

## New Assigning Procedures for NorCal Women's Gymnastics Meets

We are currently in the process of setting up the Meet Schedule for the 2013/14 competitive season. The assigning committee consists of P.J. Slater, Evelyn Paradis, Mike Guzman and Holly Thomas. As a committee, we want to clarify how meets are assigned to a weekend and the criteria that will be followed in determining particular dates. For the 2013 Compulsory Season, there are eight available weekends for meets to be assigned. This excludes Judge's Cup, which is tentatively set for September 7 & 8, 2013. It also assumes that there will not be any Zone Championship meets.

Our State judging director, Maureen Koehler has recommended a later date for Judges Cup this year. This will allow coaches, athletes and judges more time to become familiar with the new routines and rules. The first available local Compulsory testing date for judges won't be until Regional Congress in late August.

It is the committee's goal to assign meets in such a way as to allow NorCal to host several competitive meets in a season that work for all the hosting clubs. That being stated, the following criteria will be followed:

**Geographic Location** - Every attempt will be made to spread meets geographically on any given weekend throughout NorCal.

**Availability of Judges** - 32 Judges are available to be assigned on any given weekend day for Compulsory season. That means only 4 meets can be assigned per day. For Optional season, only 16 judges are available. That means only 2 meets can be assigned per day. For Optional season, one meet will be allowed up to Level 10 and the other meet that day will be allowed up to Level 8. Any Optional season meet can have Xcel and Compulsory competitors.

**Outside Facility Commitments** - If a club has committed to a specific weekend in an outside facility, every attempt will be made to honor that commitment.

**Length of Meet** - If your club hosted a compulsory meet with over 200 athletes last year, you will be assigned a two day meet for the 2013 Compulsory Season. If your club hosted a compulsory meet with less than 200 athletes last year, you will be assigned a one day meet for the 2013 Compulsory season. If an additional day is required due to increased numbers, every attempt will be made to secure the additional judges.

Remember, when submitting a request for a compulsory or optional meet, please submit three acceptable dates in order of preference. This request needs to be postmarked no later than March 30, 2013.

Compulsory season 8 week window – Saturday, Sept 14 through Sunday, Nov 3. This allows 3 weeks of State meets and finishes before Thanksgiving.

Optional season window – Saturday, Jan 4 through Sunday, March 16. This is assuming State is March 22 weekend in 2014. (The USAG calendar hasn't come out yet.)

The request for judges form, copy of your sanction request, and a check made out to NAWGJ for \$3 per judge must be postmarked BY Saturday, March 30 and sent to P.J. Slater at the following address.

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If you have any questions concerning the above, please email P.J. at [pjpslater@yahoo.com](mailto:pjpslater@yahoo.com).