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National Judges Cup 2008

National Judges Cup 2008 was held in San Diego, California January 4-6. The Alabama State Level 7 Team sponsored by Alabama NAWGJ was composed of Jessica Baines – NSG, Chrissy Haggins – JFJ, Courtney Pickett – MTB, Micaela Serrano – NSG, Gracen Standley – PLA and Kelleen Sullivan – JUB. The national competition was a new experience for these talented young athletes and they left the competition with new goals and a determination to improve their skills. With 6 on the team 5 scores counted. The 6 gymnast were divided into two back to back sessions. The Alabama team score was a 178.250. Southern California placed first with 193.375, Washington State was second with 189.975 and Northern California was third with 189.425. Other State Teams participating were Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Texas. The Level 7 Team competition has developed into a very intense challenge. The gymnasts places in their age group were:

Jessica Baines – NSG

Vault 9.325 4th
 Bars 9.3 4th
 Beam 9.325 5
 Floor 9.15 7
 AA 37.10 5

Courtney Pickett – MTB

Vault 8.875 29
 Bars 9.125 20
 Beam 8.4 30
 Floor 8.9 27
 AA 35.30 27

Gracen Standley – PLA

Vault 9.05 6
 Bars 8.675 9
 Beam 7.9 11
 Floor 9.45 3
 AA 35.075

Chrissy Haggins – JFJ

Vault 9.3 6
 Bars 8.1 11
 Beam 8.0 11
 Floor 8.475 11
 AA 33.875 10

Micaela Serrano – NSG

Vault 9.075 18
 Bars 8.825 26
 Beam 7.8 31
 Floor 8.85 28
 AA 34.55 31

Kelleen Sullivan – JUB

Vault 8.7 21
 Bars 8.45 20
 Beam 8.975 18
 Floor 9.3 17
 AA 35.425 20





For the majority of these young athletes they had never been to a large facility to compete. All of them had competed out of state but the size of the venue was a very new experience for them. The whole purpose of this program for the talented Alabama Level 7 team members is to expose them to national competition and expose them to new experiences so as they move up in levels they will have the composure during competition. As our optional season has progressed I have watched these young athletes become more comfortable in competition and improve on their

BACKGROUND CHECKS!!

Many of you have asked what the procedure was like so I thought I would give you some information since I have completed my background check. I went on line with USAG and renewed my membership and was issued a new membership card even before my background check was submitted. I completed my background check on line and submitted it and it took about 45 days for the “green light email” to arrive. I have not had a name change in 39 years and have lived in the same house for over 25 years. It is very important that you submit your information for the background check about 2 months before your membership renewal date occurs. I understand when Meet Directors go on line and check the judges and coaches current USAG membership for meets there will be a pending notice if you have submitted your information for a background check and before it clears.

skills. The coaches have expressed how much this competition has meant to their gymnast and how much they learned from the experience. As judges, we earn nice paychecks for our services and this is one small way we can give back to the gymnast and coaches in our state and help with the development of our young athletes.

Debbie Walls and I were the judges from Alabama this year. There were teams from Calvins and Legends that competed in the numerous other sessions at NJC this year.

Next years National Judge’s Cup is in our part of the country in Daytona Beach, Florida. I hope more judges will volunteer their time and give something back to the sport. In the past we have had as many as four judges from Alabama traveling to NJC to volunteer their time. I will help with your expenses as much as possible so if you are interested please let me know and I will make sure you have the information. You can go to the official NJC web site at www.judgescup.com and find the preliminary information and results from previous years.

When you receive your “green light email” concerning your background check please forward or print and mail a copy to Phyllis Thompson, Membership Chairman. The letter will go in your personal profile so we can keep track of which judges have completed their background check and up to date with all professional memberships.

JUDGE’S ACCOUNTS

The deadline to use all your money held in your Alabama NAWGJ Account will be August 1st. Each judge was sent an email to confirm the exact amount at their deposal for educational needs for the summer. Do not ask for an extension and please be prompt with your vouchers and receipts.

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

October 12-14, 2007

Indianapolis, IN

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WOMEN'S NATIONAL & USAG BREVET JUDGES' COURSES

Revised 4/3/2008

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE NATIONAL COURSE:

As stated in the Technical Committee minutes of October 2007, the following criteria must be met in order to be invited to the National Judges' Course:

1. Current Brevet or National rating
or, held a Level 10 rating a minimum of two complete cycles (8 years) by June 2009
(Must have achieved a Level 10 rating by December 31, 2001)
3. Must have attended a minimum of two (2) USAG Regional or National Congresses or National NAWGJ Symposium IN THE CURRENT CYCLE (June 2005 – Dec. 31, 2008) Attendance at the 2005 National course does not meet this requirement. See chart below.
4. Must hold a current USAG Professional Membership and Safety Certification. (By Dec. 31st, all Professional Members will have had to complete a background check in order to re-new their membership from Dec. 2007 to Nov. 2008).
5. Must be current with annual CPE requirements.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE USAG-BREVET COURSE:

As stated in the Technical Committee minutes of October 2007, the following criteria must be met in order to be invited to the USAG Brevet Judges' Course:

1. Current FIG or USAG Brevet rating
2. or, a Previous Senior National (Elite) team member (minimum of 21 yrs. of age)
3. Currently rated officials must have attended a minimum of two (2) USAG Regional or National Congresses or National NAWGJ Symposium IN THE CURRENT CYCLE (June 2005 – Dec. 31, 2008) Attendance at the 2005 National or Brevet Course does not count toward this requirement. See chart below.
4. Must hold a current USAG Professional Membership and Safety Certification. (By Dec. 31st, all Professional Members will have had to complete a background check in order to re-new their membership from Dec. 2007 to Nov. 2008).
5. Must be current with annual CPE requirements.

Regional/National Educational Events that may be used to satisfy Requirement #3:

2005	2006	2007	2008
any USAG Regional Congress	any USAG Regional Congress	any USAG Regional Congress	any USAG Regional Congress
USAG National Congress (Indianapolis)	USAG National Congress (Minneapolis)	USAG National Congress (San Jose)	USAG National Congress (Philadelphia)
NAWGJ National Symposium (Portland, OR) - July 14-17	NAWGJ Regional Symposium/Clinic Region 5-Sept. - Indianapolis Region 7-July Region 8- Oct.-Atlanta	None held	Any Regional NAWGJ Symposium that may be conducted & approved
National WTC Symposium (Louisville or Reno) Regional WTC Symposiums: Region 3 – June 19-Plano, TX Region 6/7– July 10-Providence, RI Region 8 – July 1-Ellenton, FL			

All 2009 Judges' Courses will be conducted at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel, Indianapolis, IN. The schedule is as follows:

USAG Brevet Course:

- Sun. July 12th Lectures begin at 9:00 am, continuing until Tues. July 14th at noon
Tues. July 14th Practical exam in the evening
Wed. July 15th Written exam in the am; reception in the early afternoon

National Course for First-time attendees:

- Wed. July 15th Lectures begin at 6:00 pm, continuing until Fri. evening, July 17th
Sat. July 18 Exams in am; evening reception

National Course for Current Nationally-rated judges:

- Sun. July 19th Lectures begin 9:00 am; continuing until Tues., July 21st at noon
Tues. July 21st Lectures in AM, Practical exam in evening
Wed. July 22nd Written exam in AM; early afternoon reception

In Addition to the information for 2009 National and Brevet Courses, please be sure you fill out this form and send it in.

National/Brevet Intent Form

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



I know many of you have already made educational plans for the summer but make sure you have marked your calendar with new opportunities.

May 30 Alabama State Banquet

May 31-June 1 State Clinic – Tuscaloosa – This year Judy Dorbransky is one of the clinicians so I know you don't want to miss this important opportunity. Our state banquet is usually set during this clinic so it will be easy for everyone to attend. I hope you will arrange your schedule so you will be able to attend this year and honor our graduating athletes, regional qualifiers, Level 9 Eastern and Level 10 National qualifiers, state coach of the year and state judge of the year.

June 19-21 National Congress, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 17-20 Region 8 Congress, Jackson-

ville, Florida

August 2 & 3 Alabama Judge's Retreat, Diane Peeks house (outside Birmingham in Hueytown). Sheila Ragle, Region 8 Regional Judging Director. Bring your sleeping bags. This is a free clinic for all Alabama judges. Food will be furnished. Can't beat a free clinic, free accommodations, and free food!!!

August 22-24 Compulsory Judge's Cup. This is the last year to earn extra money to help with the expenses of attending a NAWGJ related symposium/clinic for the recertification year. All Extra Education Money is based on the time each individual judge has volunteered for Compulsory Judge's Cup.

September 12-14 National Team Training Camp, Gymnastics Academy of Georgia, Marietta, Georgia.

January 2-4, 2009 National Judge's Cup, Daytona Beach, Florida



Dear AL NAWGJ,

Thank you for the spray of flowers you sent when my mother passed away.

It is amazing how many people sent cards, prayers, and kind words. They all meant the world to our family.

Phyllis