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NAWGJ National Symposium Portland, Oregon July 14-17, 2005

The 2005 National NAWGJ Symposium will be held on in Portland, Oregon, the City of Roses on July 14 through 17, 2005.

This will be your first testing opportunity for the new cycle--both compulsory and optional tests will be available. Level 10 Recertification will also be offered.

The registration fee for the symposium is $160 if postmarked by March 5, 2005; $195 if postmarked by June 1, 2005 and $250 if postmarked after June 1 or if paid onsite.

The Doubletree Hotel Portland_Lloyd Center located at 1000 N.E. Multnomah in Portlandwill be the host hotel. You can call 1-800-996-0510 tomake reservations. Be sure to ask for the NAWGJ rate which will be available until June 28, 2005. All room rates include a full breakfast buffet in the Multnomah Grille Restaurant. The room rates will be effective from July 12 through July 18, 2005. The rates are:

Room	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
Guestrooms	$119.00	$124.00	$129.00	$134.00
Lanai Suite	$149.00	$149.00	$149.00	$149.00

State and Local Taxes to be added

The hotel is within walking distance of the Oregon Convention Center, the Rose Garden Arena and Memorial Coliseum. It is across the street from the fabulous Lloyd Center Mall, featuring over 200 stores, 18 movie theatres and an ice skating rink. Adjacent to the MAX light rail system which is fareless to most downtown locations and costs just $1.55 each way to the airport. The Oregon Museum of Science and Industy and Washington Park Zoo are nearby.

A symposium registration form is on the next page. The registration form and your check should be mailed to Sheila Ragle, NAWGJ Symposium, 1870 Eagle Summit Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.

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I Will or Will Not Attend the Banquet (Please Circle One)

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Please use one (1) form per person

2005 NCAA Women's Gymnastic Rules

The National Collegiate Women's Championships and all meets used to qualify will be conducted according to the FIG Women's Code of Points, with the Junior Olympic (Level 10) modifications as of 11/1/04. [Note: If the value of a skill (JO) on events other than vaulting is raised after 11/1/04, it will be effective immediately.] All rules and guidelines for execution and compositional deductions as applied to the USAG-JO program (Level 10) will be used with the following collegiate modifications/clarifications:

GENERAL

- .10 deduction for competing out of order (taken from team score).

VAULT

1. Teams & individuals must compete using a new vault table apparatus during any regular season meet used in calculating RQS.
2. Collegiate Vault Value Chart (Effective September, 2004)
3. Gymnasts will perform one vault, the score of which will count. A gymnast will be afforded three attempts to go over the horse one time. Touching the board and/or the horse, without going over the horse, counts as one of the three attempts.
4. No deduction if gymnast's lead arm bends during a ¼ on or Tsukahara entry vault. Deduct for bending of second arm.
5. 1.00 deduction for touching the horse with only one or with no hands.
6. 1.00 deduction for failure to land on feet first (includes fall).
7. 1.00 deduction for spotting assistance during the vault.

UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (taken off of the start value as always):

1. Two bar changes
2. One flight element minimum of "C"
3. A different flight element minimum of "B"
4. "C" dismount with the following modifications:
   a. "B" dismount = .10 deduction (not .2)
   b. "C" dismount immediately preceded by same two "A" elements or same two "B" elements = .1 deduction (not .2)

BEAM

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (taken off of the start value as always):

1. Acro series, minimum of 2 flight elements, both must start and finish on the beam
2. Dance or Dance/Acro series of 2 or more elements
3. Minimum of 360 degree turn on one foot or knee
4. Leap, jump or hop requiring 180 degree split (front or side)
5. "C" dismount or
   "B" dismount preceded by and directly connected to any "C" element (acro or dance) with the following modification:
   a. "B" dismounts not meeting the connection requirement will receive a .1 deduction (not .2)

Note: A minimum "C" element performed a third time (no VP) may be used to fulfill S.R. 5 on beam.

COMPOSITION

1. Mounts (Group 1) may be used to fulfill the forward or sideward acro element

ELEMENT VALUES DIFFERENT FROM LEVEL 10:

1. #2.307 Stag-ring leap or jump = D
2. #8.301 Salto forward take off from one leg = D
3. #8.304 Salto backward stretched with step-out = D
4. #8.305 Gainer salto backward stretched, also with leg change in flight = D
5. #8.404 Salto backward stretched throughout (no pike down) with legs together = E
   Salto backward stretched through vertical and then pike down, with legs together = D
   Salto backward stretched and then pike before vertical, with legs together = C (pike)
6. #9.108 Gainer salto stretched with ½ twist, to side of beam = B (tuck & pike = A); In collegiate program, same values when gainers are performed forward.
7. #S9.202 Stand on 1 leg – swing free leg backward to a front aerial with 1/1 twist in stretched position off side of beam = C
8. #9.208 Gainer salto backward stretched with 1/1 twist, to side of beam = C (tuck "B")
9. #9.407 Double salto backward tucked or piked = E

CONNECTION VALUE EXCEPTIONS:

B+D Acro Flight

a. BHS(any with 2 arms)+ Layout step-out = no connection value

B+E Acro Flight

a. BHS(any with 2 arms)+ Layout with feet together = +.10 (not +.20)

B+B+D 3 Acro Flight Elements

a. Any variation or order of 2 BHS's (any with two arms) and a layout step-out = +.10 (not +.20)

FLOOR

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (taken off of the start value as always):

1. One acro series (3 flight elements, 1 a salto)
2. Another acro series, with 2 saltos (same or different)
3. 3 different saltos within the exercise
4. Minimum 360 degree turn on one foot ("B" not required)
5. Dance series of 2 or more leaps, jumps or hops (one foot take off not required)
6. "C" dismount with the following modifications:
   a. "B" dismounts will receive a .10 deduction (not .2)

Note: Minimum of "C" salto performed as the last isolated salto or in the last salto connection.

COMPOSITION

1. Maximum of two prone landings will be allowed. One from dance and one from acro elements.
2. 1 ¼ saltos to prone landing retain the same value as the root element and are considered saltos for SR and AV.

Additional Collegiate Rules

EQUIPMENT

1. Low bar must be adjustable to 165 cm and the high bar adjustable to 245 cm without the bar height adapters.
2. ½" plywood may be used under the springboard for mounting bars and beam.
3. If a gymnast has a broken/torn grip, she may repeat her routine as the last team competitor or after the all-around competitor (specialist). If this does not allow for a sufficient amount of time to change grips or enough time to prepare, the gymnast will repeat the routine as soon as it is safe to do so. However, the time should not exceed five minutes. [Note: Common sense and safety must always prevail.]
4. A chalk arc line may be placed on the corners of the floor exercise mat.
5. Except for a small mark, chalk may not be applied directly to the beam. A small amount of chalk may be applied to the gymnasts' hand and feet as needed for safety.
6. If a mat used on floor exercise exceeds the boundary lines, the mat must be clearly marked with tape or chalk to indicate the actual boundary lines. Failure to mark the mat will result in a .10 deduction taken off the average.
7. The maximum run distance for mounts on uneven bars and balance beam during championships competition is 27 ½'. If more than 27 ½' of matting exists, the maximum run distance must be marked. If the gymnast exceeds the 27 ½' run distance a .10 deduction will be assessed.
8. A minimum of 15 ½' must be available on the opposite side of the beam.

LANDINGS

Reminder: Landing deductions are taken for lack of control and/or movement occurring prior to presenting to the judges. (e.g., celebrating on the mat prior to presenting to the judges, failing to show a controlled landing prior to turning to present to the judges)

OPEN SCORING AND START VALUE

1. Open scoring will be used at regional competition and national championship. [Note: judges are to sit apart; all judges' scores will be flashed, simultaneously, with only the average raised.]
2. All scores will be flashed and rotated, but only the average score will be raised and rotated.
3. All start values and scores will be flashed simultaneously. The competitor's name and number must be displayed on the score flasher.
4. Score verification procedures will be in place at regionals and each day of competition at nationals.
5. Reminder: The allowable score range between the two counting scores follows JO.

UNIFORM

1. During the 2005 championships, long-sleeve, short-sleeve or sleeveless (including backless) one-piece leotards are permitted. Swimsuit apparel is permitted during practice and warm-up at championship events during the 2004 season, provided the apparel meets all other uniform regulations, including those outlined in the Championships Handbook.
2. Deduction of .10 for leotard above the hipbone. A warning must be given first.
3. There is no deduction for a matching (i.e., color of leotard or skin tone in color) sports bra that is exposed. During championships competition, gymnasts must wear trunks that match the color of the leotard or be skin tone in color.

The meet referee will instruct a gymnast who does not meet the uniform policies that she is "out of uniform" and must comply with the uniform rules prior to returning to the competition.

2004 NCAA Women's Gymnastics Vault Table

Group 1 - Handsprings

1.1	Handspring		8.8
1.2	Yamashita		8.8
1.3	Handspring	1/2	8.8
1.4	Yamashita	1/2	9.0
1.5	Handspring	1/1	9.2
1.6	Yamashita	1/1	9.3
1.7	Handspring	1 1/2	9.5
1.8	Yamashita	1 1/2	9.6
1.9	Handspring	2/1	10.0
1.10	Handspring	2 1/2	10.0
1.11	Handspring	3/1	10.0
1.12	Handspring	Front Tuck	9.8
1.13	Handspring	Front Tuck 1/2	9.9
1.14	Handspring	1/2 Back Tuck	9.9
1.15	Handspring	Front Tuck 1/1	10.0
1.16	Handspring	1/2 Back Tuck 1/2	10.0
1.17	Handspring	Front Tuck 1 1/2	10.0
1.18	Handspring	Front Pike	9.9
1.19	Handspring	Front Pike 1/2	10.0
1.20	Handspring	1/2 Back Pike	10.0
1.21	Handspring	Front Layout	10.0
1.22	Handspring	Front Layout 1/2	10.0
1.23	Handspring	1/2 Back Layout	10.0
1.24	Handspring	Front Layout 1/1	10.0
1.25	Handspring	Front Layout 1 1/2	10.0
1.26	Handspring	Front Layout 2/1	10.0
1.27	Handspring	Double Front Tuck	10.0
1.28	1/2 on	1/2	8.9
1.29	1/2 on	1/1	9.1
1.30	1/2 on	1 1/2	9.5
1.31	1/2 on	2/1	9.9
1.32	1/2 on	2 1/2	10.0
1.33	1/1 on	Handspring	9.6
1.34	1/1 on	Yamashita	9.6
1.35	1/1 on	1/2	9.6
1.36	1/1 on	1/1	9.8
1.37	1/1 on	1 1/2	10.0
1.38	1/1 on	2/1	10.0
1.39	1/1 on	Front Tuck	10.0
1.40	1/1 on	Front Pike	10.0
1.41	1/1 on	Front Layout	10.0
1.42	FHS (onto board) Handspring	Front Tuck	9.9
1.43	FHS (onto board) Handspring	Front Tuck 1/2	10.0
1.44	FHS (onto board) Handspring	Front Pike	10.0

Group 2 - Tsukaharas (1/4 to 1/2 on)

2.1	Tsukahara	Handspring	8.8
2.2	Tsukahara	Back Tuck	9.5
2.3	Tsukahara	Back Tuck 1/2	9.8
2.4	Tsukahara	1/2 to 3/4 Front Tuck	9.8
2.5	Tsukahara	Back Tuck 1/1	9.9
2.6	Tsukahara	1/2 to 3/4 Front Tuck 1/2	9.9
2.7	Tsukahara	Back Tuck 1 1/2	10.0
2.8	Tsukahara	Back Pike	9.6
2.9	Tsukahara	Back Pike 1/2	9.9
2.10	Tsukahara	1/2 to 3/4 Front Pike	9.9
2.11	Tsukahara	Back Pike 1/1	10.0
2.12	Tsukahara	1/2 to 3/4 Front Pike 1/2	10.0
2.13	Tsukahara	Back Layout	9.8
2.14	Tsukahara	Back Layout 1/2	10.0
2.15	Tsukahara	1/2 to 3/4 Front Layout	10.0
2.16	Tsukahara	Back Layout 1/1	10.0
2.17	Tsukahara	1/2 to 3/4 Front Layout 1/2	10.0
2.18	Tsukahara	Back Layout 1 1/2	10.0
2.19	Tsukahara	Back Layout 2/1	10.0
2.20	Tsukahara	Back Layout 2 1/2	10.0
2.21	Tsukahara	Double Back Tuck	10.0

Group 3 - Round-Off Entry

3.1	RO, FF	Handspring	8.8
3.2	RO, FF	1/1 Twist Off	9.2
3.3	RO, FF	1 1/2 Twist Off	9.5
3.4	RO, FF	2/1 Twist Off	9.9
3.5	RO, FF	Back Tuck	9.5
3.6	RO, FF	Back Tuck 1/2	9.8
3.7	RO, FF	1/2 Front Tuck	9.8
3.8	RO, FF	Back Tuck 1/1	9.9
3.9	RO, FF	1/2 Front Tuck 1/2	9.9
3.10	RO, FF	Back Tuck 1 1/2	10.0
3.11	RO, FF	Back Tuck 2/1	10.0
3.12	RO, FF	Back Pike	9.6
3.13	RO, FF	Back Pike 1/2	9.9
3.14	RO, FF	1/2 Front Pike	9.9
3.15	RO, FF	Back Pike 1/1	10.0
3.16	RO, FF	1/2 Front Pike 1/2	10.0
3.17	RO, FF	Back Layout	9.8
3.18	RO, FF	Back Layout 1/2	10.0
3.19	RO, FF	1/2 Front Layout	10.0
3.20	RO, FF	Back Layout 1/1	10.0
3.21	RO, FF	1/2 Front Layout 1/2	10.0
3.22	RO, FF	Back Layout 1 1/2	10.0
3.23	RO, FF	Back Layout 2/1	10.0
3.24	RO, FF	Back Layout 2 1/2	10.0
3.25	RO, FF	Double Back	10.0
3.26	RO, FF 1/2	1/1	9.3
3.27	RO, FF 1/2	1 1/2	9.5
3.28	RO, FF 1/2	2/1	10.0
3.29	RO, FF 1/2	Front Tuck	9.9
3.30	RO, FF 1/2	Front Tuck 1/2	10.0
3.31	RO, FF 1/2	1/2 Back Tuck	10.0
3.32	RO, FF 1/2	Front Tuck 1 1/2	10.0
3.33	RO, FF 1/2	Front Pike	10.0
3.34	RO, FF 1/2	Front Pike 1/2	10.0
3.35	RO, FF 1/2	1/2 Back Pike	10.0
3.36	RO, FF 1/2	Front Layout	10.0
3.37	RO, FF 1/2	Front Layout 1/2	10.0
3.38	RO, FF 1/2	1/2 Back Layout	10.0
3.39	RO, FF 1/1	1/1	9.7
3.40	RO, FF 1/1	1 1/2	9.9
3.41	RO, FF 1/1	2/1	10.0
3.42	RO, FF 1/1	Back Tuck	10.0
3.43	RO, FF 1/1	1/2, Front Tuck	10.0
3.44	RO, FF 1/1	Back Pike	10.0
3.45	RO, FF 1/1	Back Layout	10.0
3.46	RO, FF 1 1/2	1/1	10.0

Additional Collegiate Vaulting Rules

*Vault numbers will not be flashed.
*All twisting should be completed at the apex of the vault with increasing deductions taken the later the twist is completed.
*Tsukahara vaults may be performed with 90° to180° turn in the preflight.
*No deduction should be taken for a bent lead arm when performing Tsukahara vaults.
*1/4 on, 1/4 off, in opposite directions should be judged as a handspring vault.
*There is a 1.0 deduction for one or no hands touching vault table.
*There is a 1.0 deduction for spotting assistance during the vault.
*There is a 1.0 deduction for not landing on feet first.
*During the 3-minute touch warm-up, each vaulter is guaranteed two times over the vaulting table.

Code of Professional Responsibility

Preamble and Preliminary Statement

Preamble

In fulfilling the role of a women's gymnastic judge, the individual judge assumes a role that requires the performance of many difficult tasks not all of which can be foreseen. It is the purpose of the Code of Professional Responsibility to provide the fundamental ethical principles which are always present to guide the judges so as to insure, as best it can be insured, that the judge's conduct will be such as will be responsible and promote respect for the dignity not only of the judge but also for the Association of which she/he is a part. The Code of Professional Responsibility is intended to provide standards by which to judge one charged with being a transgressor of the Code and to provide the procedures whereby the Association and the judge may be dealt with in a fair and just manner. The fulfillment of the role of a women's gymnastic judge who is a part of the National Association of Women's Gymnastic Judges requires an understanding by the individual judge of her/his relationship with and function in a well ordered and justly administered system of judging women's gymnastics events and it is this which creates and give rise to the consequent or resultant obligation on the part of the individual judge to maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct and personal and professional integrity at all times.

Preliminary Statement

This Code of Professional Responsibility consists of three but interrelated parts: Canons, Disciplinary Rules and Disciplinary Action. The Canons express in general terms the conduct expected of women's gymnastic judges in their relationship with the public, with the Association and with the profession of judging in general; the Canons embody the general concepts from which the ethical consideration and disciplinary rules are derived. The Disciplinary Rules are mandatory and set forth the minimum level of conduct below which no judge who is a member of the Association can fall and will be uniformly applied to all members. Permeating both the Canons and the Disciplinary Rules are matters of ethics which represent the objective toward which every member of the Association should strive.

Canons

CANON I: A judge should assist in maintaining the integrity and competence of the profession of judging women's gymnastic events.

CANON 2: A judge should assist the Association in fulfilling its duty to make judges for women's gymnastic events available.

CANON 3: A judge should assist in improving the system of judging women's gymnastic events.

CANON 4: A judge should avoid even the appearance of professional impropriety.

CANON 5: A judge shall be well qualified in gymnastics, know the rules and be thoroughly prepared for each assignment.

CANON 6: A judge shall be completely unbiased.

CANON 7: A judge should confine her/his duties to the purposes of judging; coaching is not included in a judge's responsibilities and a coach of a girl competing should not be judging.

CANON 8: A judge should avoid judging a meet when prejudice for or against a team exists.

CANON 9: A judge should not give any appearance, especially at a meet, of any particular friendship with any coach or competitor.

CANON 10: A judge should never consume alcoholic beverages prior to a judging assignment where such consumption is evident by virtue of the odor thereof about her / his person or is reflected in her / his conduct and demeanor.

CANON 11: A judge should maintain a neat and well-groomed appearance when judging.

CANON 12: A judge should wear the uniform or identification given her/him by the Association (except where other dress is expressly permitted.)

CANON 13: A judge should not be over-officious.

CANON 14: A judge should not become intimate with coaches or affiliates of teams or contestants who she/he may later be called upon, directly or indirectly, to judge.

CANON 15: A judge should not criticize or attempt to explain other official's judgment or decisions to coach, team or affiliate thereof.

CANON 16: A judge should give her/his best efforts in every meet judged. Each team, meet, contestant and participant, as well as the spectators, are entitled to the official's best efforts as she/he is employed as a representative to administer the rules of the sport.

CANON 17: A judge should not solicit meets for herself/himself or for others.

CANON 18: A judge should fulfill all assignments accepted, should be punctual and should attend all judging and other meetings attendant to the employment undertaken which are intended to promote a well ordered and conducted meet or event.

CANON 19: A judge should prepare for each judging assignment and should through reasonable and prudent means, including clinics, keep her judging knowledge current.

CANON 20: A judge should at all times both look and act professionally neither by dress, appearance or conduct visit disrespect upon or lower the esteem of the profession of judging women's gymnastic events, generally, and this Association in particular.

CANON 21: A judge should treat gymnasts, coaches, other judges, promoters and spectators with respect. In general, a judge should treat all persons with respect and dignity and thereby encourage like treatment being extended to her/him.

CANON 22: A judge should be alert at all times, quickly yet accurately produce her/his scores, have a basis for the scores derived and prepared, and if a legitimate need should arise, rationally and logically explain and support such scores in a dignified, professional manner and should, at all times, be cooperative in working in and through conferences and protests.

CANON 23: A judge should decline any assignment in which affiliation with a team or individuals would tend to influence the judge's judgment and the judge's ability to be fair, impartial and objective.

CANON 24: A judge should at all times respect the privacy, property and feelings of any judge or other person with whom such judge is living during the event being judged and should not do anything which is calculated, designed (or by its very nature would necessarily have such effect) to compromise such persons rights, feelings or property or which would embarrass or otherwise offend such person.

Disciplinary Rules

RULE 1: A judge who is a member of this Association shall not:

(a) Violate a disciplinary rule,

(b) Circumvent a disciplinary rule through actions of another,

(c) Engage in illegal conduct involving moral turpitude,

(d) Engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation,

(e) Engage in conduct prejudicial to the judging of women's gymnastic events,

(f) Engage in any other conduct that adversely reflects on her/his fitness to engage in the profession of judging women's gymnastic events.

RULE 2: A judge who is a member of this Association shall report any knowledge she/he has of a violation of Rule 1 by any other judge or member to her Association, such report to made to the National Judging Director and every effort shall be made by the reporting party to keep such report and the content thereof confidential to all other except the National Judging Director unless and until called upon by the Association to make the content thereof known to others.

RULE 3: A judge who possesses knowledge or evidence concerning another judge or member of this Association shall reveal such knowledge or evidence upon proper request of one having authority from the Association to investigate or act upon the conduct of such judge.

RULE 4: A judge shall not accept any compensation, remuneration or consideration in connection with her/his fulfilling her contract to judge an event other than that which is the paid or otherwise accorded her by the Association or otherwise sanctioned by the Association.

RULE 5: A judge shall not suffer or permit or allow anything to influence or otherwise affect or to give the appearance of affecting or having affected her/his judgment in rendering a fair and impartial and otherwise honest judgment.

RULE 6: A judge shall not accept anything of value from any person whether the judge knows or reasonably should know that the offer is for the purpose of influencing her/his actions as a women's gymnastics judge.

RULE 7: A judge shall not use her/his position as such to endeavor to influence or attempt to influence anyone in any manner whatsoever, or to obtain any special advantage for herself/himself by reason of or as consequence of her/his being a judge.

RULE 8: A judge shall not knowingly make a false statement concerning any fellow judge or other person having involvement whatsoever in any meet or event in which this Association is in any way involved or interested.

RULE 9: A judge shall not engage in any conduct which gives even an appearance of impropriety

RULE 10: A judge who has accepted employment and has contracted for such with this Association and who later cannot for valid and substantial reasons perform that contract shall make every reasonable effort to replace herself/himself with a judge of equal rating and ability and shall undertake to do so at the earliest possible time.

RULE 11: A judge shall not engage in any conduct which results in or tends to result in an event or meet being seriously interrupted and/or compromised or terminating prematurely or terminating in discord, but, instead, shall endeavor to see to and participate in the event or meet to its regular and orderly completion without interruption or delay or discord and shall look in the first instance to the Association for resolution of any disagreements, improprieties, impositions, contract disputes, monetary losses or disagreements or kindred matters thereto pertaining all to the end that the judge will neither interject herself/himself into argument, debate or other acrimonious exchanges or remove herself/himself from or withdraw from further participation, none of which will promote or otherwise further the conducting of a successful event or meet.

RULE 12: A judge shall not purport to undertake to speak for or in the name of the Association to the press or other media or any other person or entity without first having requested and received from the Association express prior permission and approval so to speak.

Disciplinary Action

A judge who violates any of the foregoing Canons or Disciplinary Rules is subject to disciplinary action by the Association, which action, if undertaken, shall be undertaken in the following manner:

A. REPORTING A VIOLATION - GRIEVANCE: A party desiring to report a violation of this Code by a member of this Association to this Association shall do so by certified letter addressed to the State Judging Director for the State in which the violation is alleged to have occurred. Such a report shall be deemed to be and shall be referred to as a "grievance" and shall state in detail the nature of the violation of which complaint is made and the details and circumstances of its occurrence.

B. DISPOSITION OF GRIEVANCE - PROCEDURE: The State Judging Director in receipt of such grievance shall transmit a copy thereof to the party who is the subject of the grievance and this shall be by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, with delivery restricted to the addressee only. The envelope in which same is transmitted to such party shall be plainly marked "Personal and Confidential" so as to further insure the confidentiality of the matter at this stage of the proceedings. The State Judging Director shall upon receipt of such grievance convene a panel comprised of such State Judging Director and two other State Judging Directors of her/his selection within the same Region as the State of violation.

(a) A date, time and place shall be fixed for the hearing of the grievance and the party who is the object of such grievance shall be informed and advised in writing of the date, time and location of the hearing (as well as the composition of the panel to hear same) and shall be accorded a reasonable opportunity to appear personally before the panel and to present testimony or other evidence in defense of the charge.

(b) It shall be optional with the reporting party to attend or not to attend such hearing. The party who is the object of the grievance may elect to present her/his evidence in written form for the consideration of the panel and may elect not appear personally.

(c) The panel shall, within thirty (30) days from and after the conclusion of the hearing or the review of the written submissions render its decision as to the merit or lack of merit of the grievance.

(d) In the event that the grievance is found by a majority of the panel to be without merit, the matter shall thereupon terminate and no further action on such grievance shall be taken either by the panel, the party, the party who is the object of such grievance or the reporting party and the panel shall makes its findings in written form and shall transmit a copy of its findings to the reporting party, to the party against whom the proceedings were initiated and to the National Judging Director for inclusion in the official records of this Association.

(e) In the event that the grievance is found by a majority of the panel to have merit and disciplinary action (as hereinafter delineated) is taken or to be taken, then, in such event, a report of the panel's findings shall be provided to the reporting party, the party reported upon and to the National Judging Director. The party reported upon and against whom action is to be taken shall have the right to the appeal and findings and judgment if, and only if, less than a unanimous finding and judgment was made by the panel. Such an appeal shall be to the Regional Director whose Region includes the State in which the alleged violation occurred. Such Regional Director shall refer a copy of the record as developed during the proceedings before the State Judging Director to two other Regional Directors of her/his selection and they, solely upon the record thus made at the State Judging Director's level and exclusive of any appearance by the reporting party, the aggrieved party or any other party, such panel shall, within thirty (30) days from and after receipt by all three Regional Judging Directors of a copy of such record make their findings and judgment on the record thus presented and by the majority vote of such panel shall either affirm or sustain or reverse the findings and judgment of the State Judging Director's panel. In the event that the judgment of the State Judging Director's panel's action is reversed and the aggrieved party is thereby exonerated, the matter shall end at that point and there shall be no further proceedings or appeals. In the event that the State Judging Directors panel's findings and judgments are sustained then the matter shall, likewise end; provided, however, that in the event the State Judging Director's panel's findings and judgment are sustained by less than a unanimous vote of the Regional Director's panel, then in such event, the aggrieved party may initiate a further appeal in like manner and within the same time period to a panel composed of the Association's National Judging Director and two Governing Board

Members appointed by her. The Findings and Judgment of the Regional Judging Director's panel shall be sent to the reporting party, the aggrieved party and to the National Judging Director for inclusion in the Association's records.

(f) An appeal to the National Judging Director shall be conducted and resolved in manner similar to that of the resolution of an appeal at the Regional level and shall be based upon the record as initially made at the State Judging Director's level, which record shall be transmitted to the National Judging Director upon her/his request and copies thereof provided to the two Governing Board members by her/him appointed for the purpose of resolving the appeal. At this final level of appeal, a decision of the majority of the panel thus constituted shall be final and there shall be no further appeal permitted

(g) All such appeals which the aggrieved person intends to initiate shall be initiated by her/him within fifteen (15) days after receipt by her/him of a copy of the findings from the hearing last held and conducted (or, if not a hearing, the findings resulting from a appeal) in the matter of the subject grievance and with respect to which a majority or more of the panel sustained the grievance. Initiation of an appeal shall be by letter from the aggrieved party that she/ he desires the matter be heard by the next higher level of authority within the Association as herein provided. Such letter requesting this appeal shall be termed a "Notice of Appeal" and shall be sent by the aggrieved party by certified mail to the State Judging Director or the Regional Judging Director, as the case may be, who last heard the matter and who was the director selecting the other members of the panel which heard the matter. The date of the posting or delivery of the notice of appeal, whichever shall be sooner, shall be the date of the initiation of the appeal.

(h) There shall be no appeal from a grievance which a majority of any of the panels herein mentioned found to be without merit. In the event that a majority or more of any panel is unable to agree within the allotted time whether or not a grievance is or is without merit, then, in such event, it shall be deemed that the grievance was without merit.

C. PENALTY - IMPOSITION: The punishment of penalty for a violation of this Code shall be not more than any one of the following for each violation and the punishment to be administered shall be solely and exclusively in the discretion of the panel hearing the matter in the first instance, provided, however, that in fixing the punishment to be administered the panel shall give due consideration to the relative gravity of the offense, the number of previous offenses or infractions by the aggrieved party, if any, and the mitigating or extenuating factors and circumstances bearing upon the infraction as be known to or otherwise brought to the attention of the panel, to-wit:

(a) Letter of reprimand - private - sent only to the aggrieved party and the reporting party;

(b) Letter of reprimand together with the public reprimand in any publication, newsletter or like item published, issued or sponsored by the Association;

(c) Loss of rotation (period to be fixed and determined by the panel but in no event to be in excess of a period of two years);

(d) Expulsion from the Association for a fixed period of time but not to exceed five (5) years;

(e) Permanent expulsion from the Association.

The penalties for which provision is herein provided shall be effective fifteen (15) days from and after the date of communication of same to the aggrieved party (same to be part of the findings and judgment of the panel); provided, however, that the initiation of an appeal as herein and within the time for which provision is herein made shall stay the imposition of such penalty pending the resolution of the appeal and any subsequent appeal taken as herein provided.

In the event that the aggrieved party is a State Judging Director, a Regional Judging Director or an Officer (other than the National Judging Director, then, in such event, in the case of State and Regional Directors and Officers other than the National Judging Director, the National Judging Director shall designate an appropriate replacement to act as part of the panel instead of the aggrieved party to decide such grievance. If the aggrieved party is the National Judging Director, then, in such event, the replacement shall be designated by the Governing Board of the Association.

The panel to which an appeal has been taken shall have the prerogative of sustaining the findings and judgment of the panel from which the appeal was taken but a majority of such panel to which appeal was taken shall also have the prerogative of modifying the penalty imposed by, and only by, reducing the severity thereof.

2005 NCAA Web-based Collegiate Assigning

By Carole Ide, National Coordinator

The Judges Assigning System (JAS) for collegiate competitions is being implemented for the 2005 competitive season. It is optional for institutions to use the system for 2005. As of October, 64 of 85 schools have chosen to participate. The NCAA voted to make it mandatory for the 2006 season. This is an exciting endeavor and the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women (NACGC/W) and their committee is commended for their vision and support. The teams have entered their requests for officials and the judges are entering their availability into the system. As this goes to print, the 12 assigners are working to fulfill the requests of the colleges. Change is difficult but it is the hope of NAWGJ that the judging community accepts these changes with a positive attitude. Currently there are over 475 judges entered into the system. We will do our best to include Level 10 and new judges to the collegiate program. Where you will be assigned may depend on the requests of the colleges and universities in your area. Not all schools have budgets to bring in judges from all across the USA.

The system was proposed and supported by the NACGC/W with the following rationale:

- To eliminate bias
- To eliminate the intimidation factor
- To develop consistency in officiating across the country
- To control costs
- To discontinue selection of judges by coaches and meet sites and events by judges
- To create a system for impartial assignments for meets and events
- To lay the groundwork for future development of an educational component

One goal of the program is to remove the hiring of officials from the individual school. Judges will only be able to designate when they are available and how far they are willing to travel. A judge will not be able to select one school over another. The schools cannot select a judge except for the case of a non-scoring extra judge such as an additional Meet Referee.

The NCAA coaches have reiterated that they want consistent scoring with judges applying the specific NCAA rule modifications and all JO rules applied to their athletes in a fair and consistent manner as written. When accepting a collegiate assignment it is our responsibility to know and apply the rules.

A committee of NAWGJ National Governing Board members selected twelve assigners based on an application process. They will be assigning for specific colleges and universities, not assigning a particular region or a state. The assigners are:

Lois Colburn	MA	lois.colburn@tufts.edu
Carol Curley	FL	curleynawgj@cfl.rr.com
Marian DeWane	ID	dewanem@meridianschools.org
Priscilla Hickey	CT	pkhnthsh@msn.com
Cynthia Lord	CA	Lord5luck@aol.com
Brant Lutska	NJ	brant323@comcast.net
Mary Lee Martin	NM	martin_ml@aps.edu
Linda Morton	MI	lmortonsport@msn.com
Amy Rager	MD	amyrager@comcast.net
Robin Smith	MO	RsmithMO@aol.com
Patty Vitale	NJ	pvitale@pol.net
Anne Vogel	OH	avogel@columbus.rr.com
Carole Ide	Nat'l. Coordinator	ci.nawgj@adelphia.net

Since the program is a national program, you may be asked to travel based on the specific needs and budgets of the universities. The schools will send the contract and pay the judge. They will also arrange for airline tickets and other travel related expenses if required. The range in honorariums will vary, but it is never less than the recommended NAWGJ fee for your rating level for a two-hour competition. The schools all have different pay scales. The decision was made that in order to have the system accepted and used this season it wasn't possible to have every school pay the same fee as their budgets have already been set for the year. Some of the lower paying schools may be on a four-year plan to bring their fees in line. Mileage and per diem will be by NAWGJ guidelines. In most cases the mileage rate is .37 per mile (there are a few state mandated exceptions) with NO deduction of 30 miles.

Guide to the Judges Assigning System (JAS)

You must be a Level 10 or higher rated official. The following information will guide you through the process. It is best to read the entire page of instructions before proceeding . Log on to http://judges.troester.com (NOTE: There is no www.) You can also click the link on the NCAA page at www.nawgj.org.

1 Click on the **Judges** link .

2 Click on **Set-up New Account for Yourself.**

3 Do not enter your name a second time under any circumstance.

5 Enter the requested information. When you select your password, use lower case letters. The password field is case sensitive. You may use numbers. Write it down in a safe place. We cannot access your password once you have entered it.

6 If you do not have a work phone, leave the field blank.

7 You may enter more than one airport. If you know the correct airport, code please use it. As an example, I entered HHH/SAV. I can fly from either airport.

8 You may list your favorite events to judge but there is no guarantee you will be assigned this event. If you do not wish to judge an event do not list it. Remember, if you receive a championship or regional meet contract, you may not be able to select an event.

9 Team Affiliation is not where you graduated or attended. If you coach, have a relative that coaches, etc. or competed for a team, enter it here. If it was 20 years ago, you may say that it was 20 years ago.

10 A weekday is Monday through Thursday. We will consider Friday evening meets to be a weekend.

11 Enter the number of college meets you are willing to do in one weekend.

12 When you have completed the page, click **OK**. Only click **Reset** if you have a correction. For example, you enter your basic information and a month later your phone number changes. You may go back in, click **Reset**, enter the new information and then click **OK**.

13 Click on **Edit General Availability**.

14 Enter the details of your personal schedule. For instance, you may be able to leave your house at 7:00AM on a Saturday but because you work during the week you cannot leave until 4:00PM. You may enter different times on various days of the week.

15 Enter how far you are willing to drive – this is one-way. If you do not wish to travel, indicate that you will not fly or go more than xxxxx miles from your home.

16 You may put in a note in the space at the bottom if applicable. Then click **OK**.

17 Whenever you need to go to the main menu (first page), click the **Back** button.

18 If you are unsure that your information was entered correctly, log off and then log back on using your new, case-sensitive password and check the information.

19 Click on **Enter / Edit Specific Dates of Availability.**

20 Click on each month and enter the dates you are available to judge. Do this only one time. If you need to go back and check on what you entered, click on **List availability previously entered**. You can print this for your record. If you have entered a date more than once, click on the specific date and delete the duplicate. Entering this information twice may prevent you from being assigned…or even worse; you could be assigned twice on the same date to two different sites.

As assignments are made, they will be displayed in **Show My Assignments.** Check for your assignments frequently. The assigners will also send you an email to confirm your assignment. Remember, the contracts come from the schools. If you indicate you are available and then refuse an assignment, you cannot be reassigned to a college using this system *for that weekend.* An assigner who does not live in your area may contact you. Please be prompt in answering emails. If an assigner does not hear from you, he/she may need to go on to another judge. If you do not check your email frequently, this system may not work well for you. Remember, *you will not be able to select a site.*

Guide to the Judges Assigning System (JAS) continued

If you have problems using the system, log off and try again. At very busy times, you could find it difficult to enter the system. It does work and has been tested by the assigners and NAWGJ National Governing Board. Good luck and be patient in this transition year.

I am sure there will be many questions. The assigners and I will do our best to answer emails and help you with any confusion. Please remember these changes are being implemented to strengthen and support the collegiate teams and ultimately their athletes.

In with the new . . . NAWGJ National Governing Board

Evelyn Chandler

Judy Hoeferlin

Robin Smith

Bonnie Synol

Judy Grenfell

Joan Geel

Robin Reugg

New Vice President

Evelyn is the new vice president of the NAWGJ National Governing Board. She has been a judge since 1969 and received her Brevet rating in1989. Evelyn is one of the charter members of NAWGJ, with membership since 1975

She served as State Judging Director of Florida from 1982-1992 and Regional Judging Director of Region VIII 1992-2000. Evelyn is currently a member of the Florida NAWGJ Board as Ethics Chair and Florida USAG Board of Directors as Sectional Representative.

In her life outside NAWGJ,she is married to Ernie. She graduated from Penn State with a Bachelors in Education and received a Masters and Doctorate from the University of Central Florida. She has been a teacher, an assistant principal and principal. Evelyn is currently the Director of School Choice Services for Orange County Florida, the 14th largest School District in US. She loves to play golf, plant flowers and run.

Combined Newsletter Editor and Web Administrator position

When Robin Ruegg retired from the NAWGJ national board, the board voted to combine the newsletter editor and web site administrator positions. *Judy Hoeferlin*, current newsletter editor, agreed to take on the additional responsibilities of the web site.

New Regional Judging Directors

We have three new regional judging directors. *Ann Heppner* in for Region 2, *Robyn Smith* in Region 4 and *Bonnie Synol* took over the the RJD position for Region 7 in 2003.

Retiring Board Members

Thanks to the following NAWGJ National Board members who have retired from their NAWGJ position. The dedication they have shown for NAWGJ is appreciated. It requires a willingness to give your time and effort to fulfill these duties.

Thank you to *Judy Grenfell*, vice president; *Joan Geel*, co-RJD of Region 1; *Robin Reugg*, RJD of Region 4 and *Amy Rager*, RJD of Region 7. Kudos to Robin Reugg for getting the national NAWGJ web site off the ground and serving as the original administrator.

2005 National Judges Cup
January 7-9, 2005
Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA

Plans are underway for a very exciting 2005 NAWGJ National Judges Cup in New Orleans. The meet is scheduled for January 7, 8 and 9. It will be held at the Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Boulevard, in the heart of New Orleans, LA.

We expect this to be a very well attended meet and we will need a great deal of volunteer support from our whole judging community. Louisiana NAWGJ, while among the most enthusiastic group, is not large in numbers. We will need to depend more than ever on State Judging Directors sending judges to this event. We welcome any interested volunteer judges, so get a friend and come join us in New Orleans. You will find it to be a great experience. Just contact me with your information or any questions at pship@aol.com or 209-943-1094 after 5 pm pacific time.

National Judges Cup Web site

We have a website just for the 2005 National Judges Cup. Please mark it as a favorite and visit it often for updates. Please invite your local clubs to visit our web site. Remember that athlete registrations and deposits are due to Patty Shipman BEFORE November 15, 2005. The web site address is http://www.judgescup.com. Our meet will once again feature Levels 4-10 and include our very exciting Level 7 State Team Competition. We will use four judge panels that create a friendly judging environment.

Hotels

We have secured the Hampton Inn and Suites, SpringHill Suites, Courtyard Convention Center, and Holiday Inn Select as host hotels. All are located directly across from the Convention Center and within walking distance to the Competition hall. National Travel Systems is our official travel agency and reservations must be made through them. You can reach them at 1-888-603-8747 or email to usagama@takeavacation.com.

Our meet rates are:

Courtyard Convention Center - $99.00 plus tax
Springhill Suites Convention Center - $104.00 plus tax
Hampton Inn and Suites Convention Center - $104.00 plus tax (Standard Single/Double room)
Embassy Suites Hotel - $102.00 plus tax (Suite King or Two Double beds) $150.00 plus tax (Two bedroom suite)

For additional hotel information, use the links below

Hampton Inn and Suites	http://www.neworleanshamptoninns.com/conventioncenter.html
SpringHill Suites	http://marriott.com/property/propertyPage/MSYSH
Courtyard Convention Ctr	http://marriott.com/property/propertyPage/MSYCY
Embassy Suites Hotel	http://www.embassyneworleans.com/

Come to the Party

New Orleans wants to welcome EVERYONE to the party. Come on now, ya'll really don't want to miss it. We want teams and judges from every state to come to New Orleans. We need YOU to make this special event a success.

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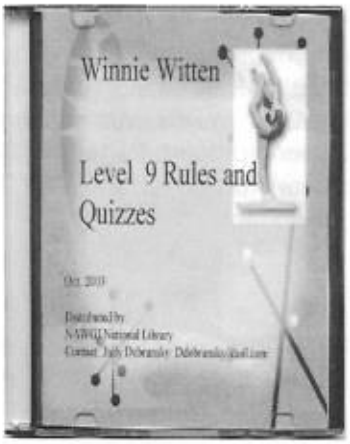

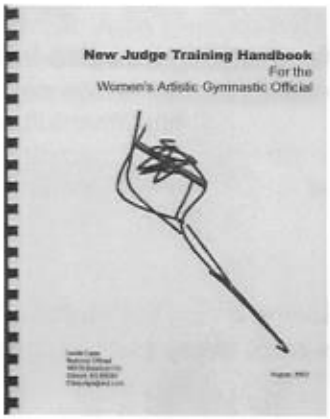

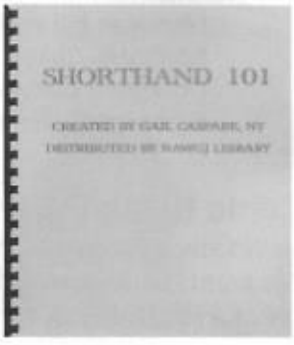

NAWGJ Library Price List 2004

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Item	Price
Computer Programs:	
CD Excelerated Code *(Coming Soon!)*	$25.00
CD Testing Disks Levels 5/6, 7/8, 9, or 10	$25 Each
Video & DVD	
Bits & Pieces VHS or DVD	$20 - $25
Choreography VHS	$20.00
Collegiate Routines w/Element Script VHS or DVD	$20 - $25
Judging Technique B-BB-FX w/ Script VHS or DVD	$20 - $25
High School Routines (No Script) VHS or DVD	$20 - $25
Level 5/6 Practice Judging w/o Script VHS or DVD	$20 - $25
Level 7/8 Practice Judging w/ Script VHS or DVD	$20 - $25
Level 9/10 Practice Judging w/ Script VHS or DVD	$20 - $25
Recognizing Grip Changes w/ Script (VHS)	$15.00
Release Moves w/Drills {Learning Tapes} (DVD)	$25.00
Table Vaulting VHS or DVD ***2003 or 2004***	$20 - $25
Technical Items (All are Unofficial)	
"All You Need" Judging Aids	$15.00
2001 - 2005 C/O Flip Book	$20.00
2001 - 2005 JO Element Book	$25.00
Bonus Card	$3.00
FIG/JO Comparisons	$20.00
Florida Reference Cards	$15.00
Hip Pocket Index	$8.00
Master Score Sheet Book	$15.00
New Judge Training Book	$20.00
Quick Glance Reference (V/B/BB/FX)	$10.00
Rules Card Bars	$3.00
Rules Card Beam	$3.00
Rules Card Floor	$3.00
Rules Card Vault	$3.00
Schalk "Blue" Optional Info & Score Book	$15.00
Schalk "Pink" Compulsory Info & Score Book	$15.00
Score Sheets Level 7	$5.00
Score Sheets Optionals	$5.00
Score Sheets Vault	$5.00
Scoresheet Book Level 7	$5.00
Scoresheet Book Optionals Levels 8-10	$5.00
Scoresheet Book Vault	$5.00
Shorthand 101	$10.00
Start Value Books	$8.00
Symbol Notation Guide	$5.00
Vault Chart Levels 7 & 8	$3.00
Vault Chart Levels 9 & 10	$3.00

Item	Price
Fun Stuff - All with NAWGJ Imprints	
Attache' Case ***(Navy Canvas)***	$18.00
Attache' Case ***(Black Microfiber)***	$25.00
CD Wallet ***(Red)***	$12.00
Cork Coaster w/ Logo	$1.00
Crystal & Pearl Bracelet ***w/ or w/o NAWGJ Letters***	$15.00
Crystal & Pearl Necklace ***w or w/o NAWGJ Letters***	$20.00
Drawstring Backpack ***(Navy)***	$13.00
Flashlight Keyring	$2.00
Gemstone Lanyard	$13.00
Gym Prints 8 1/2 x 11 ***(Your Choice of Design)***	$10.00
Gym Prints Note Card Set ***(Regular or Christmas)***	$12.00
Hanging Toiletry Kit ***(Black)***	$16.00
Jingo Shorthand Game	$10.00
Lap Blanket	$20.00
Lite Weight Garment Bag	$18.00
Luggage Tag	$3.00
NAWGJ Cloisonne Pin	$5.00
NAWGJ Epoxy Key Chain	$4.00
NAWGJ Name Tag	$7.50
NAWGJ Service Pins ***(Plain or w/ Year)***	$5.00
Old Glory Pen	$1.00
Pocket Koozie ***(Asst Colors)***	$3.00
Tote Bag - Microfiber with Logo	$20.00
Umbrella	$15.00
Clothing	
Cap Sleeve Shirt (AS-AXL) ***Navy or Red Trim***	$15.00
Cool/Rule SS T-Shirt (AM-AXL) ***White or Black***	$15.00
Cool/Rule Sweatshirt (AM-AXL) ***White or Black***	$25.00
Element Sweatshirt (AL - AXL)	$25.00
Element T Shirt LS (AL - AXL)	$20.00
Element T Shirt SS (AL - AXL)	$15.00
Embroidered Collar Shirt** ***Navy, Red, or White***	$32 - $35
Fleece Jacket** (AS-AXXXL)	$45 - $50
Head/Ear Band	$8.00
Survivor Sweatshirt(AL - AXL)	$25.00
Survivor T Shirt LS (AM - AXL)	$20.00
Survivor T Shirt SS (AL)	$15.00
Warm Up Jacket** ***Navy or Red*** (AXS - A2XL)	$38 - $41
Warm Up Pants** ***Navy or Red*** (AXS - A2XL)	$32 - $35

*****Embroidered Collar Shirt Sizes: AS - AXL $32 / Plus 1X-2X $35***

*****Fleece Jacket Sizes: AS - AXL $45 / Plus 1X-2X $50***

*****Warm Up Jacket Sizes: AXS - AXL $38 / AXXL - A2XL $41***

*****Warm Up Pants Sizes: AXS - AXL $32 / AXXL - A2XL $35***

NAWGJ Bags (Embroidered Logo) & Watches (Judge Logo)

Big Bag on Wheels ***{+ $10 Shipping}***	$99.00
Briefcase ***{+$7 Shipping}***	$27.00
Computer/Briefcase on Wheels ***{+$10 Shipping}***	$65.00
Duffle Bag on Wheels ***{+$10 Shipping}***	$42.00
Flight Bag on Wheels ***{+$10 Shipping}***	$72.00
Large Garment Bag ***{+$7 Shipping}***	$27.00
Watch w/ Judge Logo ***Small Face {+$7 Shipping}***	$25.00

Shipping Charges Library Items:

$5.00 ...Up to $15.00
$6.00....$15.01 - $25.00
$7.50....$25.01 - $44.00
$9.50....$44.01 - $66.00
$12.50...$66.01 - $88.00
$15.50...$$88.01 - $110.00
$25.00...$110.01 - $150.00
Call.....Over $150.00

Checks payable to: **Cash** *(No Credit Cards Accepted)*
Send to: **Brenda Eberhardt, 4008 Ellen Drive, Marrero, LA 70072**
Home: 504 347-4089 ***Fax:*** 504 341-8153
Email: BLEGym@aol.com

OR

Checks payable to: **NAWGJ Library** *(No Credit Cards Accepted)*
Send to: **Judy Dobransky, 3446 Gordon Dr., Sterling Hgts, MI 48310**
Home: 586 264-2047 ***Fax:*** 586 795-5204 **Voice Mail**: 586 795-5346
Email: DDobransky@aol.com

NAWGJ National Governing
Nashville, Tennessee

The meeting was called to order by Carole Ide, President, at 8:55 AM CST on June 4, 2004.

Roll Call

The following participants were present:
Region 1 – Janet Packwood
Region 2 – Cindy Lord
Region 3 – Mary Lee Martin
Region 4 – Robin Smith
Region 5 – Carole Liedtke
Region 6 – Pat Panichas
Region 7 – Bonnie Synol
Region 8 – Sheila Ragle

President – Carole Ide
Vice President – Evelyn Chandler
Secretary/Treasurer – Betty Sroufe
Judges' Cup Director – Patty Shipman
Librarian – Judy Dobransky – on site at Librarian's Booth

Evelyn Chandler, Vice President, and Robin Smith, RJD Region IV, were welcomed as new members. Carole sadly announced that Cindy Lord will be resigning since she will be moving out of Region II. An election will be held for that region.

Minutes

The minutes for the June 26-28, 2003 meeting at Myrtle Beach, SC were approved. *Martin/Packwood - passed*
The minutes for the Conference Call on February 18, 2004 were approved as amended with the following:

- Mary Lee Martin was listed as excused in place of absent
- Butch Zunich's last name was added
- Heading was changed to "Communication with Men's Judging Association"

Lord/Synol – passed

President's Report – Carole Ide

Carole distributed a written report reflecting summaries of the meetings she attended as the NAWGJ representative. She also described the "Thank you" gifts sent to Amy Rager and Joan Geel who left the board in 2003.

Insurance Report

The possibility of getting insurance coverage for SGB members was discussed. We need to know the number of board members to be covered. RJD's are asked to get the number of elected state governing board members from their SJD's on Sunday and report to Carole. The constitution (p.2, Art. Sec. 1F) requires SGB's to have 5-9 elected members.
A discussion was held requiring Active Status Coordinators to be elected members of the State Governing Board. The discussion was tabled and referred to the Constitution Committee (Evelyn Chandler (VP), Mary Lee Martin and Carole Leidtke). The committee will meet this weekend and report back to the National Board with recommendations. *Shipman/Smith – approved.*

Vice President's Report – Evelyn Chandler

The Director's Guide and Operating Code will be updated and emailed to each NGB Member by the end of the summer. Taking over the responsibilities of the position and acquiring the materials has taken more time than expected.

Treasurer's Report – Betty Sroufe

Betty distributed copies of the budget and membership report to each member and reviewed each. The current membership as of 4/04 was 1904. The national budget is currently $128,000. Due to a successful Judges' Cup, proceeds will be transferred to the savings account to offset the deficit from 2002. In 6/03, the SJD's voted to send an assessment to the National Office for the next three fiscal years at the rate of $6 - $5 - $5 per year until the national reserve is returned to its initial amount. This amount was to be revisited annually. A discussion was held and it was decided to continue with the $5 assessment this year. If the Judges' Cup continues to be successful, it is possible that the 3rd year assessment may not be necessary. It was decided the $5 would be assessed this year in the same manner as in 2003.

National Judges' Cup Coordinator Report – Patty Shipman

The report for the 2004 National Judges' Cup held in Seattle, Washington was distributed. The meet showed a profit with judges from over 27 states represented. Carole Ide complimented Region II judges for their outstanding support and positive contributions.

At the NAWGJ Judges' Cup, the NAWGJ uniform is to be worn by all judges and meet personnel who are volunteering as NAWGJ members. *Leidtke/Sroufe– approved.*

Patty introduced a proposal asking that the coordinator's position be amended to include the coordinator as the meet director. She would like to increase consistency in communication, awards, meet alignment, etc. A motion was made to change the format of the National Judges' Cup for one year to include: Patty Shipman will serve as Meet Director and pay the expenses of a small staff to assist her and NAWGJ awards will be developed. *Ragle/Lord – 9 approved, 1 abstention.*

Librarian – Judy Dobransky

Judy will be distributing 2 films on Sunday. One is a 2004 vaulting film that will need to be evaluated by groups of judges from each state so a national range can be established. A second film

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"Bits and Pieces: An Adventure on Beam" will be accompanied by suggestions for use.

Web Site
A motion was approved to accept the eligibility of National Web Site Director as an appointed position. Ragle/Smith – approved. The position will be added to the Newsletter Editor's responsibilities as National Newsletter Editor/Web Site Director. Ragle/*Panichas – approved.*
Judy Hoeferlin, current National Newsletter Editor, will fulfill this position and be given a start-up account to cover expenses described in the duties outlined. *Ragle/Leidtke – approved.*
SJD's will be reminded to send newsletters to the president, vice president, secretary/treasurer AND newsletter editor/web site director.

Old Business
NAWGJ Compensation Package – Carole Ide and Evelyn Chandler will take the work that the compensation committee recommended in June 2004 and update it and email it all national board members.

NAWGJ Symposium, DoubleTree Hotel, Portland-Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon, July 14-17, 2005 – A committee (Chandler, Ragle, Smith, Lord, Leidtke, Shipman) reported the following recommendations: Lisa Boylan was named as the on-site director and will serve as a spokesperson with the hotel. Patty Shipman will try to get all of the information from the former symposium director. Sheila Ragle volunteered to be the chairperson of the registration committee. Other committees will be developed in the near future with the initial flyer to be mailed to all members in early September.

New Business
NCAA Assigning Proposal – Beverly Plocki and Mike Lorenzen addressed the board and explained the proposal the NACGC/W will be presenting to the NCAA that is to have the NAWGJ appoint twelve assigners and a National Coordinator to assign judges for the 2005 season. *Smith/Synol -approved.*
If the NCAA accepts the coach's proposal, Carole Ide was selected to serve as the National Coordinator for NAWGJ. *Panichas/Ragle – approved.*
For the pilot year, the 12 assigners will be selected from those who complete applications. A committee (Pat Panichas, Janet Packwood, and Evelyn Chandler) will assist Carole in selecting the assigners.
The tentative proposal indicates schools will pay $15 per judge assigned. The assigners will be asked to return $3 of that amount to NAWGJ (national) to cover first year costs, assigning insurance and needed conference calls.

Judges' Certification, Inc. (JCI)
Carole announced the USAG has informed Judges' Certification, Inc. that their services will no longer be needed commencing with the first testing in the summer of 2005. After much discussion, Cindy Lord, Mary Lee Martin, and Bonnie Synol were selected to draft a letter to be sent to the USAG office in support of keeping the certification of judges by JCI. Sue Ammerman, JCI president, will address the state judging directors in their workshop on Sunday.

Legal Assistance – A discussion was held as to the merits of having an attorney on retainer. Carole will do some research and get back to the board.

Proposals considered under New Business:

A. Proxy Votes
The issue of allowing proxy's to vote was sent to the constitution committee.

B. Determination of Judge's Membership
A judge's membership is in the state where she resides. This includes voting and assigning rotations. *Synol/Sroufe – Did not pass (For – 2, Opposed – 3, Abstained – 5)*

C. Future Symposium Sites
Consider alternating sites of symposium to opposite sides of the country. Proposal tabled.

D. Issue of Co-SJDs
Sharing of SJD duties (co-SJDs) should be permitted. Smith/Lord – motioned and withdrew motion. Referred to constitution committee.

E. Additions to Documents
The history of NAWGJ and the mission statement should be included when the guide is redone. The JOG (Judge's Operating Code) is to be added to the website under membership benefits.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:35 PM, June 4, 2004 by Robin Smith and seconded by Bonnie Synol.

Respectively submitted,
Evelyn A. Chandler
Evelyn Chandler
Vice President

Minutes read and approved,
Carole Ide
Carole Ide, President
Date 8/20/04

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