

VAWV NAWGJ Annual Meeting 2026

September 19, 2026

4-5 p.m.

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NAWGJ MISSION

Provide professional development for members.

Support and promote women's gymnastics in the United States.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Laurell Mauro and Summer Oostra - **co-SJD's**

Kathy Atkinson, Barb Jirka, Dawn Talty- **Assigning Committee**

Cari LeDoux - **Secretary**

Tiffany Kirkham, Laurell and Summer - **Fundraising/Judges Training Camp**

Sue Leonelli, Helen Reading, Chelci Fitz-Danos - **Judges Education, mentor program, new judges recruitment**

Diane Berry - **Ethics**

Testing

Congratulations to all who have survived testing this summer!

The Nationals completed their testing at Congresses.

Char and Olga have successfully tested up to 10 - Congrats!

For those of you still prepping, we know you can do it!!

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Many new judges moved into our area

Jenn Botham – Roanoke, N

Alicia DeChant – from MD, now in Falling Waters, WV, L10

Jonah Schmitz – 10, from TX

Amber Taraska – 8

Michelle Wagner – N, from NC

Kristen Woodland – 10, from CO

Please make them feel welcome when you see them at a meet:)

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TO DO LIST:

Ensure your USAG and NAWGJ memberships are **current and dates are updated in GymJAS.**

Check your NAWGJ profile and **update your email and rating**

Submit your **CPE to Morgan**, ASAP at moewam21@gmail.com (was due May 31st)

Update ALL of the Dev Program and XCel **Code of Points**

Sign up to **volunteer at Judges Training Camp** Clinic, Sunday, Nov.1, 2026 at Apollo,

GYMJAS

Set up your account - initially you need to send Laurell or Summer your name and USAG number

Enter your availability asap - assigning has started

Modify your availability as your schedule changes

Update your dates for USAG and NAWGJ membership.

Notify Summer and Laurell of changes in your rating, so it can be updated in GymJAS



<https://gymjas.com>

Assigning priorities fall 2026 - per USAG

Best Practices for Assigning Judges-August 2026

In addition to the assigning guidelines on pages 28–29 of the Rules and Policies, assigners should use the following priorities when assigning judges to competitions held between August 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026:

1. Judges who have taken the new 2026–2030 Written and Practical examinations and passed both components.
2. Judges who have taken both the Written and Practical examinations and passed one component.
3. Judges who have taken both the Written and Practical examinations but did not pass either component.
4. Judges who have not yet tested under the new 2026–2030 rules.

<https://nawgj.org/about-nawgj/official-documents/>

- ▶ **NAWGJ Bylaws (updated Oct. 2024)- now have 21 Rules (vs. Cannons in the past)**
- ▶ **Rules of Professional Conduct (updated Sept. 2025)- to include:**
 - ▶ **Disciplinary Procedures**
 - ▶ **Complaint Form**
 - ▶ **Media Policy**
 - ▶ **Media Request Form**
 - ▶ **Social Media Policy**
- ▶ **Professionalism**

NAWGJ updates



Meet Assignments 2025-2026 season

Number of meets assigned - **85**

Number of judge assignments to those meets -584

Number of out of state judge assignments included in the number above -

Number of meets that were cancelled -

THANK YOU BARB, KATHY and DAWN!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Judges Training Camp

Apollo Gymnastics- Nov. 1, 2026

This is our fundraiser to support our educational efforts and support National Judges Cup.

L7 Qualifier for National Judges Cup, October as a session during the AEG in-house.

Great opportunity to interact with the gymnasts, coaches and your fellow judges!

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NAWGJ Symposium

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2027
NAWGJ Symposium
Kansas City

Judge It Up

NAWGJ
National Symposium

July 15 - 17, 2027
Kansas City, Missouri

Read More

<https://www.nawgj-symposium.com/>

Education Committee - UPDATE

- **Mentor program** - the formal mentor program continues, helps facilitate new judges to test up.
- Offered multiple Zoom sessions for L10/Nationals test prep - thank you to the judges who facilitated these session
- Working on the L9 test prep, will be rolled out soon.
- Continue to follow up with compulsory ratings to encourage testing up.
- Discussed in-gym, brush up clinics for this fall.
- Back judging opportunities.

Thank you to the Education Committee - Sue, Chelci, and Helen for this effort.

Support 1 judge to attend National Judges Cup,
up to \$1000.00.

\$500 to Helping Hands

\$1000 allotted toward New Judge and Financial
Grant Reimbursements.

Reminder:

If you were a current NAWGJ member in VA as of
8/1/2025 send eligible receipts (cost of testing and
Code of Points) in **Send 1 pdf with your address to
Summer at VAWVSJD@gmail.com.**



BUDGET UPDATE - 2026-27

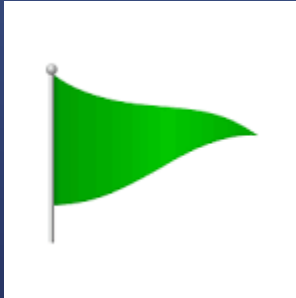
VAWV NAWGJ website - vanawgj.com

What will be posted in the near future:

- Updated Judges Handbook
 - Annual meeting powerpoint
 - Meeting minutes and budget
 - New mileage chart (thank you Randy)
 - Subscribe!!
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RECOGNITIONS

- State **and** Region 7 Green Flag 2026 - **Sue Leonelli**
- Years of service awards



“In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun.”

Mary Poppins

Thanks for being here and being a part of the judging community!

Contact Laurell and Summer, co-SJD's @ vawvsjd@gmail.com