

# NAWGJ Oregon September 2018

*From the desk of your State Judging Director Lynn McCaffrey  
Hope everyone had a wonderful summer!!!!*



## YOUR 2018-2020 NAWGJ BOARD

**Are you ready for 2018-19 season of Judging?  
Gymjas/ USA-Gym memberships /NAWGJ membership/supplies/  
white blouses/comfortable navy footwear/caffeine/ and lots of  
patience for our new coaches and new-updates in our rules.**

Congratulations to our newly elected Board members - Rochelle and Sara!

1. **Fundraising co-ordinator**  
Sara Bronleewe
2. **Website and Secretary**  
Rochelle Mallett
3. **Optional education**  
Chris Bowles
4. **Compulsory educator and new judge coordinator**  
Staci Greene
5. **Fall assigner**  
(September -Dec)  
Katrina Cosgrove
6. **Winter/Spring assigner**  
(January-April)  
Debbie Anderson

### **Memberships & Gymjas**

Most of you have already updated all your expiration dates in **Gymjas**, if you haven't please check that asap. Secondly please go into gymjas and review your availability as some meets have been added in. Thirdly, make sure all your contact information is still current; we really depend on your diligence to keep everything current and up to date.

**ALSO time to go in and ACCEPT your Fall contracts!!!!!!!**

**JUDGES OPEN NEWS:** We are so happy to be back at Rigert Elite again **October 13th & 14th**, it is an awesome facility and we are thankful they are having us back again! So far it looks as though we will have 2 sessions on both Saturday and Sunday.

**Our theme this year is "Game Day"**. Judging attire is—dressing up in your favorite team's gear. Football, baseball, soccer, basketball etc.... Remember when you volunteer 2 sessions at our Judges Open you will be reimbursed for \$60 for the cost of your NAWGJ membership, you just need to email me your receipt. All reimbursements are made once the meet is completed. Last year I reimbursed around 30 judges. Supporting our one fundraising event each year is vital to our ability to fund many of our educational needs. I will be sending you another email with specific details. **Make sure your availability for this weekend is current in gymjas! I will assign you from it :)**

## NAWGJ National Symposium July 11-14, 2019

Every 4 years our National Judging Association puts together a big conference which has session after session of **all** Judging classes and topics. All levels from Xcel, compulsory, optional and college are covered. The next symposium in 2019 is going to be held in Fort Worth, Texas at the Worthington Renaissance hotel.

Your NAWGJ Board has met and discussed how important supporting our National NAWGJ event is, as well as a great learning environment and to meet judges from all over the US. We have voted to put together a reimbursement package for some of your travel costs (minimum will be \$200) as well as paying for everyone's registration fee to attend this event. I encourage you to start your planning early.... so you can get room-mates set-up to keep hotel costs down, as well as shopping for airfare to get that best price! I will send everyone the exact dollar amount once more information on registration costs are publicized.

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### Next Exam date

**October 12th  
and/or 13th  
(same  
weekend as  
the Judges  
Open)**

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**If I can reserve a room at a library near the meet site I will; otherwise the exam will be given at my home in Hillsboro. Judges can test Friday night and then still be able to get their 2 sessions in on Saturday at our meet. :)**

### **National Judges Cup January 2019**

Next years National Judges Cup will be in Overland Park, Kansas, January 4th-6th.

Our Board would like to send one of our experienced judges to this event;. What that entails is; you would need to commit to volunteering at the com-

petition for a minimum of 2 of the days. (NOTE: you are not paid), your meals are provided on-site at the meet. We pay for your airfare, and we do our best to find you a room-mate from another State to share hotel costs with.

Please email me if you are interested in being a candidate for selection. Going to this counts on your CPE's as a National level event.

### **Optional Clinic/review Levels 6-10, college and xcel**

- **December 8th at The MAC, tentative schedule is 8am-5pm.**
- **Review and practice judging of Levels 6-10, College and Xcel.**
- **Schedule of the day TBD**

**New and or good reminders in this years Rules and Policies:**

1. Unitards with ankle length legs are OK.
2. ALL coaches and judges must be U110 Safe Sport trained to be on the floor .
3. Use of cell phones for verbal conversation is prohibited for coaches & judges.
4. Sanction Violations: The Meet Director must be a member and U110 trained, they must make sure current, valid memberships are on the floor/ as well as organizing the meet with the proper timing; such as athlete in the gym too long (over 5 hours), not starting w-ups before 8am and not finishing after 10pm. Exceeding the maximum # of gymnasts in a session is another violation.

**These are all things that the Meet Ref needs to pay attention too! Any infraction has to be noted on the sanction or you will be fined.**

4. Judges—must print out MapQuest type documentation in order to be reimbursed for mileage.
5. Overnight meals has been update page 43, break time has been updated page 44.
6. We all got a RAISE!!!!!! Yipee!!!!!!
7. Alternate skill cushion update is on page 58 it is for Xcel and all levels
8. Lowest scores allowed are: Xcel - 4.0 / Compulsory and Optionals -1.0
9. 1-judge panels are allowed in levels 1, 2, 3 and 4.
10. The low rail must be adjusted only to a position that “locks in”. Level 3 vault—an unfolded panel mat may be placed on top of a resi or stacked mats to provide a more stable landing surface.
11. Level 6/7 Vault—receive a 2 minute warm-up on VAULT only. All other events receive 1 1/2 min. Level 9 & 10 Bars—receive 2.5 minutes warm-up which includes bar settings.

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- *Sunday December 9th will be the last testing opportunity for 2018 this will be at The MAC, approximat start time 9am.*
  - *Please remember to register for the October 12th exam on the USA site it is open for registration.*
  - *Start thinking about what you are going to wear to the Judges Open, should be fun to see all the different sports and “team-gear” represented over the weekend!!!!*
  - ***All Judges will be receiving a new Start Value flip book as their gift for attending. Everyone will use this gift because our Xcel program in Oregon continues to grow which means many of our compulsory judges are needed to help judge the bronze and silver sessions.***
  - *I'd like to welcome 3 new Level 3/4/5 Judges that recently passed their tests!!!! Shayden Booth (Roseburg), Jackie McCann (Salem) and Ashley Shea (Newburg). All of them will be doing their practice judging at a variety of our Fall meets, please welcome them!*
  - *Congrats to Heidi F and Leanne C in passing their Level 10 tests!*
  - *Congrats to Deidre B and Kristen K in passing their Level 7/8 tests!*

**Have a great Fall!**

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