

Professional Appearance

Just a reminder that all judges who have been an NAWGJ member must wear the official NAWGJ uniform with a white blouse at meets. Hoes (for women) and dark shoes, no boots or sandals, are part of the uniform. Men must wear a tie. First-year judges may wear a dark skirt and white blouse but are expected to buy a uniform within one-year of joining NAWGJ.

We all enjoy the theme meets and AAU meets that allow us to dress more casually. However, a few judges take casual to a level not intended by the Meet Director. Please dress appropriately and smartly for the meet even if it is a meet that doesn't require your uniform. Definition of appropriate? That's hard to do but here's some suggestions from Meet Directors who found us a little too casual at times last year: tuck your shirt in; wear casual flat shoes--don't wear sneakers and socks; nice casual pants are ok but not blue jeans; iron your clothes if you forgot to take them out of the dryer before wrinkling.

The AAU shirts are very thick and don't tuck in very easily. If you have that problem, consider altering yours the way Valerie Hammond did (she cut off the bottom of the shirt and put elastic at the waist so it looks like the shirt is tucked in but it actually isn't.) Theme meets and AAU meets are not an excuse to dress the way we do around the house. Remember--you are an official and should look the part.