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MINUTES  
 NAWGJ NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD  
 September 19, 1984 6:00 p.m.

I. Roll

National Director	Dale Brown
Secretary/Treasurer	Betty Sroufe
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Region I	Betty Crowley
Region II	June Morlan-Houghton, Vad Woodside
Region III	Carole Bunge (arrived Sept. 20)
Region IV	Mary Ann West
Region V	Yvonne Hodge
Region VI	Lois Carson
Region VII	Carole Ide
Region VIII	Mary Lou Dillard (arrived Sept. 20)
Judges Training	Absent
Newsletter Editor	Char Christensen (arrived Sept. 20)
Symposium Director	Mary McLellan (present for her report)
Past Director	Joanne Aschenbrenner (arrived 8:00 p.m.)

II. Approval of Minutes

M/S/P Minutes from June 1984 meeting were approved with the following spelling correction:  
 X.2 - Wheelen (not Whelen)

III. Secretary/Treasurer Report - Betty Sroufe

1. Discussion was held on our new uniforms. The cost will be \$123.75 (including postage) for a blazer and skirt. We currently have 50 uniforms in stock and a second order will be sent in October. Two styles of skirts are available - plain (current style) or 2 pleats (2 in front - plain in back). Please specify which skirt you prefer when ordering. All orders should be sent to Betty Sroufe  
 2096 Rolling Hills Blvd.  
 Fairfield, Ohio 45014
2. a. A proposed National Budget for 1984-1985 Fiscal Year was presented. Copies of the national ledger was presented to help clarify areas of the budget.
- b. Motion was made to accept proposed budget. The motion was then removed for further discussion.
- c. Changes were made in several categories of the budget to best cover known upcoming expenditures.
- d. M/S/P The Proposed National Budget for Fiscal 1984-1985 (11/1/84-10-31-85) with changes as discussed is approved.

IV. Duty Clarification for Ex-Officio Members

1. M/S/P NAWGJ write further clarifications of the duties for Ex-Officio Members.
2. National Newsletter Editor
  - a. To clarify the term of this office: the national newsletter editor shall be appointed and assume office on May 1st in even-numbered years for a two year term.
  - b. M/S/P The following duties are to be added in the Operating Code, p. 3:
 

Be responsible to attend the NAWGJ National Judges Symposium and board meeting and to report on the sessions in the years that it is held.

Be responsible to attend the NAWGJ Board Meeting at USGF Congress and report on Related Judging Sessions in the years opposite the National Judges Symposium.

Expenses will be paid if all duties are fulfilled. Exceptions to full completion are to be approved by the NJD.
3. Past Director
 

M/S/P The following statement is to be added to the Operating Code, P.

Expenses will be paid to fulfill these duties.

## 4. Symposium Director

- a. Discussion was held with the current Symposium Director on budget matters. She agreed to compile a projected budget for the next Symposium through the recording of current expenses for the 1985 Symposium.
- b. M/S/P If the NAWGJ National Judges Symposium makes a profit, then NAWGJ be paid in full for any expenses incurred by the Symposium Director that were paid by the National Office. This repayment should come from the gross profit amount.

## V. Work Sessions were Held from 8:30-10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED - 10:15 p.m.

RE-ADJOURNED - September 20, 1984 8:00 a.m.

Director's Report - Dale Brown

1. Discussion on the following topics was held;
  - NCAA (upcoming meet assignments; 1985 Grant)
  - Contracts
  - Advantages for Assignment of Judges by NAWGJ (letter)
  - Professionalism (letter)
2. Further updates will be coming after Dale attends the WTC and WPC Board meetings here at Congress.

## VI. Incorporation

1. Joanne Aschenbrenner presented the final draft of our Incorporation Papers. Minor changes were made to include our new National Board Members (RJD's in Regions I, IV, VIII)
2. M/S/P Joanne Aschenbrenner will remain the NAWGJ Incorporating Agent and NAWGJ will incorporate in the state of Colorado.
3. The total fee for incorporation will be obtained from our lawyer, and a mail vote will be conducted to proceed with the Incorporation.

## VII. Regional Reports

Reports were given by all RJD's highlighting the Region's activities past and upcoming.

## VIII. Newsletter Editor Report - Char Christensen

1. A current budget was handed out.
2. An information sheet was handed out in regards to advertising in the National Newsletter.
3. M/S/P NAWGJ pursue advertising in the National Newsletter.
4. The costs for advertising will be as follows:

One issue:	1 line:	\$10.00
	1/8 of a page:	25.00
	1/4 of a page:	50.00
	1/2 of a page:	75.00
	1 page:	100.00
Four issues:	1/8 of a page:	80.00
	1/4 of a page:	160.00
	1/2 of a page:	240.00
	1 page:	300.00

5. Char will compile a Promotional Letter with the above prices and contact information and send a copy to all Board Members.
6. When an advertisement is received for publication, it must be approved by the National Governing Board. Char will check into other gymnastic related publications for a policy on acceptance of advertisement.

## IX. Constitution and Operating Code

Mary Van Grinsven presented the current Constitution and Operating Code (updated by a mail vote in August).

NEW BUSINESS

## Work Session Reports

## I. 1. Financial form report - Mary Ann West

- a. A yearly budget worksheet was presented by this committee and accepted by the Board. The report was typed and handed out to all SJD's at their meeting. SJD's not in attendance should receive a copy from their RJD.
- b. Revisions were suggested on our Tri-annual Financial Report Form. These revisions will be forthcoming when they are approved by our Auditor.

## 2. Financial Goals - Vad Woodside

We're in the process of incorporating NAWGJ which will provide a different tax status for us.

## NAWGJ - 1 year goals

Administrative Responsibility will be our major goal . . . through this added responsibility we can expect to gain increased efficiency at the state, regional and national levels.

The results should be:

1. A greater feeling of financial responsibility.
2. A greater understanding of the responsibility of reporting.
3. And a determination to be more effective.

Recommend - adding a membership co-ordinator at each state level to:

1. Follow-up on renewals.
2. Follow up the people who attend the clinics.
3. Follow up the people who pass the test.

This year we'll be concentrating on re-certification and suggest you plan your test dates early.

## NAWGJ - 5 year goals

1. Increased membership.
2. Uniform judging course/nationwide.
3. Corporate sponsorship.
4. Consideration of grants/scholarships.

## 3. Job Description - Liaison to JC, Inc.

- a. Joint Certification, Inc. asked us to help formulate a job description for our liaison member in regards to Judges Training and Evaluation.
- b. This committee, including our liaison Betty Sraufe, comprised a list of possible duties. This list will be reviewed by JC, Inc.

## 4. Yearly Statistical Reports - Mary Van Grinsven

- a. This committee revised the Annual Director's Report Form to be more concise and to the point.
- b. This report form was typed and handed out to all SJD's at their meeting. SJD's not in attendance should receive a copy from their RJD.

## 5. Judges Evaluation Form

- a. This form was revised after 1 year of use to better evaluate the judge.
- b. Guidelines on how the form will get to state level and above meets were specified as follows:

State meet: SJD sends to Meet Referee  
 Regional meet: RJD sends to Meet Referee  
 National meet: Administrative Assistant to Meet Referee

In all cases, a stamped envelope will be enclosed addressed to the director to whom the forms are to be sent.

- c. An article will appear in the National newsletter with complete information on the Evaluation Form and how it will be implemented this year.
- d. M/S/P The revised NAWGJ Evaluation Form is accepted and will be used in every region this year.

## II. Honorary Memberships

- a. M/S/P Mary McLellan will become an Honorary Member and receive a lifetime membership.
- b. Many thanks go out to Mary for her years of service on the National Governing Board as Recording Secretary. Mary is currently our Symposium Director.

ADJOURNED 12:25 p.m.

RE-ADJOURNED 2:00 p.m.

## VI. NAWGJ Brochure

- M/S/P Dale Brown is given authority to compile an informational brochure for NAWGJ to be available to prospective members.

## VII. M/S/P Dale Brown is given authority to compile a National Directory of all Elite and above ranked and above ranked judges after the recertification year.

## VIII. Judges Operating Guide

1. Mary Van Grinsven will compile a new guide that will be distributed to ALL judges through the National Newsletter in the fall of each year.
2. The JUDGES OPERATING GUIDE will include the following documents:
  - Constitution
  - Operating Code
  - Code of Professional Responsibilities
  - Fee Structure
  - Judges Contracts
  - Meet Director Contract
  - National Judges Directory
3. New members will be sent a copy with their first National Newsletter publication if they join after the fall publication is distributed.

## IX. COMPUTER

1. A report was given by Carole Bunge and Betty Sroufe on possible computers to fit our needs.
2. M/S/P NAWGJ will buy an IBM PC Computer. Carole Bunge will investigate the programs needed for our needs.
3. Research on prices will be done by Carole and Betty and a written report is due to the Board in November.

ADJOURNED 3:45 p.m.

RE-ADJOURNED September 21st - 12:30

## X. LIABILITY

1. Vernon Sutherland, BM&F Representative, attended this session to answer any questions we had in regard to our policy coverage.
2. An effort will be made to have our lawyer contact Mr. Sutherland to clear up unresolved issues.

## XI. CONTINUED DIRECTOR'S REPORT - DALE BROWN

1. Dale reported the results of the WTC and WPC meetings.
2. A proposal will be submitted to form a joint NAWGJ/USGF Judges Training Committee (replacing the USGF Judges Training Committee). This proposal will be acted upon in the Spring, 1985.

## XII. JC, INC. REPORT - BETTY SROUFE

1. Betty reported on the JC, Inc. meeting. Points of interest discussed were 1985 testing and the dates and locations of the upcoming compulsory clinics.
2. Check the official JC, Inc. minutes for further details.

XIII. Tentative Dates for next meeting: July 12-14, 1985  
Portland, Oregon

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Van Grinsven  
National Administrative Assistant

MVG:mlh

Approval of Minutes - NJD

10-11-84

Date

Fall Meeting - USGF Congress  
September 19-22, 1984

Synopsis of Voting

Passed:

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- Dale Brown is given authority to compile an informational brochure for NAWGJ to be available to prospective members.
- Dale Brown is given authority to compile a National Directory of all Elite and above ranked judges after the recertification year.
- NAWGJ will buy an IBM PC Computer. Carole Bunge will investigate the programs needed for our needs.
- Meeting adjourned 4:35 p.m.

U.S.G.F. OPTIONAL ONLY PROGRAM

Optional Only Program would be in effect for the 1984-1985 season as an experimental program only:

1. Eliminated Class II C&O level
2. Two Optional Only Divisions:
  - a. Intermediate Optionals
    - (1) Competition to state level only. Qualification must be at designated qualifying meet (Sectionals). Open meets will not work for qualification because no way to determine whether a gymnast had performed any of the restricted moves.

- b. Open to any gymnast who has not scored a 31.00 Optional AA in USGF sanctioned meet in the previous season (1983-84)
- c. Once a gymnast scores a 31.00 AA in a designated qualifying meet, she may remain in Intermediate level or move into the Advanced level during the same season.
- d. Difficulty restrictions for the Intermediate level:
  - 1. No Natural "C" skills
  - 2. No Natural "CR" skills
  - 3. No "C" level vaults or vaults with saltos
  - 4. Penalties applied for performing restricted movements:
    - (a) Natural "CR" - void routine
    - (b) Natural "C" - no credit given
    - (c) Performing "C" level Vault or salto - Void
  - 5. Qualifying scores to the state meet will be determined by the State Board. These qualifying scores must be achieved at designated qualifying meets (locals or sectionals).

b. Advanced Optionals

- 1. Competition to include Regional Championship
  - 2. For gymnasts who have scored 31.00 Optional AA in a sanctioned meet in previous season (1983-84) OR who have scored 31.00 Optional AA in the Intermediate Optional level in the same season (1984-1985).
  - 3. FIG Competition IB rules in effect
  - 4. Qualifying scores for the state and regional meets to be determined by Regional Board
3. Both Optional Only divisions are to be run simultaneously during the season.
- F. Motion made and passed that the Class III C&O level would include the same difficulty restrictions as in the Intermediate Optional level.
- 1. No Natural "C" skills
  - 2. No Natural "CR" skills
  - 3. No "C" level vaults or vaults with saltos
  - 4. Penalties applied for performing restricted movements:
    - (a) Natural "CR" - void routine
    - (b) Natural "C" - no credit given
    - (c) Performing "C" level vault or salto - Void

PRACTICE JUDGING AND THE CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY  
OF JUDGES TO JUDGE SANCTIONED MEETS

By

VARINA FRENCH - JUDGES Certification coordinator

1. Because several of our judges have abused the official guidelines for practice judging, specifically item #11 and #12 which reads:
  - (11) Practice judging of a meet where you are a coach or relative of a participating Gymnast is NOT permissible. If a location problem occurs, contact your State Judging Director for another assignment.
  - (12) Specifically the Practice Judge shall:
    - a. Sit with the Head Judge of assigned event at an assigned seat or place on the floor.
    - b. Judge every routine and record the score.
    - c. Make notations and direct any questions to the Head Judge.
    - d. Enter conferences but refrain from any comments, also refrain from relaying any conference information to anyone.
    - e. Act in a professional and ethical manner throughout the meet.

Any written communication from this office regarding special permission to deviate from these rules is now null and void and these rules are to be strictly followed. The SJD will be the contact regarding Practice Judging procedures.

Items 12d and 12e from the above have been the biggest problem and these especially concern those who fall under statement #11.

For all SJD's or assigners of Judges to meets: Please be advised that unless a judge has a judge's card in hand she is not eligible to judge sanctioned meets. Several judges have passed exams however have not received their certification card because of no active status or other reasons. Until her card is sent to her/him they are not qualified. If you are in doubt, send for an updated state list for your state that will list only those who are

certified and what ratings they officially hold. Send \$4.00 payable to Judges Certification Inc.

New Address:

JUDGES CERTIFICATION, INC.  
VARINA FRENCH  
CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR  
DESERT SANDS  
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BORREGO SPRINGS, CA 92004

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT  
JUDGING BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK . . . . .

by

DELENE DARST  
WTC CHAIRMAN

\*These were a list of questions submitted to the NAWGJ Newsletter Editor for this column. We thank Delene, for taking the time to answer all of these questions to assist us with our judging knowledge.

1. How many steps is a balk? Almost to the apparatus, or any initiation at all of the run?  
Answer: any initiation at all of the run .
2. For the mounts that start standing on the board, like the beam compulsory mounts, what is a balk?  
Answer: Is a double bounce like a missed mount? Yes What about when the gymnast puts her hands on the beam, then takes them off, then puts them back on? No problem - only leaving the floor constitutes a mount.
3. If the gymnast balks, is the green light restarted, or must she make her second attempt within the 30 seconds in order for there to be no penalty? (If she attempts and misses her mount, then the routine has begun.) Correct  
Answer: Normal timing for beam is followed.
4. Is bouncing on the board while setting it for the event an unauthorized warm-up, or is it a missed mount? If the latter, is the routine void since it was before the green light?  
Answer: Neither - the board is not considered part of the apparatus.
5. On floor, do we give credit for a skill completed in the air, but landed out of bounds, like double back? Yes How about reverse, initiated out of bounds, completed in air, landed in bounds?  
Answer: How is this possible? Give credit for all skills.
6. On floor, we don't value raise a series that has salto, gymnastic, salto, even if the saltos and connections would be raisable without the gymnastic element. But can we count it as a two-salto series?  
Answer: This is a difficult question. As it could depend on the elements involved. I am going to say no but a specific element situation should probably be discussed by WTC.
7. After dismount from beam, gymnast takes step toward beam and then leans against beam with full weight. What's the deduction? Is it the same as a fall? How about if they lean on something else, like the wall? (I know there shouldn't be walls near apparatus, but there are.)  
Answer: Could be .3 for touching or .5 for fall. Judge must determine amount of out of balance.
8. On beam and bars, what is the deduction when the gymnast falls (to her feet) and then elects not to continue? Fall 0.5 or no dismount 0.3, or both?  
Answer: The question depends on what she came off the apparatus doing. Could be .5, .3 or nothing except missing elements, time, etc.
9. What are the limits on the coaches presence around the apparatus? May the coach stand between the bars? No How close may she be? May reach between. May she walk under the bars to get from one side to the other? No May she walk along the beam during the exercise? No Can she stand just outside but at the edge of the floor exercise mat?  
Answer: May not be on the mat or in the way of a judge.
10. When a gymnast is spotted on a skill, she receives no value part credit and is deducted 0.5 for the spot. Are execution deductions taken during the skill? No What if the gymnast falls during the spotted skill? (Not what if she falls and is spotted to prevent injury.)  
Answer: Additional 0.5 for fall.



11. When a gymnast includes a compulsory sequence in her routine, she receives a 0.3 deduction. Does she get value part credit for the skill? If not, can it still be used to value raise?

Answer: This question is confusing. No value credit is given for compulsory elements, but would not deduct for not enough elements.

12. Do we give Rv OV from USGF supplement if not on '84 list? e.g.

Beam - switch side leap  
Floor - switch, leg split leap to split sit

Answer: If listed in supplement - yes. New list is from FIG. USGF supplement is still in effect for U.S.A.

13. Do we continue to give RVOV from WTC 6-3-83? Beam - 2 1/2 or more turns CR-OV

Answer: Yes

14. What about RVOV skills from Cheryl Grace list (September 1982 - August 1983) not on 1984 list?

(Bars 3.23  
No, deleted by (Beam 9.25 double  
F.I.G. ( 9.30 tucked RV - from how many feet?  
(Floor 7.10 RV pike only - position not specified on old list

15. Do we give "optional" RVOV, as in Cheryl Grace notes BONUS 1A, for skills that are listed as not having OV or RV?

Answer: only for unlisted skills. or combinations

16. What are the requirements about twist direction for vaults with twist in both flights, in particular for these vaults?

Group 1 - 1.4 half half )  
1.5 half full )  
1.6 half one and a half )  
1.18 cw 1/4 off (Code shows opposite) )  
1.19 cw 1/2 off (Code shows same) )  
1.20 cw 3/4 off (Code says same) )  
1.21 cw 1/1 off (Code shows same) )

Answer: Follow Code for all twisting vaults

17. WTC minutes 6/14/84 III 3.a don't understand how can roll from regular side handstand, which is where you end up after half pirouette from regular side handstand.

Answer: Must see this skill to understand it. It is done by one of our Elite gymnasts.

III 4.6 don't understand gainer takeoff to handstand - does it mean gainer back handspring to handstand? Yes

Answer: 8.11 begins from rear support - no stop allowed. Give skills - judges do not work from numbers.

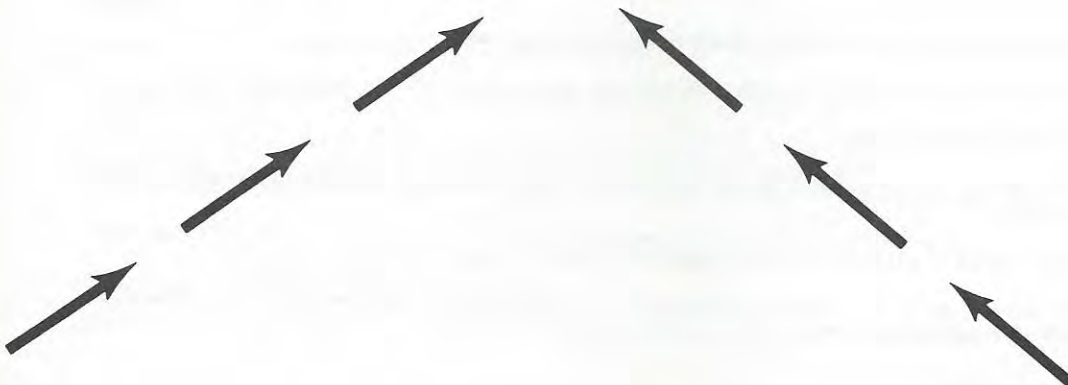
Value raising Bars 7.3 to 8.11 - yes  
8.24 to 8.11 - Yes

Does the brief rear support between the skills break the series?

Answer: Depends on length of time. Would be a difficult series to do.

Floor salto series A + C + C does it become A + CR + CR or  
A + C + CR?

Answer: A + C + CR



NCAA JUDGING PHILOSOPHY

by

Sylvia Moore, Chair  
NCAA Women's Gymnastic Committee

October 3, 1984

Ms. Dale Brown  
NAWGJ National Director  
4761 North Barton  
Fresno, California 93726

Dear Dale:

It has come to the attention of the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee that selected collegiate coaches and members of the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges have recently discussed judging standards as they relate to various levels of competition and differences (real or perceived) among regions of the country.

The committee has been asked to provide you, as president of the NAWGJ, a statement summarizing its philosophy regarding judging at the collegiate level. Simply, the committee conducts the NCAA championships competition according to the USGF Class I, Competition I-B rules and believes collegiate gymnasts in all regions should be judged accordingly. No special consideration is requested or expected for collegiate gymnasts relative to other skill levels within the USGF structure. It is hoped that through conscientious adherence to the code of points and resistance to certain pressures inherent in this subjective sport, judging will remain standardized insofar as is humanly possible among the regions.

I have enclosed a copy of the 1984 National Collegiate Men's and Women's Gymnastics Championships Handbook in case you would like to review the championships structure and qualification process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Moore, Chair  
NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee  
Oregon State University  
Corvallis, Oregon

JUDGING SUGGESTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Prepared by Elaine Thompson

## ALL JUDGES

Carry the host gym's phone number with you while traveling to the meet in case of delays--then remember to call.

Leave information at home so others can locate you.

Be at the meet site 30 minutes prior to competition; add 15 minutes or more to this if you want time to socialize.

Maintain professional posture, attire and behavior while in the competitive area.

Have your Code, Compulsories and Rules & Policies updated so you know who changed what when.

Judge quickly - within 10-30 seconds.

Record at least the number of A, B and C moves, all bonus, compositional requirements, execution and combination deductions.

Do not erase on your judge's slip - cross out and initial the change.

Remember there are people watching - solve problems quickly and quietly and keep it within the group concerned - further discussion can take place in the judges' room.

## PANEL JUDGE

Make sure your runner runs and places the slip correctly on the head table.

Note line and wrong vault infractions on your slip - it helps the head judge.

## PANEL JUDGE (Cont.)

- Keep contact with coaches at an "unbiased level" during the competition.
- Remember panel and individual judge comments and situations stay within the panel.
- Remain in your event area while other events are finishing - check with the head judge before leaving.
- Respect the position of the head judge - cooperate as much as you can justify when asked to make changes during a conference.
- Allow the head judge to state his/her position first during a conference then quickly state your differences - quickly arrive at an agreement.
- Mark your paper with your new score and the reasons justifying it.
- Direct coaches' questions during the meet to the head judge or meet referee.

## HEAD JUDGE

- Maintain authority on the panel while not abusing the position.
- Check equipment prior to and during the competition. Know equipment heights for each age group.
- Check with timers, lines people, scorers, and flashers - do not assume they know what they are doing.
- Make sure timers call warning a full 5 seconds before calling time.
- Read the watch yourself for routines with time violations.
- Check to see that the judges on the other side can hear the signals.
- Lead the event discussion for your panel during the judges' meeting.
- Keep eye on the 30 second touch.
- Keep running list of the judges' scores and the average.
- Check the range -- both middle scores and the average from your score. If either is out, call a conference.
- When having a conference be aware that there are timers, runners, etc., within hearing distance and be careful of comments.
- Remember no score can be changed once it has been sent to the scorer without an inquiry.
- Call average if this is possible.
- Be prepared to make decisions on routine repetitions for equipment failures.
- Do not extend fall time if a proper warning was given.
- Review the base routine with the panel in the case of carry-over sessions.
- Check and sign score sheets and the sanction sheet.

## MEET REFEREE

- Realize that this is a liaison position between coaches and judges.
- Know Rules & Policies inside out.
- Know qualifying scores in and out of specific meet.
- Communicate with meet director during organization of meet.
- Assign head judges taking into account rating, experience, affiliation. If an affiliated judge has been approved for the meet, then that judge should be placed according to the rating held - that is, a Class I affiliated judge should not be a panel judge under a Class II unaffiliated judge.
- Check the equipment, meet format and rotations preferable prior to warm-ups.
- Be present for the coaches' meeting.
- Direct the judges' meeting, discuss meet organization and begin discussion on each event.

## MEET REFEREE (Cont.)

Make sure all necessary forms are available to head judges and coaches.

Be present for the first routine of each compulsory and optional level in order to have a frame of reference for the panel's work.

Post the base routine evaluation forms.

Circulate to each event throughout the meet to determine the consistency of the panels and individual judges in relation to the base routine.

Counsel with the head judge if you feel inconsistencies are developing.

You have the right to be included in all conferences.

Be available to the coaches for questions or comments.

Receive inquiries from the meet director, check the validity of the inquiry, take the inquiry to the head judge of the event, return the completed inquiry to the meet director or coach.

Organize and collect judges' expense sheets.

Check and sign score sheets checking and initialing any changes - sign the sanction sheet.

Obtain copies of the results and, if necessary, mail copies to the appropriate people.

## BRIEFCASE NECESSITIES

Code of Points, Compulsory Book, Rules & Policies, newsletters (particularly those with USGF WTC minutes).

Forms: inquiry sheets, conference forms, base routine evaluation sheets, judges' expense sheets, judging sheets.

Contract for this meet.

Phone numbers of state and regional officers.

Tape measure - metric and inches, stop watch, calculator, pencils, pens, green flag, clipboard or notebook, mints, aspirin.

## JURY OR APPEALS

Meet director, meet referee, head judge of event concerned, two or three other judges, age group developmental director (state or region).

OR

Meet director, highest rated judge on the floor, head judge of event concerned, the other head judges or other high rated judges, state board class level coach.

## HEAD JUDGE DEDUCTIONS

- .1 improper footwear
- .1 EACH lack of presentation before or after routine
- .1 out of bounds each occurrence
- .2 excess of undertime or overtime
- .2 undisciplined behavior of gymnast
- .2 undisciplined behavior of coach
- .2 coach gives signal to gymnast
- .2 coach touches apparatus during routine
- .2 coach obstructs view of judges
- .2 springboard is placed on authorized mats
- .5 gymnast takes more than 30 sec from green flag to mount (50 secs. on UB)
- .5 failure to give notification to leave competitive area (also could result in disqualification)
- .5 wrong vault number flashed

ALL HEAD JUDGE DEDUCTIONS ARE TAKEN FROM THE INDIVIDUAL SCORE AVERAGE

MISCELLANEOUS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Basework Sheets must be filled out and posted at every meet. The first routine that is judged at each meet will be considered as base.

All judges must list bonus on every score sheet at every optional meet.

Judging evaluation forms will be asked for at state meets and higher

At state meet individual score sheets will be mailed to our RTD for statistical analysis of each individual judge's knowledge of bonus. This evaluation will be used in helping select the regional judges.

All scores will be called in by the head judge after 45 seconds. This may be moved to 30 seconds in January.

Inquiries Compulsory Only questions pertaining to 1) major elements and whether they were given credit  
2) falls - if there was any questionable occurrence 3) neutral deductions

OPTIONALS: 1) value parts - how many A's, B's, C's given  
2) bonus points - did skill receive bonus credit 2) falls 4) neutral deductions

An inquiry must be submitted within 5 minutes of the last gymnast in that rotation.

A score that has been sent in can not be changed unless an inquiry is made.



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## A GYMNAST'S MOM

August 21, 1984

Dear Judge,

This is a letter I have been going to write for some time. Finally, in a moment of summer calm, I will have a chance to tell you - "You are appreciated." I doubt we gymnastic Moms say "thanks" too often (? ever?). Usually at the end of a meet we are kind of busy "soothing" or "congratulating" our girls.

I feel your part in my daughter's growth process has been vital.

May I share a few specific incidents? At her "first" mini-team meet she was naturally apprehensive, but excited . . . the music began, she began the routine, about half-way through she stopped dead - a woman behind me hissed "if they don't know the routine, they shouldn't be here!"

My daughter looked so tiny and full of panic - she looked at "You" (the judge) and received a calm, reassuring smile - she relaxed - skipped to the corner she was supposed to end in, waited for the music and ended "on cue" with a body wave and a smile.

Since that day she and I have learned other lessons. Sometimes judges appear to use criteria other than performance to give scores. But that too is a lesson for life - not all in life is "fair."

Gymnastics has given her timing, strength, grace, endurance, coping skills for being at the bottom, on a plateau and on top --- and on the bottom again.

At times, as parents do, we worried about the competitions giving too much pressure to her so young - but she has been self-motivated with encouragement from her coaches and support from us. Some of these lessons have helped her everyday life.

This year she performed in her school play with incredible poise and never turned her back to the audience. We feel that training came from being aware of the "judge."

Her ability to "goal set" carried over to learning some difficult math concepts - by sticking with it.

If I may share another moment where You - a judge - made a difference. Moving up a class was another tough step . . . and we were without a dance coach at the time, therefore, she had to make up most of her optional floor routine herself. After her second optional meet, in which she did not place, a judge took the time to find her in a crowd and complimented her on how "unique" her routine was and how she had "enjoyed" it. That judge may never know what a "boost" that sincere comment was (better than a ribbon).

One of the most important lessons my daughter has learned from you is how to be evaluated and learn from it. She has been able to measure her improvement.

Thank you again for the consistent judging and please, "keep those smiles coming"!

Fondly,

A Gymnast's Mom

(The only reason I'm not signing my name is so you can think this came from every Mom who meant to write also!)

\*Thank you to Pat Panichas - Connecticut NAWGJ Newsletter.

## KAROLYI COACHES DEVELOPING STARS

By Steve Wieberg  
USA TODAY

GYMNASTICS

In 1976, a wisp of a Romanian gymnast named Nadia Comaneci captured four medals and millions of hearts at the Olympic Games in Montreal.

Eight years later, there may be an American equivalent. Mary Lou Retton is attractive, she radiates charm and she is talented. The 16-year-old from Fairmont, W. Va., won her first national all-around championship, plus the vault and floor exercise titles, last weekend in Evanston, Ill.

Her development into a likely star of the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles is the work of a tall, expressive man named Bela Karolyi. For the

past year and a half, he's been Retton's personal coach.

Prior to that, he was Comaneci's coach. "Nobody's better," Retton said. "His record shows that."

Karolyi works not only with Retton at his gymnastics club in Houston, but also with Julianne McNamara, who finished second in the national all-around standings and remains the best-known in American woman in international competition. He also has another member of the women's national team, Kerry Haynie.