- Are you prepared?
- Is your appearance professional?
- Do you show up to a meet rested and organized?
- Do you clean up after yourself in the judging room?
- Is your table in the gym neat and organized or covered with discarded papers, empty cups, and candy wrappers?
- Do you go to gyms and watch different athletes?
- Do you attend more than the obligatory clinic each year and volunteer when the opportunity presents itself?
- Are you professional in conferences?
- Do you make an effort to be pleasant or are you argumentative?
- Do you arrive at your score in a timely manner? Are you holding up the meet?
- Are you courteous of the coaches or are you rushing them through their line-up?
- Do you arrive on time?
- Are you a careful driver, with directions, a clean car and a full gas tank?
- Do you always have to be the driver or always find a reason you have to drive separately?
- Do you remain at your event while other events are still going?
- Are you fair with your fees?
- Do you complain about the type or quality of the food offered? There are occasional problems, but embarrassing the host isn't the way to handle it.

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- Do you keep talk with coaches, parents, and gymnasts to a minimum?
- Are your scores consistent from team to team and session to session?
- Do you smile at the gymnasts or look like you wish you were someplace else?
- Do you watch the whole routine or do you look down while judging?
- Do you acknowledge the gymnast at the end of the routine?
- Did you squish any gymnasts (or judges) in the parking lot in your rush to leave?