

# Judges and Judging

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## Judge's Requests

1. Complete the Request for Judges Form in the USAG R & P (appendix V). Send the form plus a check for \$3 per judge requested to IL-NAWGJ to the appropriate assignor.

*North Assignor*

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2. The meet must be sanctioned by the USAG or a certificate of insurance must be on file with the State Judging Director. Priority will be given to sanctioned meets.
3. Cancellations must be made at least 7 days prior to the meet. Late cancellations will result in the meet director paying each contracted official one session fee plus non-refundable expenses. Officials who fail to show up to a meet will be responsible for paying the meet director a one-session fee plus non-refundable expenses.
4. Requests must be made at least 30 days in advance. Fees for late requests are \$5 per judge per day.
5. Please submit problems and questions to the appropriate assignor or to the State Judging Director, Jean Johnson 5501 Wolf, La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 246 – 1643 NAWGJ / Fax [ilsjd@comcast.net](mailto:ilsjd@comcast.net)

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## Judging Panels

Level 4's, 5's, and 6's are allowed to use a **one-judge** panel but the scores that the gymnasts attain cannot be used to qualify for Sectional or State Meets. A club may use a one-judge panel by following the procedures listed below.

1. Meet must be advertised in advance that one judge panel will be used.
2. All clubs attending must agree.
3. The Level Chair must be made aware that a one judge panel will be used prior to meet.
  1. IL NAWGJ assigning person must be aware one judge panel will be used on judges request form or via telephone before assignment.
2. **Level 4, 5 & 6 meets may use 1 Judge panels but only scores from 2 Judge panels can be used to qualify to the State meet**
3. A Level 5/6 judge must have at least one year's experience if used as 1 Judge panel.

Sectional, state and regional meets - please refer to the competition charts as to number of judges per panel.

# **Judge Selection Procedure: Nationals, Regional, & State**

The ultimate responsibility of selecting judges lies with the USAG Committee (State & Regional) as per National R&P;

## **National / Regional Meet Judge**

The Regional Committee determines our National and Regional Judges by reviewing the list submitted by our State Committee choices. Site of meet, experience, Ratings, Regional Training Camp, Etc. as a basis for recommendations to both the National and Regional Meets is used during the evaluation process. The top 2 to from last year's Regional list will be use due to timetable.

## **Judges Selection Procedures**

Judges Selection meeting is a closed meeting, following the format listed below:

1. General Discussion Regarding procedure, philosophy, and parameters will proceed with all Illinois Committee members present. Also invited will be the NAWGJ Assignors.
2. IL State Judging Director & the Assignors will present the information on each judge that is eligible to judge any of the state meets and answer any questions that the Committee has on those judges. Then they will be asked to leave for the remainder of the meeting.
3. ALL Judges on the Committee that are on the list of eligible and available judges for level 9 and 10 will be *dismissed*.
4. Discussion between the remaining members of the Committee will then commence.
5. A Blind Vote will be conducted and the votes will then be tabulated; A Meet Referee will be selected from that list, then the remainder will subsequently posted and Alternates selected.
6. Level 8 The same procedure numbers 3, 4, 5, will be followed.
7. Level 7/4 The same procedure numbers 3, 4, 5, will be followed.
8. Level 6/4 The same procedure numbers 3, 4, 5, will be followed.
9. Level 5 The same procedure numbers 3, 4, 5, will be followed.

This procedure will be followed to hopefully produce a list of judges that will best reflect the:

- Experience and the Input the NAWGJ has provided in the selection process.
- Use of all information received during the competitive season.
- Use of information garnered in previous years.
- Use of information presented on Professional Involvement forms.

Based upon the above-mentioned criteria, the Illinois Committee will then vote, using the information presented

to make their best determination. No system is perfect, however given the tools at our disposal will make an impartial decision much easier.