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The National Association of Women's Gymnastic Judges ("NAWGJ") is dedicated to fostering fair, impartial, and consistent judging in the sport of women's gymnastics. This NAWGJ Media Policy ("Policy") is to assist NAWGJ in the development of consistent messaging to the public and to help minimize inaccuracies and conflicting messages.

This Policy is issued by NAWGJ and comes into force on September 1, 2025, and supersedes all previous media-related policies. This Policy may be amended from time to time by NAWGJ.

### **1. Scope**

Only the NAWGJ President or any other individual designated by the NAWGJ President or Executive Committee are authorized to speak with the media. The NAWGJ President and the Executive Committee shall collaborate on message development and coordinate who will handle which press inquiries.

All media inquiries are to be handled by the NAWGJ President or authorized designee, regardless of who the media representative is, whom he or she represents, or how innocuous the request.

All press releases or other promotional materials are to be approved by the NAWGJ President or authorized designee prior to dissemination.

This Policy applies to all NAWGJ judges, whether on or off duty, and encompasses all forms of media, except for social media which is covered by the NAWGJ Social Media Policy.

### **2. Procedures**

The following procedures set forth how members shall handle inquiries from any media (such as newspaper, radio, podcasts, TV, cable access, magazines, trade organizations, etc.).

- 2.1.** All requests must be directed to the NAWGJ President.
- 2.2.** If possible, please collect the following information when a request is made:
  - a.** The reporter's name, phone number, email address, and deadline.
  - b.** The nature of the story.
  - c.** The publication or media source and intended distribution.
- 2.3.** In accordance with this Policy, members may not offer information or respond to the media, even if the judge knows the answer.
- 2.4.** Alternatively, media can be directed to the [Media Request Form](#) located on the NAWGJ website.

### **3. Reporting Violations:**

Any concerns regarding the violation of this Policy should be reported to the NAWGJ Executive Committee (emails, available [here](#)) and/or via the Complaint Form provided on the NAWGJ National website, available [here](#).

### **4. Consequences of Violations:**

NAWGJ respects the right of its members to participate in social media and does not discourage self-publishing or self-expression that is not in violation of this Policy. Notwithstanding the foregoing, NAWGJ members are expected to follow this Policy. As such, inappropriate activity that is in violation of this Policy may result in disciplinary action pursuant to the NAWGJ Disciplinary Procedures.