

HOW TO BECOME A CERTIFIED NAGC SPIKE JUDGE

***INDIVIDUAL MUST BE A PAID NAGC MEMBER AT THE TIME HE/SHE BEGINS STUDENT JUDGING.**

No points/credit will be given until individual is a NAGC member. Includes spike and design judges.

***Ways to become a spike judge:**

#1 - Judge at least 20 shows under accredited NAGC spike judges - receive 0 to 5 points per show - 100 points total required.

#2 - Take training/judging session given by an accredited NAGC spike judge. Point score **each** of the following: a miniature spike, a large spike which is a seedling, and a 3 spike.

Each class to be point scored on official NAGC score sheet (in Judges Handbook). Individual teaching course must point score each class. Students score for each class must be within 5 points (higher or lower) of instructors score in order to pass. Recommended to have more than one judge point score each class and average their scores. Classes can be taken at different times and retaken as many times as needed.

50 points given once all 3 class tests are passed. Student judge, judge enough shows to earn an additional 50 points preferably under accredited NAGC judges. 0, 5, 10 points given per show at discretion of lead judge. Recommend student judge work under different judges. When student receives total of 100 points (50 points for training session and 50 points judging shows or judging 20 shows or more to earn 100 points total), they become an accredited NAGC spike judge. Judge encouraged to write comments on judging forms signed.

**** Points given are not automatic if judge feels student is not qualified.** A student can judge before taking the training/judging session but receives only 0 to 5 points per show. Once passing the training/judging student can receive 0 to 10 points per show (0, 5 or 10 points recommended).

**** A students name including youth and sponsored/mentored youth will be removed from the student judges list if the individual drops their NAGC membership. Points/records start over.**

**** After 5 years a students name including youth and sponsored/mentored youth will be removed from the student judges list if the individual has not actively judged for the last 3 years. Points/records start over.**

IMPORTANT! All original class judging score sheets including those of the instructor(s) **MUST** be sent to Judge Accreditation Chair. Each judging sheet to note name of the student, name of glad and class, date and location where test was given/taken.

Student's Responsibility

- Fill out personal information on all judging forms
- Get judging form signed by lead judge each time he/she judges a show
- Send signed form to Judge Accreditation Chair within 60 days of judging. (Can be sent by lead judge or student)
- Recommend student keep a copy

Judges Responsibility

- Pay NAGC dues by December 31 for the coming year
- Complete an update every 5 years. Updates can be taken any time within the 5 years
- Updates to be given by an accredited spike judge - any time or location - list of attendees to be sent to chair by instructor OR
- CD update can be requested or purchased from chair - individual responsible for postage. CD cost \$10 each - signed update slip required, send to chair
- Judge responsible to keep track of renewal date

Youth & Youth Sponsored/mentored Student Judges

- Youth membership is through the age of 18
- Pay NAGC dues by December 31 for the coming year
- Youth/youth mentored payment options
 - * Regular membership of \$25 per year - receives 1 bulletin (Foreign membership follows foreign membership payment) (NAGC By-Law #4a)
 - * Individual membership of an adult/adult sponsor \$25 per year - receives one bulletin
 - Payment of an additional \$5 for each additional family member in the same address includes youth and adult (NAGC By-Law #4a)
 - Payment of an additional \$5 for each sponsored youth not a family member, not residing at the same address and enrolled in the youth mentor program (NAGC By-Law #4b) **LIMIT of 5 youth per adult member in the mentor program.** Youths names will be listed with the NAGC sponsor.

Youth Sponsor/Mentor's Responsibility

- Pay NAGC dues by December 31 for the coming year (including \$5 for each sponsored/mentored youth)
- Send a list of sponsored/mentored youth to the NAGC Membership Chair and the Judge Accreditation Chair (include: member/sponsors name, name of youth, address, phone number, email address, birth date)
- Share their bulletin and mentor the youth
- Make sure points received for spike judging are sent to the Judge Accreditation Chair within 60 days of the date of the show judged (Send on the official youth student judge form)
- Check with the Accreditation Chair to make sure points were received
- Make sure the youth is connected with an accredited NAGC judge if they are interested in the spike judging course and test/judging to earn 50 points (same as the adult course/test listed in these rules)

Same rules apply to youth and youth sponsored/mentored student judges as applies to all other student judges.

**** Points given are not automatic if judge feels student is not qualified.**

**** A students name including youth and sponsored/mentored youth will be removed from the student judges list if the individual drops their NAGC membership. Points/records start over.**

**** After 5 years, a students name (including youth and sponsored/mentored youth) will be removed from the student judges list if the individual has not actively judged for the last 3 years. Points/records start over.**

**** If the youth or sponsored/mentored youth does not earn 100 points or complete their student judging before the age of 19, their points will continued according to the student judging rules.**

Accreditation Chair Responsibility

- Keep records of all current judges, student judges, youth and youth sponsored/mentored student judges
- Officially notify student when judging test is passed
- Send student point cards for shows judged - send official judge card upon completion
- Get member verification from Membership Secretary as needed
- Send current list of judges to Glad World editor by January 15 of each year - update as needed
- Provide annual report - present updated rule changes as needed or requested