

So you want to become a level 5/6 gymnastics judge... ...here is a check-list to follow!

- Review the information at <http://www.usagymnastics.org/women/2002/wbecomeajudge.html>.
- Purchase the "Women's JO Compulsory Program Text 2005-2013" from USA Gymnastics and start studying. http://usagym.sportgraphics.biz/index.asp?cmd=showcategory¶m_0=11
- Look for testing dates, and plan your studying around that date. Be sure to allow for enough time to learn and practice the rules.
 - Fill out the "Let Us Know You Are Interested In Judging Online Form" at <http://www.nawgj-sc.org/judging.htm> and we will contact you about testing and educational opportunities
- Seek out additional learning opportunities prior to the test, some examples are below:
 - Attend a Level 5/6 NAWGJ-SC course (not required, but highly recommended)
 - Look for possible symposiums or clinics to attend
 - Watch a practice at a nearby gym
 - Visit the National NAWGJ Education Corner Website (http://www.nawgj.org/education_corner.htm) for additional study tools like gymquest, practice tests, and studying tips.
 - Purchase Dem Cards (from <http://www.demcards.com/index.php>) to test your knowledge. These tools are not required but are useful studying and judging aids.
 - Make flash-cards to study rules
 - Borrow videos from NAWGJ-SC library (look for current librarian on NAWGJ-SC Board at <http://www.nawgj-sc.org/board.htm>)
- Level 5/6 is a multiple-choice test only, no video
- Study, practice, study, practice...
- Take test and pass with flying colors!
- Purchase USA Gymnastics Professional Membership (this is required to be on the floor during a gymnastics meet) at <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/membership/plans.html>
 - USAG membership also now requires a background check through the National Center for Safety Initiatives. Visit the USAG website for more information
- Register to take the USAG Safety Certification Course (it is required for you to complete this course to be on the floor during a gymnastics meet)
- Join NAWGJ (information at www.nawgj.org)
- Order Uniform (navy blue pant or skirt suit)
- Judge in 3 practice meets
 - Contact assigning committee to find meets and get approval from the assigned meet referee before attending as a practice judge
 - Rotate events to practice all events and levels.
- Submit availability to NAWGJ-SC assigning committee
- Sign judging contract
- Judge!