

## **ADVANTAGES OF ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES BY NAWGJ**

The National association of Women's Gymnastic Judges is pleased to be of service to organizations in need of contracting gymnastic officials for gymnastic competitions throughout the United States. Our network of volunteer individuals works many hours assigning meets on a local, state, regional and national level.

The advantages of contracting officials through the NAWGJ are to assist the Meet directors and/or host clubs in the following ways:

### **QUALITY**

NAWGJ provides those gymnastic officials who have met Active Status requirements by USAG, been actively judging at the level at which they are assigned, and who are current members of USAG & NAWGJ.

NAWGJ assures the Meet Director that each judge assigned has fulfilled the above mentioned requirements which include attendance of recognized clinics, verification of practice judging experience with a higher rated official, and active judging experience. As members of the respective organizations, the host club can assume that the officials are familiar with the rules and regulations which govern the sport of gymnastics, which will in turn, maintain the quality of competition.

### **OBJECTIVITY**

NAWGJ strives for objective, impartial judging by communicating with the Meet Director and respective USAG personnel to assign the most qualified judges for the least amount of money. A rotational system is used whenever possible based upon geographics, USAG Criteria for the Assignment, and specific needs of the Meet Director.

### **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

NAWGJ sets standards for ethical behavior, personal appearance and job performance. It is the goal of NAWGJ to train and educate a body of gymnastic officials who are professionals and who are held accountable for their actions in this regard.

### **SAVE TIME AND MONEY**

NAWGJ saves time and money for the Meet Director and/or host club by taking care of all assigning needs, such as the mailing of the contracts, long distance phone calls, arranging possible car pools and securing last minute replacements.

### **NAWGJ JUDGES CONTRACTED and MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

All officials assigned by NAWGJ **must be current members of NAWGJ** and in good standing.

USAG membership, Safety Certification and CPE Requirements are to be current.

All meets must be contracted with a written agreement between the assigning official and the judge.

### **NON-NAWGJ members assigned to meets (NAWGJ will not assign or contract)**

- If a non-NAWGJ member is requested, the meet director is responsible to obtain the judges professional credentials, certification ratings, CPE, USAG membership status and Safety Certification. The meet Director should request a photocopy of these credentials because the sanction of the competition depends on the currency and verification of the official's ratings. Upon receipt of this photocopy, the Meet Director would then send a contract and the pertinent information to the official.
- Non-NAWGJ officials assigned will not be covered by the NAWGJ secondary Insurance.

### **USAG MEETS**

When assigning officials it is necessary to consult the USAG Criteria for Assignment of Judges.

The Director, or SJD when requested, develops a tentative list of officials based on USAG Criteria and rotation.

**The Meet Referee will designate the Chief Judges and make event assignments.**

**USAG Compensation Structure is to be followed.**

### **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS MEETS**

Similar procedures are followed as for USAG meets. Whenever possible, rotation of officials should occur.