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Fall Fundraiser and Reimbursement for NAWGJ Membership Dues

Oregon NAWGJ will be hosting two fall fundraising meets in October!

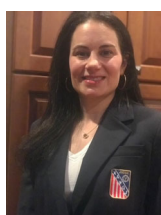


The first fundraising meet will be the weekend of October 9/10 and will be held at America's Best Kids (ABK) in Medford. The second fundraising meet will be the weekend of October 16/17 and will be held at The GymNest in Hillsboro (huge thanks to both clubs). We are hoping everyone will help out at one of the meets, so that we can provide great feedback to our athletes as they work to perfect these new routines. While we plan on reimbursing everyone for their NAWGJ dues this year (\$60), we hope everyone will help out by volunteering at 2 sessions (minimum).

The details are still in the works, but we are planning a coach/athlete/judge clinic at the ABK meet only. Our Meet Director, Sara Bronleewe is working hard to get our sanctions, open registrations, research a gymnast gift and do all of the behind-the-scenes work needed to pull off a meet. We will be sending out a sign-up sheet soon, so that you can let us know which meet you can help with and which day/time works best. Until we have athletes registered, we won't know the exact session times or levels, so stay tuned for more info.

Welcome Claire Najim to Oregon!

Oregon NAWGJ would like to welcome Claire! I asked Claire to share some info, so here she is in her own words:



"My name is Claire Najim, and I am a Level 9 judge and I have recently relocated to Medford, Oregon from Asheville, NC.

I love the sport of gymnastics, and I was a competitive gymnast in Kansas until age 18. I began judging in 2018 but had to take the last year off due to relocating across the country (and the pandemic!). I am a general Pediatrician, and I love working with children of all ages. I have three daughters, aged 9, 11, and 13. I love reading, cooking, and hiking with my 4 dogs!" Welcome Claire!

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Level 4/5 Compulsory Test—The Level 4/5 compulsory test is now available on the USAG website. You must be logged in to your profile to purchase and take the online test. You can take the open-book test up to four times in a year. NAWGJ Oregon will reimburse you one time for the cost of the test (\$25). Lisa Boylan and Chris Bowles recently shared some study tips/sheets, so study away! USAG recently updated their guidance on assigning judges based on testing, so check their website for the latest info.

Reimbursement for Virtual National Congress and the Compulsory Book—Your NAWGJ Oregon board voted to reimburse members for the cost of Virtual National Congress (\$100) and the Compulsory Book (\$75). Please submit your receipt and request for reimbursement to Debbie ASAP, so that we can account for the expenses this fiscal year. **The deadline for submission for all reimbursements is October 24, 2021.**

Revised Guidelines for New Judges

As we welcome new judges to Oregon NAWGJ, the board recently revised past guidelines for new judges for practice judging. We are excited to welcome our new members, so to help get them started, here are some guidelines to help navigate the practice judging session:

A new judge for Level 4/5 will need to practice judge at least 2 different sessions (1 at each level, if possible) at one meet (minimum), judging all four events. A new optional judge will need to judge at least one session at their new rating, unless prior arrangements have been made with the State Judging Director (SJD).

If you are a first-year judge and haven't yet purchased a uniform, please wear a white top and navy pants/skirt (if you don't have navy, black pants are fine).



To be on the competition floor, you must be a USAG member and have completed all professional requirements (background check, safety certification, safe sport, etc.). We prefer that you are also a member of NAWGJ, as we assign NAWGJ members before non-members.

Prior to your practice judging session, please contact the SJD and she will work with you to contact the appropriate Meet Referee/Meet Director so that they know you will be practicing at the meet.

Oregon NAWGJ will reimburse you for gas money to/from the meet and meals, if the meet director is unable to provide meals (many gyms provide a buffet and can accommodate an extra judge, but if they are providing pre-packaged meals, then we will pay for your meals).

Be prepared! Make sure you have all of the necessary supplies/judging forms.

When you first arrive, introduce yourself to the Meet Referee; she/he will introduce you to the other judges and Meet Director.

The Meet Referee and each subsequent head judge will work with you to make sure you are situated appropriately at the events during the meet.

Please adhere to a professional code of conduct while practice judging; while we recognize you may have many questions, it's important to let the judges do their jobs undistracted. If you have questions, hold them until the rotation has finished, until there is a break, or until the end of the meet. During the break, the judges should be able to answer your specific questions. You can also jot them down as you go along and ask them at the end of the meet.

After the meet, the Meet Referee will send the SJD an email confirming that you have successfully completed your practice judging and can be assigned to a meet!

Other Notes:

- * Don't forget to check the NAWGJ and USAG websites regularly for updates. Sign up for NAWGJ email updates so you don't miss all of the important info that is regularly shared!

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