

NAWGJ-VERMONT SPRING 2016

2015-2016: This has been a busy year. We are working hard to keep High school gymnastics. Hopefully, we can get some new teams or combination teams. I know that MSJ and Poultney High Schools will compete this upcoming year as one football team The Blue Wave so perhaps, combining some new high schools would also work. Contact Nancy or Kara to be directed to a more informative source.

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Clubs: We had an increase of meets and great competition. The USA-Vt. Championships are this weekend @ Bellows Falls Union High School.

Green Mountain Invitational: This was a huge success from club participation and a great joint effort by clubs, coaches, parents and judges. I am anticipating being able to provide both the NAWGJ and USA dues this year from the proceeds to the judges who volunteered. I usually get a check the end of May so that will allow time to get those memberships renewed.

As you know, I am stepping aside as SJD after 34 years in that position. We need to support the new SJD's once the election takes place. Many hands make light work. Remember, it is always good to give suggestions for improvement but also help us by having a plan to implement improvement. It is very easy to say "do this" but not have a plan. Always remember, you can email any questions you have and I will try to help. Always let me know however, what pages you have checked so I have a beginning point.

Risk Management/ Safety:

I will run a course for new coaches and renewals on June 13th at Cobra Gymnastics in Rutland, Vt. This will begin @ 4:30 PM. The course is up on the website to register. Go to www.usa-gymnastics.org. Click on Women, go to left hand column for education. U101 course. You can also register by snail mail, download a form. The course code is GM06132016VT. It is helpful for everyone to register in advance. Of course, walk-ins are accepted but it is time consuming with the paperwork on site. Try to register online, if you have questions on fees, call the USA office.

Judges: Ken suggested that every judge find a person who would like to judge and train them this summer. There would be a couple of meetings as an entire group to see how everyone is progressing. Once we have an idea of where everyone is, I can set a test date. Since there is a Risk Management/ Safety Course coming up, they should attend and get that certification as that is one of the prerequisites for USA membership. Judges must be members of both USA and NAWGJ to judge club meets. Only NAWGJ membership is required for high school. Use the NAWGJ website for videos, practice tests etc.

Regionals: Any judges interested in being considered to judge regionals, there are requirements and I sent those requirements out in February. Check them out so you can be considered.

Closing: I have put my skis away so the weather can warm up anytime so I can get the motorcycle out. Everyone, have a great spring. Gail McGann, SJD