



NGJA Domestic Junior Development Judge Assignment Procedure

The NGJA is recognized by USA Gymnastics (USAG) as its exclusive partner in educating, certifying, and assigning judges in the United States for USAG sanctioned junior competitions. The NGJA Constitution and By-laws provides that NGJA member associations will assign competitions in its local area. Each NGJA member association may have a different general process for identifying and assigning competitions in its local area, however, each member association should follow the general guidelines provided below.

A. Member Association assigning official(s) should:

1. Control the process of assigning judges to competitions in its association's local membership area;
2. Determine the competitions in their association's local membership area that need judges for the upcoming season;
3. Determine the availability of judges for assignment and whether any competitions will involve an exchange of judges with another member association;
4. Consult with competition directors to determine the competition schedule, the number of judges necessary, logistics for selected judges (travel, room, etc.), and if there are any special requests (e.g., judge certification level, judge location, out-of-area judges, specific judges, etc.);
5. After gathering all necessary information and consulting with the applicable USAG State Chairman (if he/she wishes to participate), make assignments (who, what event(s), what sessions, etc.) for each competition in their local area;
6. Ensure that all competition directors understand that all assigned judges will be paid at the rates for the member association published on the NGJA web site; and
7. Timely notify assigned judges and competition directors of assignments and related details.

B. Competition directors should:

1. Follow the process provided here and the process for the member association in their area for having judges assigned to their competition;
2. Seek to avoid a conflict of interest between assigned judges, host entities, and the competition director;
3. Only seek judges through the member association in their local area; and
4. Pay judges at their competition at the rates provided by the member association in their rate sheet provided on the NGJA web site.

Regarding USAG local and state championship events, the most recent version of the USAG Rules and Policies states:

The State Chairperson will work *with the local judging associations* to assign all officials for all USA Gymnastics sanctioned local and state competitions.

Regarding Region Championships, the most recent version of the USAG Rules and Policies states:

The Regional Chairperson shall coordinate assignment of officials to the Regional Championships *with the local judging associations in the region* and the appropriate NGJA Junior Development Technical Director.