



2017 USA JUMP ROPE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

UPDATE FOR COACHES AND JUDGES – JUNE 20, 2017

JUDGE AND VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS UPDATE:

Coaches – Please share the Updated Judge and Volunteer Assignments you received with all of the judges and volunteers on your team. There have been several changes and many alternates have now been assigned to judge panels.

It is very important that all coaches share these updated assignments with their team so that they will be prepared for their designated duties.

All Coaches and Judges must download the following documents from the USAJR website **prior to arriving at Nationals** (www.usajumprope.org, then click on “forms and manuals”). Hard copies will not be available for everyone at Nationals. Each team will be provided with one copy of each document as part of their check-in packet:

1. 2017 Nationals Coaches and Judges Handbook
2. 2017 Nationals Judges Assignments (includes assignments for both the Age Division and the Grand National Championships)
3. 2017 Nationals Volunteer/Floor Clerk Assignments

All Coaches and Judges are encouraged to read the 2017 Nationals Coaches and Judges Handbook before arriving at Nationals as it contains important information about the tournament.

We will be recognizing judges that will be serving their 5th, 10th, 15th, or 20th year as a Nationals Judge this year. ***Please send us an email no later than Fri. June 23 to nationals@usajumprope.org with the name and anniversary year of any judges on your team this applies to so they may receive their recognition.***

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR JUDGES AND VOLUNTEERS:

Tues. June 27th: 5:00-5:30pm Optional Freestyle Breakout Session for Presentation & Content Judges

Wed. June 28th:

- 8:15am All Floor Clerk Volunteers – meet in the athlete staging area
- 8:30am All Computer Table Tabulators & Data Entry Workers – meet at Head Scoring Table
- 8:30am Mandatory Session for All Speed Judges and 4th Clicker/Alternate Speed Judges
- Following Awards: Mandatory Session for All Team Show Judges

Fri. June 29th: 7:45am Meeting for All Speed Judges and 4th Clicker/Alternate Speed Judges

JUDGE AND VOLUNTEER REMINDERS:

Report times for speed and freestyle judges are noted in the Judges Assignments document. All judges and volunteers should pay attention to the flow of the tournament and be prepared to report to their station at the time or heats indicated. The Announcers will also make the calls when judges should be reporting.

4th Clicker/Alternate Speed Judges are **required** to be in designated area on the floor during all speed events to be available as assigned by the 4th Clicker Clerk.

All alternate judges and volunteers should be prepared with a white shirt and navy shorts/pants each day in case needed to fill a spot on a panel or other station assignment.

All judges and volunteers are reminded they **must wear** the following when working:

1. White USAJR polo shirt or a plain white shirt. Last year, there were several judges that on shirts with other logos. Only USAJR logos please!
2. Navy pants, capris, shorts, or skort. (no denim)
3. Athletic shoes (sandals and flip flops are not permitted)
4. It can be cool in the air conditioning. If you would like to wear a sweater or sweatshirt, it should be plain white, white with USAJR logo, plain navy, or navy with USAJR logo.

ONSITE TOURNAMENT COMMUNICATIONS:

We will be using the ‘**Remind**’ text message system for reminders and announcements and updates during the competition. We used this last year, and it worked great and kept everyone up-to-date about any changes or additions during the competition. You do not need to download the APP for this system, that is only to view messages you may have missed before joining the system. If you and your team parents, judges, and volunteers would like to be added to the system, send a text message to **81010**, and include **@usnati** in the body of the text message. This will add you to the list. If you have questions about this system please email nationals@usajumprope.org.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE REMINDERS:

- **COACH CHECK-IN: Tuesday, June 27th, from 2 pm – 5:00 pm** at the HP Field House. The Team Coach or Coach of Record is required to check-in for your team.

During Coach Check-In, Coaches should be prepared to:

1. Pick up your team packet and registration materials.
 2. Review and confirm your team’s event entries. No additional entries are permitted, only scratches and eligible substitutions will be accepted.
 3. Remember to bring the waivers for each of your athletes, coaches, judges, and volunteers to receive your team’s credentials.
 4. Confirm all judges and volunteers are available as scheduled.
 5. Pick up and sign for the wristbands for your team’s designated coaches, coaches of record, and support box people. Wristbands must be secured on the wrist of person(s) designated as Coach, Coach of Record, or Support Box person; and are only provided for those named in team’s registration materials.
- **DISNEY PEP RALLY AND OPENING CEREMONY will be on Tuesday, June 27th at 6pm.** This will include the *Parade of Athletes*. Team line-up begins at 5:30pm at the HP Field House. Bring your team banners for the parade. Following the parade, team banners will be hung in the HP Field House. Please bring zip ties to hang your banner if you can.
 - A **Tentative Daily Schedule of Events** is posted on the USAJR website. This schedule will be updated closer to Nationals. Please check the website for updates.

MUSIC FOR GRAND NATIONAL FREESTYLES:

- Music is required for all freestyle events competed at Grand Nationals. The music must be appropriate for all audiences.
- Athletes who qualify for Grand Nationals freestyle events **must** deliver their music on either a CD or flash drive, or submit via Dropbox to the Audio Technician **prior** to the start of the Grand National Tournament. Instructions for submitting to Dropbox will be included on the information sheet sent to coaches by email prior to tournament as well as included in coach packet at check-in.