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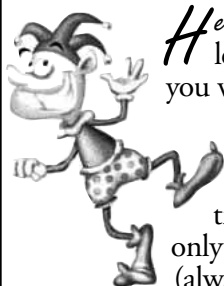
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Hello everyone—I'm excited to be appointed as your newsletter editor and I'm looking forward to creating a resource you will find useful and informative. One of the first things the board wants to do is to take this newsletter and make it "paperless" by providing it to you via email rather than snail mail. I know that we are all inundated with information on a daily basis. Making this newsletter paperless not only saves ME the hassle of printing and sending hard copies (always a plus in my book), but it will help Tx NAWGJ to curb operating expenses. Then, instead of spending money on paper,

we can spend it on something else—educational materials for the membership, perhaps.

For those of you who do not have an email account, or who just like to collect paper, the form inside will allow you to continue receiving your newsletter via snail mail as a hard copy. Unless the form is filled out and returned to me, from here on out, you will be receiving this newsletter as a pdf file at the email address your assigning official provides me with. If that address changes, you need to notify your assigning official (of course) as well as me. If you are unsure about pdf files, Adobe provides acrobat reader free of charge. You can download it from their website at www.adobe.com.

That's it for now . . .read on, there's lots of new stuff to know. I hope you like it, and I welcome any contributions (photos, articles, letters), suggestions, or ideas on making this better. Feel free to drop me a line any time. I'm almost always "online" and I promise to always get back to you!

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Greetings Texas NAWGJ members! Let me say again how

honored I am to serve as your SJD. Elections for your Governing Board are almost complete. Four of the five positions were elected by acclamation and at the time of printing this newsletter, there is an election going on for Assigning Official for District 5/6. Final results will be posted on the website.

I am sure you all have noticed that our newsletter has a GREAT new look. Katrina Murray has been appointed our new TxNAWGJ Newsletter

Editor. She is wonderfully qualified and I am sure you will agree she has done an outstanding job with this issue. I am very excited to be working with her. Katrina has some great ideas and I can't wait to see future issues.

Please take the time to read this newsletter carefully as it has much important information in it. As technology keeps advancing, TxNAWGJ will be advancing also. Starting with the next newsletter, publication will be electronic. You will be e-mailed a copy of each issue. If you do not have e-mail, you will need to request a paper copy. The form is included in this newsletter. You can always access the newsletters online by going to the TxNAWGJ website (txnawgj.tripod.com). We hope that by issuing electronically, we can lower our operating costs, get more information out quicker, and have more funds available for the benefit our membership. We need your help to make this work. Please make sure your District Assignor has your latest mailing/e-mail addresses.

I would like to remind all members that GAT is fast approaching. I encourage all members to attend and I would also like to announce that our Annual General Membership meeting will be held at GAT on Friday evening at 8:00pm, August 29. I hope to see you all there.

Also just around the corner is Judges Cup! Always a huge endeavor, always a great time for the children. This is our main fund raiser of the year. Almost all of our operating budget is funded by Judges Cup. Contact your District assignor to volunteer. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Enough said. I hope everyone has had a restful summer. I look forward to seeing all of you at some point during the year. Please be safe, and Happy Judging!

Leslie

Upcoming events: **GAT August 29–September 1st**

GAT will be held at the Renaissance Austin Hotel August 29–September 1. All judges are encouraged to attend. GAT is a long-time supporter of TX NAWGJ, and we should offer our support to them in return. Not only are all levels of the judging exam being given (registration form included on next page), including films, but this is a great opportunity to learn from the best clinicians in the country. For those of you with children, GAT also offers childcare at a minimal price. Other things to look forward to include: Safety Certification, featured clinician Judy Dobransky and the entire NAWGJ Library containing videos, judging aids, apparel, gifts, luggage items, etc.—All with the NAWGJ logo. Leslie saw a preview of this collection at the National State Judges Directors meetings and says it is AWESOME! Don't miss out! Register now via the Tx NAWGJ website (txnawgj.tripod.com) or GAT site (www.gatx.org).

Judges Cup—October 10–12, 2003

The Judges Cup will take place the weekend of October 10–12, 2003. This year's sites are:

Midland YMCA

Metroplex

National Elite

Karolyi's Ranch

To volunteer, contact your district assigning official. All judges working a minimum of 2 sessions will have their NAWGJ membership paid for the year (Must already be a NAWGJ member and rated judge). Judges can receive a maximum of 3 volunteer credits (1 credit per session worked) for Active Status purposes. Mark your calendars and make plans to help out!

—NEW UNIFORM STANDARD—

SLACKS are now allowed to be worn at all competitions at all levels as part of the official NAWGJ uniform.

Slacks must be black or dark navy to coordinate with the NAWGJ jacket.

No Dockers, Knit, or sweat pants allowed. Think "DRESS" slacks/job interview clothes!



**Check the Website: <http://txnawgj.tripod.com>
for the latest forms, information, updates, etc.**

Technical Updates

*** The following updates are provided as a service to you. While every effort has been made to be current and accurate, please remember that technical information contained in this newsletter should never be considered “official” or binding. Always refer to the USA Gymnastics publications—the JO Compulsory Book, The WTC Coaches & Judges Training Manual, the FIG Code, Technique magazine, and/or the USA gymnastics website (www.usa-gymnastics.org) for all OFFICIAL information.*

This represents only a compilation/summary of information available through the above official sources and the information is a partial listing of the most recent changes. For a complete listing, consult the June 2003 issue of *Technique* magazine.

Level 7

Missing a special requirement is now the value of the requirement (.8) + .5 for a total of 1.3 rather than last year's 1.8.

Beam and floor: Deductions for **lack of continuity in a series/direct connection have been reduced** at this level: a stop, extra step or re-positioning of the foot on beam will draw an **^.4** deduction. A pause will be **^.2**

BARS Level 9–10—Compositional deduction:

^.1 for lack of balance between elements with pirouettes and with flight phase.

This deduction is to be applied ONLY at Levels 9 and 10.

^.1 for insufficient directionality: Again, this deduction is applied ONLY at Levels 9 & 10.

LEVEL 8

Special Requirement Change:

The 3, 6, 7 element must now be a minimum of a “B”

The dismount must be an element with a SALTO, at least “A” value.

BEAM and FLOOR

Beam: Group 6 rolls may now be used by Level 8 gymnasts to fulfill the compositional requirement of a forward or sideward/backward acro element. Levels 9 & 10 are still required to use acro elements from groups 7 and 8 only to fulfill this requirement.

GENERAL/APPLICABLE TO EVERY LEVEL

Floor: The panel judge must now attempt to signal any line violation by raising his/her hand.

Floor boundary markings: When additional matting is used on floor which covers any part of the boundary line(s), the mat **MUST** be clearly marked with tape or chalk to indicate the actual boundary line. Failure to mark the mat will result in a .1 neutral deduction.

**CHECK THE TX NAWGJ WEBSITE FOR:
UPDATED VAULT VALUE CHARTS,
JO REQUIREMENTS CHART
JO SUPPLEMENT,
WHAT'S NEW FOR THE 2003–4 JO PROGRAM
AND JUDGING SHEETS!**

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGING CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

September 1, 2003
In conjunction with GAT
Renaissance Austin Hotel

Name _____ Judges Number _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Telephone (____) _____ Work Telephone (____) _____

Written Test

Form A (first time 2003)	Form B (second time 2003)
Levels 5/6 _____	Levels 5/6 _____
Levels 7/8 _____	Levels 7/8 _____
Level 9 _____	Level 9 _____
Level 10 _____	Level 10 _____

Film

Level 8 _____
Level 9 _____
Level 10 _____

Postmarked by Aug. 15: \$30 per part
Postmarked after Aug 15, rec'd by Aug 28 : \$40 per part
On-Site- \$50: **CASH ONLY first come first serve**

Please make checks payable to **Jack Dunlop**. Mail check and registration form to:
Jack Dunlop
4422 Lyndale
Amarillo, TX 79109

Absolutely No Refunds!

Office Use Only

Check # _____ Amount Received \$ _____ Date Received _____

Tear bottom portion off and keep for your records.

Where: Renaissance Austin Hotel
GAT Convention
When: Monday, September 1, 2003 (tentative)
Time: TBD (starting at 8:00am)

Testing Information: Please bring your **current judges rating card and verification of practice judging** if testing Level 9 or 10 or mail copies with your test registration form. Registration form and check must be postmarked by 8/15/03 and rec'd by Aug 28 to guarantee you a copy of the test at the test site. You will need #2 pencils for the test. If you have any further questions, please contact Jack Dunlop at 806-353-4822.

Texas NAWGJ Judging Availability Form
(Compulsory Competitions)

State Judging Director

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Please complete the following form by checking the dates that you are available to judge and return one (1) copy of this form to the SJD and retain one (1) copy for your records. Availability forms are due no later than August 15, 2003.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ RATING: _____

AFFILIATION*: _____

Please check the dates below.

DATE	NAME OF MEET	YES	NO
Nov 1-2	Level 6 North / South		
Nov 8-9	Level 5 North / South		
Nov 15-16	Level 6 State		
Nov 22-23	Level 5 State		
Dec 6-7	Carol Hillenburg Level 5 State Invitational		
Dec 13-14	Carol Hillenburg Level 4 State Invitational		

USAG defines affiliation as follows:

The rules are NOT meant to prevent officials from judging, but to prevent unfair situations for the gymnasts.

A. Affiliation refers to:

1. An immediate family member of a competing gymnast, her coach(es), or club owner.
2. A person on the payroll of a competing Club
3. A team member or parent of a team member of a competing Club
4. A Coach of a competing gymnast
5. A club owner of a competing gymnast

Tx NAWGJ Newsletter Form

In an effort to curb operating expenses, the TX NAWGJ newsletter will be sent electronically to judges and posted on the Tx NAWGJ website. Please make sure your assigning official has your current e-mail address. If YOU are an assigning official, please forward all addresses to me (Katrina Murray) at the email address listed on the first page of this newsletter. If you do NOT have an email account to which your newsletter may be sent, please fill in the request below. Paper copies will be mailed out only to those judges who complete (and of course, return) this request to me at the following address: 8504 Gillis Court/North Richland Hills, TX 76180.

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Katrina,

Please send a paper copy of my newsletter to the following:

Name:

Address:

Signature: _____

THAT'S IT . . .THERE IS NO MORE. If you've read to the end, thanks for sticking with it! Hopefully I can add even more "fun" stuff next time. Things like photos, (watch out everyone—Leslie & I both have digital cameras and thus should be considered "armed and dangerous"), and good old COLOR!

In addition, if you have news of "Life Outside the Gym," (weddings, births, big trips, outside accomplishments, etc.) please let me know. I would love to recognize you in the newsletter.

Contributions—Would LOVE to get some. Email me anytime. Article ideas—ditto.

Enough said from me as well . . .see you next time online. *Katrina*

Be Sure to bookmark the website . . .information will be posted there on a regular basis, so you'll want to reach it easily and often!

<http://txnawgj.tripod.com>