

WELCOME to 2014
high school girls' gymnastics
judging season!!

Hello everyone and welcome back for another exciting season of Girls High School Gymnastics. The level of talent continues to grow in our State.

A combined Statewide Training is being held at Overland High School located at 12400 E. Jewell Ave. Saturday, August 16,th 8:30 to 3:30 pm. Be sure to thank Lisa and Alan for hosting our training for judges and coaches.

All experienced certified judges AND new judges MUST attend this training to become recertified to judge during the 2014 season and also be eligible to judge Post-season meets.

While statewide training is primarily for judges, coaches are certainly welcome. The rules interpretation for coaches required by CHSAA will be covered first, free of charge during the morning so all coaches will be able to leave after the first session. We highly encourage all coaches to attend, therefore eliminating the need for each league to have their own interpretation meetings. We offer this every "even" year when we host a statewide training for everyone. It helps with the consistency of our sport, everyone receiving the same information from members of the gymnastics board. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged for additional sessions for coaches wishing to stay for the entire day. Coaches, please make your checks out to: CHSGGJA, credit cards cannot be accepted. This fee will be collected at the time of registration and includes all handouts and materials. Prior registration for coaches wishing to stay all day is greatly appreciated. Please contact Debbie Ellis by email deborah_ellis@dpsk12.org.

This is a new rulebook year with significant rule changes, the most being on beam and the bonus sections. We will go over interpretations and rule changes using a power point from National Federation. The clinic will also offer in-depth video training/judging utilizing the new rules and new score sheets on all events. Special thanks go out to Brian Richmond for creating the videos for training. Come prepared to learn something new!! Be sure to open your new rulebook before the Aug. 16th training and familiarize yourself with the rule changes before training so we may clarify any questions you have. For all rules clarification after the training and during

the season please contact our state interpreter Heidi Messer:
jhmesser@comcast.net

Qdoba's will cater lunch for \$10.00. We encourage you to buy lunch, socialize with your fellow judges and support a fundraiser for the judges association as well. Please remember to socialize mainly during lunch and keep the talking to a minimum during the video training.

For information about NEW Judges training August 12th and 14th 5:30-9:00 pm. at Achieve Gymnastics Club, 3460 S. Fairplay Way in Aurora, please contact Traci Hogan, our Metro Area Director: tracihogan@comcast.net

Please visit our web site: www.CHSGGJA.com to find pertinent information about judging, rules updates, interpretations, judges forms, and the answers to most of your questions.

It has been almost 6 years that I have been serving as President of CHSGGJA. It has been an amazing journey that has been a blessing to me many times over. I have strengthened relationships, built new ones and rekindled old ones. Before serving as president, I served as State Secretary and Vice President for a total of 15 years on the State Board. Kathy Randle will be stepping in as President after the season ends in January. Although leaving the board I will continue to judge and remain the "Past President" for 2 years. I am thrilled with the leadership Kathy will bring to our organization. I have known her for many years and working with her as President-elect this year solidifies my confidence in her ability to be a strong leader for CHSGGJA.

Please remember the influence you have on others will be ever present in the lives of people you may never have the opportunity to meet. Be aware of the impact you are having on fellow judges. You never know when someone is watching your actions/professionalism in hopes of becoming a better judge or join our ranks.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again and hope you have a great judging season! Best of luck to each of you!

Sincerely,
Debbie Ellis, President