

## VAWV NAWGJ Back Judging Procedure

These are guidelines of steps and expectations for a new judge when attending an active competition to practice judge. The new judge must have membership to USAG and NAWGJ and have registered in GymJAS before stepping onto the competition field of play.

1. View GymJAS meet schedule to see available meets you may be able to attend as a back judge.
2. Send a request for the meet to the Assignor and SJD via email, include what day(s) you are available on the weekend, and what levels you wish to see, if possible.
3. The Assignor will contact the Meet Director to verify the ability to accommodate a back judge.
  - a. The Assignor will notify the judge of session times and who the Meet Referee is for the meet.
  - b. The Meet Referee will also be notified and will coordinate meet logistics for the back judge (rotation of events, where to sit, etc).
4. If you have a Mentor, it's recommended to notify your Mentor, if s/he has not already been involved in your planning process.
5. You MAY NOT show up without receiving prior approval.
6. You should arrive at the meet site no later than 30 minutes prior to scheduled march-in, and report to the Judge's Room. Please dress as a judge: wear a navy skirt or pants, a white blouse/shirt and professional shoes (especially that won't puncture mats).
7. Check in with the Meet Referee to determine your place in the competition area.
8. Plan to stay for at least one complete session, and back judge all 4 events which will be coordinated by the Meet Referee.
9. Remember that the judges there are working during the sessions, so please do not disturb them during routine performances. The judging panels will let the back judge know when and how they can answer questions or give feedback (i.e. end of the rotation, after the session).

### Reminders:

- Confidentiality is a must - you are a professional and should not discuss anything you overhear with other judges, coaches, or parents. You will not participate in any conferences between the judging panels.
- This is voluntary, you will not be reimbursed or paid.
- Be prepared to bring your own meal/snacks or purchase them at concessions.
- Bring a CPE card for signature - you may earn miscellaneous CPE credit for your live practice judging hours (max 3 credits per season). Form found here: [CPE form](#)
- We don't bite. We were all in your shoes at one time and want to help you learn, so please ask questions. 😊

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