

NAWGJ VERMONT

HOLIDAY UPDATE

Happy Holidays to all!!

This is mainly a review and reminder for the upcoming and continuing season. As our lives get busy, we often forget a few items so don't worry, no one is in trouble, this is just reminding all of protocol we need to follow for the season.

Memberships: All current judges who judge the Green Mountain Meet automatically have their NAWGJ dues renewed. We are not able to renew your USA dues at this time (financially) so make sure you stay on top of that, your Safety Renewal and your background checks.

Uniforms: If you would like to purchase the official NAWGJ uniform, you go to the NAWGJ.org site and click on the link for uniforms. For High School, Navy blue jacket/blazer and slacks/skirt are the requirement. For the South Burlington Invitational, a bright holiday top may be worn with the uniform (holiday turtleneck/sweater etc.)



Cancellations and Replacements: This has been a busy fall with some judges needing to coach and be replaced. The good news is we have acquired a few new judges from a summer testing: Marla Hogan and Tammy Linde as 7/8's, Jobi D'ansy has returned and tested in also this summer as a Level 9. Jenna Lorenzini and Ken Newton both upgraded to Level 9's this past November!! Congratulations to all!

However, for USA meets, if you need a replacement, contact me as I have the availability and we will work it out. I think we are all set for the remaining season but communicate so I can let the Meet Director and Meet Referee know if a replacement judge is to assigned.

For High School Meets: You all have a list of phone numbers and email addresses for the AD's. If like me, you do not return home prior to going to a meet, you most likely could miss the call for a cancellation. I would suggest to email the AD a day or two prior to your high school meet and give them a phone/cell or email where you can be reached. Be proactive.

If you need to be replaced, secure your OWN replacement but then you MUST notify Alicia so she can change it on the master schedule and also notify the AD so they know who is replacing you. It is nice to leave a reason so they do not think this is happening willy nilly. I know very few need replacements, it is usually when they flip the meet location and then that often makes a huge difference. Again, communicate.

Junior High Meets:

Those of you assigned to Junior High (or sub varsity) meets: First, you judge alone (yuck but a budget deal) Second, they are not in the mileage pool so you need to find out your mileage round trip and either call or email the AD prior to meet so they can have your check ready with the fee and correct mileage. Several schools require you to fill out a voucher but I believe that Randolph, Middlebury and Essex still pay you on site so communicate in advance.

Facebook and email reminders:

Please remember that you are not to be commenting on meets, performances, gymnasts, work outs at gyms etc. on facebook and also be aware that making remarks in emails that can be forwarded is unethical and unprofessional. Often, parents, gymnasts etc. would like a comment about a routine but that is not your place. The club will hire you to do routine reviews/analysis and that is the fair way. Also, to be commenting on routines for certain gymnasts gives them unfair advantage over others who do not request comments over facebook. Do not get crazy, this has not been a problem but it is a reminder. Simple requests can go out and you may feel you want to be kind and make a reply. NOT, Please. Please also remember, that several athletes may have facebook accounts but are not of the AGE to legitimately have a facebook account, so NO COMMUNICATION ABOUT GYMNASTICS, PLEASE.

We have the www.vermontgymnastics.com website which Stano has do a superb job keeping all rules updated, meet information, etc. This is the site to go to if questions or Jill for Club information, myself for judging information and Alicia for high school information.

Green Mountain Invitational: All the assignments are out. The theme is star wars. We provide the hot food for the hospitality room so everyone bring a dish. Amanda Williams will be in charge of the table for Saturday, I will be judging and covering that on Sunday as some NY judges may come over to judge for us !!! yeah!!! Kara will send down the paper supplies.

States (USA): I have submitted the list of judges available to judge USA States to Jill. They are working on the criteria and I have been asked to submit the frequency of meets assigned to judges. The main criteria of course is CPE fulfilled and then experience.



With the State Meet in Winooski, there is also the opportunity to assign some judges for the compulsory meets on one day and the optional meets on another since it would not involve extra mileage (or any at all since most of you are within 30 miles) Some judges may have fewer compulsory meets than optional and vice versa so that may perhaps be a criteria if the board wishes to mix judges for the weekend. Hopefully, those assignments will be put together soon. If your availability has changed, let me know.

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.

Gail McGann, SJD