

Note: 39 surveys - not all questions were answered. Comments are exact quotes from survey.

1. Judging level	2. Pre-season Assigner Avail Surveys easy to use?	3. Any suggestions for improvements concerning the Assigner Availability Surveys?		4. If your availability changed during the season, did you communicate that with the assigners?
17 Natl/Br 15 8-10's 7 comp	yes - 35 no- 3 (2 level 8-10's and one comp.)	<p>Comment: It's difficult to know your schedule so far in advance. Also, I think you should let us accept college assignments before expecting us to accept alternate contracts. Also, can we be emailed a copy of our availability submitted for our records & so we can inform you if we have changes?</p> <p>Comment: When certain criteria are stated regarding availability the assigners need to be sure and work around those criteria.</p> <p>Comment: Not sure what the point of it is to be honest, especially since you are required to fill it out in order to be eligible to judge a state meet. Isn't the fact that you have your rating and are current with all your USAG stuff by definition mean that you are eligible to judge? What is the point of having to provide all of that info that NAWGJWA/USAGWA should already have? Seems kind of pointless to me. Besides, the same judges get picked every year for state anyway, so it's pretty misleading to imply that filling it out will "improve" you chances of judging at a state meet, when really it's just a personality contest amongst the USAGWA Board. I say simplify it to just strictly provide the weekends you are and are not available.</p>	<p>Comment: I had to enter a lot of comments on the availability -- for example, if I was available a full weekend, but wanted to communicate that the maximum I wanted to judge was one day in the weekend. I imagine this was complicated for the Assignor.</p> <p>Comment: Ask for an update closer to Xmas. Doing the survey in the summer is quite early and things change</p> <p>Comment: Sometimes we have a maybe or will not know until later category. When I dont know for sure, I just mark available.</p> <p>Comment:Very difficult to determine availability so far ahead Comment: Follow up calls need to be made. When someone is asked in the Fall about availability in the Winter, sometimes things change and the judge may become available.</p>	yes - 32 no - 7 We can't help you or assign you if you don't let us know your status.

5. Format for the online meet schedule easy to read?	6. On line judges assignments: If not easy to read, what suggestions could make it better?	7. This past season, I judged...	8. Comments about the previous question	8. Comments about the previous question continued	9. Downtime ?
<p>yes -37 no - 2 They want larger type to make it easier to read. Can do!</p>	<p>Comment: Keep the date when revised! Let us know if there is a theme. Comment: Much better this year than it has been in past years Comment: This questionnaire is difficult to deal with as it only accepts a certain amount of visual reading of what you have typed. Comment: Can we stay logged in for awhile to prevent the need for signing in so much.... Like that we get to see whole schedule, not just our own. Answer: working on it:} Comment: Individual schedules without others names also Comment: Larger type for times and levels Comment: I liked being able to see all the meets but it would be nice to have a place, like we used to, that only had MY meets listed so I could find them easily.</p>	<p>Just enough - 26 Too MANY - 5 Too FEW - 7</p>	<p>Comment: It's too hard working full time & judging all weekend especially when more & more meets are marathon meets when we are lucky to get meal/ potty breaks. Comment: Too many meets per weekend. Too much pressure from clubs to always be available. Comment: With multiple meets on weekends and 2 judge panels required at all levels (ridiculous at Level 2) the number of judges got taken up very quickly. I always felt that i had to be available to help out whenever i could where i should have been able to say no to a few meets. Comment: I kept getting email after email saying that we were short on judges and yet I kept seeing the same people assigned to a lot of meets. Comment: Too many meets on certain weekends</p>	<p>Comment: I was only assigned two meets - after I called to find out why I was not assigned when I knew meets were being cancelled due to lack of judges. Comment: I will always remain as available as possible during the competitive season and will judge as much as possible. Comment: Thanks to assigners for trying too meet and many times succeeding at it. Comment: I coached a lot so I am glad I got to judge when I did. Comment: I was not available when needed unfortunately :(Comment: This was the first time I have ever received "enough" meets, so I appreciated the lack of judges. Comment: You can say yes or no</p>	<p>yes-24 no - 14</p>

10. Will you judge as many meets next year?	11. Do you use the NAWGJWA website on a regular basis?	12. What do you use it for? Check all that apply.	13. New Judges: What educational opportunities?	14. What judging sessions at state clinic?		
yes - 29 no - 9	yes -37 no -2	<p>Check my meets - 39</p> <p>Check for resources-30</p> <p>To keep up-to-date-34</p> <p>Link to other sites - 21</p>	<p>Mentor program-6</p> <p>Side-by-side-4</p> <p>Short mini clinics-8</p>	<p>Comment: things that we really need to pay attention. do an example routine and more knowledge Judge can say out loud what exactly they took their deductions on. do new Judge can make more sense</p> <p>Comments: Ethics: being professional, judging/not judging your own kids, using your cellphone/electronic devices on the floor, gossiping, badmouthing other, being difficult to work with, being late, not looking the part, etc etc etc</p> <p>Comment: Professional Member Behavior - similar to the emails you sent earlier. I agreed with everything you said and it really frustrates me that I see judges continue to violate the rules.</p> <p>Comment: Skill recognition, shorthand</p> <p>Comment: Match a non-judging coach with a judge to practice judge</p> <p>Comment: Not looking down. Have watched many judges this year glancing down or even looking down. Good article in Technique regarding coaches feelings when a judge looks away.</p> <p>Comment: recognizing good footwork, body shape and body position still need compulsory sessions as many judges still don't know the text well for the compulsories</p> <p>Comments: Video judging with discussions</p> <p>Comments: Judges etiquette</p>	<p>Comments: More on applying changes</p> <p>Comments:College Judging: Resloutions for Conflicts:</p> <p>Comments: how to effectively use the resources that are now available electronically</p> <p>Comments: practice judging, practice judging, practice judging....all events!</p> <p>People need to be able to judge vault too.</p> <p>Comments: meet referee and equipment specifications</p> <p>Comments: excel!</p>	<p>Comments: Usually cover what we need to know</p> <p>Comments: Practice judging optionals</p>

<p>15. Any further comments? (About your SJD's, commu...</p>		
<p>Comments: Thanks for all your hard work & for trying to share opportunities for growth to all!</p> <p>Comments: Felt that the whole assigning system and communication from the SJD's was much better this year than in the past. Assignments should be made to give all the judges some of the higher level meets not just those judges who are friends of the person in charge. We have a lot of good judges in the state and they have to be given opportunities to judge at the highest level.</p> <p>Comments: Personally I feel the SJD's in Washington do a great job. The position they feel is full of conflict and politics and Denise and Lee handle things without bias.</p> <p>Comments: Is it possible to call instead of emailing for availability if needed for a weekend replacement? It seems we have lost a personal aspect to this in our assignments or replacements.</p> <p>Comments: Assigning - we were told the same tasks Barb did would still be done. That has not been the case. I have been asked to check on hotels, flights, etc. I don't have time to do pre-meet tasks.</p> <p>Comments: Thanks for all the hard work, you are greatly appreciated :)</p> <p>Comments: They are awesome!</p> <p>Comments: Assignments need to be posted sooner</p>	<p>Comments: I would appreciate knowing the details of the meets I am judging earlier. Sometimes I did not even know if a meet was going to be one or two days long just a few days before the meet. Makes it very difficult to plan my own family's life and obligations with such little notice when I'm travelling.</p> <p>Comments: I think Patty, Denise, Lee, and Dawn did a great job in training and assisting new judges this years....thanks for all your efforts.</p> <p>Comments: Loved the meet reminders and Patty was very timely about that.</p> <p>Comments: My first year judging was amazing. Lots of positive feedback and an amazing mentor. Thank you for all the support! Can't wait until next season already!!!</p> <p>Comments: Using the committee system for assigning seems to slow things down.</p> <p>Comments: I felt the SJDs did an outstanding job this year.</p>	<p>Comments: It wasn't clear when I accepted judging contracts that I would be expected to judge Xcel as well as compulsories. I am only being paid for my compulsory ratings, yet I was expected to invest in buying Xcel materials and studying/being prepared to judge Xcel. I would recommend that the pay rate for compulsory judges being changed to the equivalent of having a 4/5+7/8 rating when judging Xcel to compensate for the additional preparation required, OR, make it clear on judging contracts that you may be judging Xcel for the contract before I agree to it. Also, I would encourage USAG to make the Xcel materials available for download for free to judges, or have NAWGJwa pay for these materials.</p> <p>Second comment - as a new judge, I thought that the Candy Corn clinic was fantastic, super helpful, non-threatening, and very welcoming. That sense of welcoming and helpfulness went away quickly at other meets, unless I was with some of the NAWGJwa board members. Perhaps to build more camaraderie within NAWGJwa would be to set some leadership responsibilities for the Meet Referee - make sure everyone knows each other, try to make connections between people, ask new judges if they have any questions (make it non-threatening to ask for help).</p>