

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To: WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS – CURRENT NATIONAL & LEVEL 10 RATED OFFICIALS

From: Kathy Kelly, Sr. Director of Women's Program
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Re: Upcoming National and Level 10 Re-Certification Courses

August 1, 2005 begins a new cycle for our Women's Program. Compulsory routines will be changing, as will optional rules. All judges will be required to re-certify to continue judging at compulsory and/or optional levels after Dec. 31, 2005.

Depending upon the number of years you have held a Level 10 rating, you may be eligible to attend either a National Judges' course (which includes taking a written and practical exam) or a Level 10 Re-certification Course (practice "self-tests" only).

2005 NATIONAL JUDGES' COURSES:

National Course #1: All judges who **currently** hold a National rating should have already received an invitation and course information to attend the National Judges' Course #1. If, for some reason, you did not receive this information, it is posted on the USAG web site at <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/women/2005/w-natljudgecourse.html>

National Course #2: If you earned your Level 10 rating by December 31, 1997 or earlier and have maintained the Level 10 rating a minimum of 8 years, you are eligible to take the National Judges Course #2. If you are not sure about the date you received your Level 10 rating, please contact Renee Behrens, USAG Women's Program Assistant at rbehrens@usa-gymnastics.org or 317-829-5661. Of course, anyone who is eligible to take a National Course but would prefer to take the Level 10 Re-Certification Course would be welcome to do so.

Please refer to the National Judges' Course #2 information posted on the web site on the Women's home page (<http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/women/>). You may register online or download a copy of the Registration form and return it by FAX or mail.

2005 LEVEL 10 RE-CERTIFICATION COURSES:

If you have not held your Level 10 rating two full cycles, but have tested and passed the Level 10 exams twice, one in the last cycle (1998-2001) and have maintained it for the entire past cycle (2002-2005), you are eligible to take a Level 10 Re-Certification Course instead of taking the Level 10 exam in your local area.

There are four (4) Level 10 Re-Certification Courses being offered during the summer of 2005, in conjunction with major educational events:

1. Women's Technical Symposium #1 in Louisville, KY June 4-5
2. Women's Technical Symposium #2 in Reno, NV June 11-12
3. NAWGJ National Symposium in Portland, OR July 14-16
4. USAG National Congress in Indianapolis, IN August 11-13

In order to participate in the Level 10 Re-certification sections of these events, you **MUST be registered for the specific Symposium/Congress where the course is given.** In the case of the NAWGJ Symposium and the USAG Congress, specific sessions will be designated as required for all Level 10 Re-certification Course participants. In addition to the required “Course” sessions, you will also be required to attend closed sessions at which time only those eligible for Level 10 Re-certification will take the self-exams and have a review and Q&A with Cheryl Hamilton and Marian Dykes, the course directors.

Registration for the “add-on” Level 10 Re-Certification must be submitted to the USA Gymnastics National office by mail or FAX only, postmarked no later than May 1st. There will not be any online registration for this course. Please be sure to indicate the site which you plan to attend. Be sure that you have registered for the particular event at which your re-certification course will be conducted. For the three events sponsored by USAG (the two Technical Symposiums and National Congress), go to the Women’s Program home page under Upcoming events or go directly to <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/women> (Workshops) or <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/events/2005/congress/> (Congress)

For the NAWGJ National Symposium registration, go directly to <http://www.nawgj.org/symposium.htm>