

The Advisor

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SJD Musings



The competitive season is over. Everyone can breathe a sigh of relief. Now is the time to discard the old and begin anew. There were a multitude of problems, and a few successes. We sincerely hope next season will be better for all.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who accepted your contracts on time and performed your duties with the utmost professionalism in spite of problems that were beyond your control. A special thanks to all of you who so graciously volunteered your time for the Holiday Classic and especially the National Judges Cup. We received nothing but compliments about the manner in which our judges performed their duties during those meets. Gratitude beyond belief is also extended to those who supported our efforts in your behalf throughout the season. Many of you went above and beyond when you were most needed. Your friendship and support will always be treasured and remembered.

Since the SJD no longer has a vote on the LA USAG Board, it will be imperative that you keep in close contact with your Area Representative to have your voice heard and recorded. We will be happy to pass on any information we may receive, but please note that your communication with the LA USAG State Board must now be through the Area Representatives. Please don't stop expressing your opinions even if they are unpopular or controversial or invoke retaliation. You are Professional members of USA Gymnastics and have a right to be heard.

Testing



This summer will be filled with numerous learning opportunities and ALL judges must renew their ratings in order to judge during the 2005-2006 season. The USAG has taken over Judges Certi-

fication and some of the procedures for testing and for Active Status will be different. Details will be forthcoming from the National Office. You will be notified as to the new policies and procedures. There now is a Judges page under the Women's Program on the USA Gymnastics site. It will be updated when the WTC has completed the information.

Tests on the new material will be available for the first time in Portland, Oregon at the National Judges Symposium.

Here in Louisiana, we will give all levels of the tests in late August or early September. You will be notified when the exact date and place are available. You will be required to register for testing online directly with USAG.

Those eligible for one of the National Courses or for Level 10 re certification must register online with the USAG. You can have your registration fee refunded once you attend the course of your choice with profits from our Holiday Classic without using money you may have on account. We will also pay for 1 test part for each active member.

USA Gymnastics Judges' CPE



The USAG has set up specific requirements for judges to achieve their Professional Continuing Education. Information has been posted on the USA Gymnastics web site. Let us know if you have any problem accessing the information.

These requirements will replace your current yellow Active Status card. Each judge will be responsible for keeping accurate records of their CPE, including documentation of attendance at approved CPE experiences. Use the website form to begin recording your experiences this summer. ***This year only, the CPE year will begin on June 1st and end July 31, 2006.*** Subsequent reports will cover from August 1st - July 31st.

Gym Jam



The LA USAG Gym Jam will be held in Baton Rouge at LSU, June 24-26, 2005.

Master Clinician will be Judy Dobransky.

Host hotel is Courtyard Baton Rouge Acadian Center at 2421 South Acadian Thruway. Call 225 924-6400 to make your reservations. Rates are \$83 if you use the LAUSAG block. The following members have been registered for this event through the LA NAWGJ:

Kristi Aguilar
Kathleen Argyle
Robbie Banta
Cindy Beuerle
Mary Billson
Sandra Carminati
Jena Cloutre
Louann Dugas
Brenda Eberhardt
Sheila Halker
Larisa Ivanova
Kelly LaFont
Cherie Legendre
Michelle Martin
Susie Moyal
Patti Nohra
Margie Pearce
Lisa Ricks
Susan Sommer
Kelley Spada
Diane Triay

When schedule details are available, they will be forwarded to you. If your name is NOT on this list, you did not request we submit your registration.

In addition to your registration, the following materials were ordered as per your request:

Kathleen Argyle - Comp Book, JO Code
Cindy Beuerle - Comp Book, JO Code
Mary Billson - Comp Book, JO Code, VHS
Jena Cloutre - Comp Book, JO Code
Louann Dugas - Comp Book, JO Code
Lisa Easterly - Comp Book, JO Code
Sheila Halker - Comp Book, JO Code
Cherie Legendre - Comp Book, JO Code
Michelle Martin - Comp Book, JO Code, DVD
Patti Nohra - Comp Book, JO Code
Kelley Spada - Comp Book, JO Code

Diane Triay - Comp Book, JO Code

Payment for these materials have been deducted from money you had on account. If sufficient funds were not available, you were asked to send a check to the LA NAWGJ. We have been told you will get the ordered materials at the Gym Jam..

Judges on the GO



Mark your calendars and start planning for this summer's trips. There are many important events and EVERYONE should plan to attend at least one of them.

June 3-5

2005 JO National Compulsory Workshop & Technical Symposium (Levels 7-10) #1

Site: Louisville, KY **FULL**

June 10-12

2005 JO National Compulsory Workshop & Technical Symposium (Levels 7-10) #2

Site: Reno, NV

July 7-8

Region 8 Future Stars Training Camp #1

Site: Clearmont, FL

July 9-10

Region 8 Future Stars Training Camp #2

Site: Myrtle Beach, SC

July 14-17

2005 NAWGJ National Symposium

Site: Portland, OR

July 29-31

Region 8 Level 8 & 9 Training Camp

Site: Longwood, FL

August 10-13

USA National Championships

Site: Indianapolis, IN

August 11-14

USA National Congress

Site: Indianapolis, IN

Note: Gloria Johnson & Rheagan Courville from Elite Gymnastics have qualified for USA Championships! They will be competing in the Junior Sessions on Thursday & Saturday - Don't miss it if you are in Indianapolis for USA Congress!!

August 14-16

Women's National Judges' Course #1

Invitation Only

Site: Indianapolis, IN

August 17-19

Women's National Judges' Course #2

Special Requirements for Registration

Site: Indianapolis, IN

October 14-16

Region 8 Coaches & Judges Optional Update

Site: Auburn, AL

October 15-16

Region 8 Level 9, 10, & Elite Training Camp

Site: Auburn, AL

Registration forms are available online at:

www.USA-Gymnastics.org

www.Region8Gymnastics.org

www.NAWGJ.org

Let us know if you cannot access the forms online and wish to receive a copy via snail mail. It is more important than ever to be able to get needed information from the websites.

The Identiquiz CD contains all of the code and the supplement symbols along with a series of questions and video clips of many of the individual skills. With the prospect of an open ended code, this program will meet your needs as the Olympiad progresses. Any changes in values and numbers will be posted on the Internet as they occur. (**NOTE: At this time, "IDENTIQUIZ" runs only on PC's, not MAC's.**)

Send your check, payable to cash or to NAWGJ Library to Brenda Eberhardt, 4008 Ellen Drive, Marrero, LA 70072.

Prices:

Identiquiz - \$25.00

7/8 VHS or DVD - \$20.00

9/10 VHS or DVD - \$20.00

C/O Flip Book - \$25.00

If you place your preorder with us BEFORE June 15, 2005, we will cover the Shipping for our LA NAWGJ members. Also note that the DVD prices will be \$25 after the deadline.

Special News



Susie & Johnny Moyal are now very happy Grandparents!!! Jessica & Sean became the proud parents, Friday, May 20th at 11 :55 PM of Cole Raymond Connor. Cole was 8# 11oz and 22" long. We hear he is a strapping boy with a fantastic set of lungs! All are doing fine.

If you have news about your family that you would like to share with our membership, just let me know and we'll be happy to pass it on.

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Don't forget to let us know if you want to preorder the NAWGJ Identiquiz, a C/O Flip Book, &/or copies of the new Level 7/8 or 9/10 Practice Judging DVD's or VHS's. Be sure to indicate if you want a VHS or DVD.

Judges Getaway



Our Getaway will be either September 23-25 or September 30-October 2, 2005. We are waiting for final confirmation from Judy Dobransky. She is waiting for a firm date for her Brevet course. As soon as we know something, you will be notified. Try to keep all of September open since we will also try to schedule the test for one of those weekends. Would you like to test on the Getaway weekend or at another time? Let me know if you have a preference.

Holiday Classic



Our 15th annual meet will be hosted by James Academy of Gymnastics in Houma December 9-11, 2005. Once again we expect a large turnout and may have to run 3 full days. Please plan now to be in attendance for as many sessions as possible. It is only with everyone's help that our meets can continue to be a success.