

Northern California National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges

NOR-CAL NAWGJ

Jen's Journal

We've made it through the Optional season...I want to thank everyone for all of their hard work and willingness to travel and fill in where needed. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Even though you probably won't be judging for awhile, I would like to remind everyone that it is very important to keep yourself updated on the rules and requirements. "Cheat Sheets" are nice and convenient, however, they do not replace your technical handbook and code of points (including the errata sheets). Always resort to the technical handbook and code with questions.



State meet assignments are posted in this newsletter. Also, for your information I have included the procedures that are followed when assigning this meet, as well as the Regional, Western, and National meets. Let me know if you have any questions!

This is my last official newsletter as SJD as my term is up at the end of May. Kathy Bettencourt-Lopes will be your new SJD. I want to express my appreciation to my board members and everyone that has helped me out during my term. I could not have done this job without your support. As all of you probably know, I am moving from one capacity to another. I will still be around as your USAG State Chairman, so you will continue to hear from me whether you like it or not! Thanks for everything and have a great summer!

Jen

Criteria for Assigning Championship Meets:

By Jennifer Shipman, State Chair

Following is the criteria that has been established by the Regional WTC and Regional Board for assigning championship meets. This is what has been used for the last couple of years, however, the regional WTC and Regional Board may change it at any time.

Regionals:

Must have a level 10 rating or above.

Must be available to judge their own State meet of same level or above in the current year.

Must have judged 2 state meets of the same level or above in the previous 5 years.

Must attend a minimum of (a) state congress with regional or national staff with at least 6 hours of optional lecture, or (b) regional optional clinic, or (c) national congress, symposium, national course, brevet course, WTC symposium within the current calendar year.

Current with NAWGJ active status.

Must have judged at least two sanctioned optional meets using the USAG level 10 rules within the current competitive season.

Must be able to judge all sessions/days of the assigned meet.

Westerns:

National or Brevet Rating.

All of the regional requirements above.

Must judge the regional meet of the same level in the current year.

Must have previously judged 2 regional 9/10 meets in 5 years.

Nationals:

Must have a National or Brevet Rating.

All of the above Westerns requirements.

Must have judged Westerns or Nationals in the previous 5 years.

Process of selecting judges:

The Regional Chair completes a coaches' poll at the regional meets

State Chair completes a coaches' poll by mail of all coaches that have qualified gymnasts to Regional meets

State Chair polls the State Board

Input from NAWGJ RJD including polls from SJDs, active status, and educational activities are reviewed

All voting is done by secret ballot at an annual regional meeting that usually takes place at National Congress.

Nationals: Each Regional voting member turns in 4 names and the RTC compiles the votes. Judges 1 & 2 selected for Nationals and judges 3 & 4 will be selected using a modified rotation. They will be selected by rank taking into account who judged the previous year's national meet. Two alternates are selected by rank order excluding those who judged the previous year's National meet. No matter what, there must be at least one chief judge candidate.

Westerns: Each regional voting member turns in 4 names after reviewing polls, etc. RTC compiles the votes and judge 1, 2, & 3 will be selected using a modified rotation with 2 alternates designated, selected by rank order excluding those who judged the previous year's Western meet. Must have at least one chief judge candidate.

Level 9/10 Regionals: Judges assigned to Westerns and Nationals are automatically assigned to 9/10 Regionals. 4 judges are selected from Nor-Cal. The State Chair fills the spots that are not already filled by Western or National judges.

Level 8 Regionals: Nor-Cal has 4 spots to fill at the regional meet. The State Chair fills the spots based on feedback from coaches, NAWGJ RJD, etc.

As Nor-Cal's State Chair, I polled the coaches that had gymnasts at Regionals using a form that listed all level 10, National and Brevet judges in Nor-Cal. Each coach listed the top 6 judges that they would like to see judge a regional meet. The polls were collected by a neutral coach that was not a voting coach. I assigned a point system to determine rank order. The top persons on the list were my votes for Nationals, Westerns, and Level 9/10 Regionals as long as they were eligible to judge those meets (this year, the top four judges were all eligible for Westerns and Regionals). For level 8 Regionals, I took into account the coaches' poll, educational activities each judge participated in, input from NAWGJ SJD and RJD, etc. A lot of time and thought go into the assignments and I feel that it is done fairly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!



Don't miss out on the World Championships in Anaheim this summer. There should be a lot of great gymnastics right in our own backyard!

NATIONAL JUDGES' CUP

It was a "THREE-PEAT"! The Nor-Cal level 7 State Team captured the 1st place trophy once again. Our team included Carly Martinez from USAEG, Shannon Tu from Cal West, Kristi Gallagher from Pozar's, Catherine Chang from San Mateo, Courtney Fisher from Airborne, and Coralie Eilers from Cal Sports Center. There were 12 all-star teams that competed for the team trophy. Not only did our girls win the team title, they captured tons of individual titles and awards as well. This year our alternate, Ashley Lee of Pozar's decided to travel to Maryland and compete in an individual session. She took 1st place all around in her session! Congratulations to our girls and coaches! Nor-Cal gymnastics is heads above the rest and we should be proud!

National Judges' Cup by Laurie Skelton, Landover, Maryland, January 3 - 6, 2003

I had the opportunity to travel to Baltimore for the National Judges' Cup. I traveled with the Level 7 State Team, their coaches, and parents. The gymnasts were fantastic, and it was nice to get to know the coaches better.

After a bumpy flight that kept Trudi on her seat, and a couple of detours on the beltway, we arrived late to our hotel where the gymnasts got their uniforms and leotards. Boy, did they look great!

Our Nor-Cal team came away victorious once again - check the Nor-Cal Website for complete details. The girls performed fantastically! It was great to see them come together as a team, as each girl was from a different Nor-Cal club. The following

day they went to D.C., and the weather cooperated and snowed for them.

Judging 2 straight days over 14 hours each day isn't what I would call a vacation, but it was exciting to judge with so many different ladies. Each judge was very professional and had their own idea how to make judging easier. One Brevet judge had her own "over time" sign or "out of bounds" sign that she put up whenever she took that deduction just to inform the coach. Almost every judge was in her NAWGJ uniform. Most of the States don't use ProScore so we are very lucky and spoiled. All the judges took the same deductions, it just seemed that they tempered their execution deductions more than we do in Nor-Cal. Rebecca

Dengrove was there going to school, so she came and worked. Some of you might also remember a judge named Julie Fabsick. She was there, too. We even got to judge Audrey Schweyer's granddaughter. She is a Level 4 gymnast from Parkettes.

The judges fought over the great raffle prizes. Look for Jen Shipman to sport a NAWGJ baseball cap, or Fran Earls to show you her cup holder. I have used my NAWGJ umbrella already this year.

If you have the chance next year to attend the National Judges' Cup, I recommend it. Every session ran on time, you get to make a lot of new friends, and learn new judging techniques.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Northern California athletes fared well at level 9/10 Regionals as well as Level 8 Regionals. It was a pleasure to watch our athletes do so well. Following are the highlights:

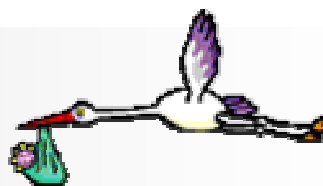
Level 9: Carol Chang (Airborne)-JrA 3rd AA 36.825, Michelle Hurlock (Cal West)-JrC 2nd AA 37.025, Laura Thur (Airborne)-SrB 1st AA 36.9, Hava McCarter-Ribakoff (Pozar's)-SrC 1st AA 36.575, Kyla Tom (CSC)-SrC 3rd AA 35.70

Level 10: Makayla Stambaugh (Byers Sac.)-JrA 1st AA 38.40, Miranda Smith (Pozar's)-JrB 1st AA 37.70, Irene Leung (West Valley)-JrB 3rd AA 37.475, Tricia Woo (West Valley)-JrD 3rd AA 36.75, Melissa Chan (Airborne)-SrA 1st AA 37.825, Jessica Kelley (Airborne)-2nd AA 37.525, Claire Pierce (Cal West)-SrB 1st AA 38.125

Level 8: Kristen Steingruber (Byers Rose.)-11A 3rd AA 37.025, Jenn Cooper (Tech.)-11B 3rd AA 37.35, Holly Micheff (Cal West)-13A 1st AA 37.075, Michaela Guillory (Byers-Sac.) 31A 1st AA 37.075, Alexandra Evans (Almaden)-13A 3rd AA 37.05, Kelly Chicoine (All Star)-15A 2nd AA 37.175, Sherine Ahmed (West Valley)-15B 1st AA 36.475, Danielle Clements (Golden Bear)-15B 3rd AA 36.025, Carolyn Mellum (Athletic Horizons)-17+ 1st AA 37.05.

Check out complete results at www.norcal-gymnastics.com

In the News...



Liz Crandall-Bader had a boy on December 28, 2002. Jacob Christopher weighed 6 lbs., 14 1/2oz. and was 21 inches long.

Maureen Koehler had a girl on December 7, 2002. Athena Rose Koehler weighed 8lbs., 2 oz. and was 20 inches long. She has blue eyes and blondish, red hair.

Laurie Russi is expecting a baby girl on September 14, 2003.

Marjorie Schultz is a grandma once again. Alyssa Mackenzie Schultz was born on April 5, 2003, weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Jennifer and Patty Shipman are auntie and grandma, respectively, once again. John William Shipman was born on March 14, 2003 and weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

Jamie Ulloa had a boy on February 9, 2003. Lucas Estéban Ulloa weighed 7 pounds, was 19 3/4 inches long, and was born under water. He has reddish, blonde hair and blue eyes.

Congratulations to all!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

November 2002-April 2003

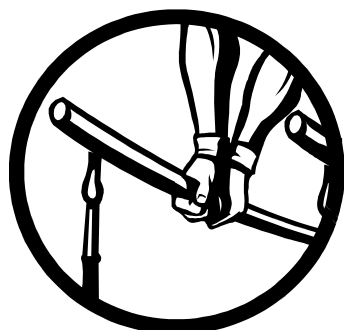
Income

Misc. Judge's Cup	\$ 208.00
Clinic/workshop: Dec. Clinic & December Critique Meet	\$6,295.00
Exams	\$ 45.00
Assigning Fees	\$ 150.00
Income from Memberships	\$ 20.00
Total Income:	\$6,823.00

Expenses

Miscellaneous Judge's Cup	\$ 651.18
Board Meeting	\$ 143.88
Postage (Assigning and Newsletter)	\$ 233.89
Operating Supplies (Assigning)	\$ 308.22
Telephone (Assigning)	\$ 196.59
December Clinic, Dec. Critique Meet & Level 7 Qualifier	\$11,069.78
Awards/Gifts	\$ 147.57
Educational Materials	\$ 369.10
Bank Charges (Check Printing)	\$ 5.05
National Judges Cup (Athletes, Judges, uniforms, etc.)	\$ 8,222.53
Total Expenses	\$21,347.79

Balance November 2002:	\$35,673.03
Income	\$ 6,823.00
Expenses	\$21,347.79
TOTAL IN BANK ACCOUNT:	\$21,148.24



2003 Nor-Cal

Optional State Meet Assignments

Level 9/10 State

Host: Byers Sacramento

March 15-16, 2003

Meet Referee: Joan Geel

Vault: Packwood, P. Shipman, Smith, Metcho

Bars: Earles, Sgamba, Bettencourt, Skelton

Beam: J. Shipman, Dubois, Stump, Russi

Floor: Cupal, Crandall-Bader, Villenius, Foley

Level 8 State

Host: Rohnert Park

March 22-23, 2003

Meet Referee: Jennifer Shipman

Vault: Schultz, S. Slater

Bars: Gibson, Balchus

Beam: Geel, Marcucci

Floor: Bettencourt, Koehler

Level 7 State

Host: Byers Roseville

March 29-30, 2003

Meet Referee: Liz Crandall-Bader

Vault: Packwood, Marcucci

Bars: Earles, Amos

Beam: P. Shipman, Elbasani

Floor: Russi, Smith

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Calendar of Events

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| May 2-4 | JO Nationals, Colorado Springs, CO |
| April 24-26 | NCAA Nationals, Lincoln, NE |
| August 10-24 | World Championships, Anaheim, CA |
| August 20-24 | USAG Congress, Anaheim, CA |
| August 30-Sept 1 | Region I Congress, Santa Clara, CA |

