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## **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING? A MESSAGE FROM THE SJD**

It's been a busy two months since taking the SJD position. I have been learning what my new position entails along with some directives from NAWGJ to streamline our organization and move forward with projects and to-do lists for our state. Here are some highlights:

NOTE If there is an asterisk at the end, it means there is more information about this subject in the newsletter

- Several judges presented topics at the USAG State Congress held at Perfect Balance on June 22-23. It was great to see judges and coaches working together to provide education to our USAG members.
- I have been working with Amanda Carter, our Education chair, on the summer clinic we are calling the NC State Symposium to be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> in Sanford, NC. \*
- I attended the National SJD meeting in St. Louis July 10-13 and met the other SJDs from our region and across the country. Because of the newly enacted term limits, this is the largest class of new SJDs ever!
- The elections for our state committee have wrapped up and there are new and returning committee members that began their term on July 20th. \*

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*“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success”. – Henry Ford*

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## **2024-26 STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Assigning: Bertina Harris

Education: Amanda Carter

New Judge Education: Cherie Hampton

CPE Coordinator: Kim Stenson

Contracts Coordinator: Jennie Adams

Webmaster: Julie King

High School Assigner: Cindy Cotten

Events Coordinator: Terri Robertson

Appointed/Non-voting – Amber Roland

## **NC STATE SYMPOSIUM**

Our 1-day symposium is being held August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Sanford Barbour College in Sanford, NC. We will begin registration at 8:30 and sessions will go from 9:00-5:00. You will be able to receive up to 8 hours of CPE clinic hours for this event. Topics include: Help for new judges, Finding your SV quickly and accurately, Applying general deductions for beam and floor, How the assigning process works, Sapphire and Level 9 Judging, Maintaining and balancing ethics as a judge, How to be a good partner to your chief or panel judge, memory and cognitive load and organization. Register for the event [HERE](#)

We will also be offering practical tests for level 8, 9, and 10 on Saturday. If you are interested you'll need to register on the USAGymnastics website [HERE](#).

## **IMPORTANT LINKS**

NAWGJ site: <https://nawgj.org/>

NAWGJ membership: <https://naow3gj.wildapricot.org/>

NAWGJ canons: <https://nawgj.org/about-nawgj/official-documents/>

NAWGJ bylaws: <https://nawgj.org/about-nawgj/official-documents/>

USA Gymnastics website: <https://usagym.org/>

Judging forms (CPE, National/Brevet course forms, exam registrations): <https://usagym.org/women/forms/>

USAG Program Updates: <https://usagym.org/women/updates/>

NGA website: <https://nationalgym.org/>

AAU website: <https://www.aaugym.com/northcarolina>

Reimbursement request form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTWpidi17YXZtoaR8pWVixQ384SWLlowM8c6rgCl-tlivV6g/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTWpidi17YXZtoaR8pWVixQ384SWLlowM8c6rgCl-tlivV6g/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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**Current term: August 1, 2024-July 31,**

**MEET DIRECTORS PUT THEIR RESPECTIVE MEET INTO THE GYMJAS SYSTEM. MEET DIRECTORS CAN:**

1. Request specific judges
2. Request local judges
3. Request judges with a certain rating
4. Request their meet referee



1. Judges are contacted via email if they have been requested for a meet. If a judge is requested for more than one meet on the same weekend, the judge chooses which meet he/she would prefer. A judge choosing one meet over another is kept confidential.

2. When local judges are requested, the assigner chooses the appropriate rating to assign to that meet. A meet referee is assigned if a full number needed.

3. The chief judge on bars will always serve as meet referee, unless there is a stand-alone meet referee requested. For larger invitationals, the meet referee may choose event assignments. Otherwise, the event assignments come from the assigner and will be assigned in the GymJas system. \*The meet referee is not always the highest rated official. There may be times when a higher rated judge will serve as the panel judge on bars to mentor a first time meet referee.

4. Fall assigning officially begins August 3rd. Winter/Spring assigning officially begins September 15th. Not inputting your availability on time, can affect your assignments. If a judge does not

**The process of how it works**

**What happens next?**

include Friday on their availability or vice versa, Sunday, this will affect your opportunity to be assigned to a 3-day competition. Meets with requested judges may be assigned earlier than the date listed. The hope is for all Winter/Spring meets to be assigned before October 1st. This will help when NCAA begins to assign judges.

5. Judges are expected to renew all memberships and update expiration dates so that they can be assigned. If a judge has not renewed their membership or met their CPE requirements, this can prevent them from being assigned.
6. Judges can add comments to let the assigner become aware of certain things such as: requests for an out of state meet, request for a specific invitational, etc. Judges can choose a preferred meet in the GymJas system, but it is not a guarantee, especially if specific judges have been requested.
7. If a judge is assigned a meet and then declines, he/she cannot be assigned to another meet that same weekend. (Unless there is an extenuating circumstance) If a judge receives a red flag after 2 weeks of not accepting a meet, they will receive an email and given 1 additional week to accept the meet. If no acceptance has been made, the assigner will remove the judge from the meet.
8. Judges, please update your availability periodically, in the event that a replacement judge is needed. When there is a quick turnaround, judges may receive a text message in lieu of an email. It important to remove dates as your availability changes as well as making sure your contact information is up to date.
9. The assigner works hard to rotate judges on different events throughout the season.
10. Judges are not required to carpool, but it is appreciated. Assignments are done at times, with the hope that judges who live in close proximity to one another, would consider carpooling. However, this cannot be mandated.
11. State meet assignments are selected by a board, not the assigner.

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