

Level 9 Optional General Study Tips:

1. General stuff about the test.
 - a. The Level 9 test is in two parts: a written test and a practical judging test.
 - b. The written test is 50 questions: approximately 10 questions on each event and 10 on general.
 - c. Remember, you are studying to pass the test not judge your first meet. The two things are different but connected of course.
 - d. Most people who don't pass the test, don't pass the written so you need to know the rules for Level 9 and:
 - i. All of the A, B and C elements really well.
 - ii. D/E dance
 - iii. Recognize restricted D/Es
 - e. Spend some time getting your tools for memorizing ready, flash cards, study sheets, etc.
 - f. When you are pretty sure of rules and elements judge a lot of on video. Judging the routines will help you remember the rules and elements. Seeing it and using it "stamp" it in that long term memory! When you are taking the written, you will remember, "Oh yeah, I saw that on a video, I know what to do!"
 - g. You will need 76% to pass the written and 75% to pass the practical. That means you can miss 12 out of 50 questions on the written-that's a lot so plan well!
 - h. The practical is ALL level 9 routines
 - i. You will judge one demo/practice routine.
 - ii. Then you will judge 5 real routines on each event.
 - iii. On vault the vault name will flash on the screen. You will get to see the vault 2 times and then score it.
 - iv. You will be given the score and the general breakdown of deductions for the practice/demo routine on each event
2. Make A PLAN
 - a. PLAN
 - i. Make the commitment of TIME!
 - ii. Prepare to study
 - iii. Study and memorize
 - iv. Apply – practice judge
 - b. Commitment
 - i. How much time do you have?
 - ii. Do you want to pass the first time?
 - iii. Make a commitment and stick to it.
 - iv. Example:
 1. I'm going to spend 3 hours a day getting materials ready. I'll be done by the 27th?
 2. I'll spend 2 hours a day studying/memorizing until the test
 3. I'll practice judge 3 routines on each event each day beginning New Years Eve (ha!) until the test!

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- c. Prepare to study
 - i. For me this takes the most time. I don't really start memorizing until I've gotten everything in ready. Of course, getting stuff ready is studying really.
- d. Study and Memorize
 - i. If you are limited on time, break it down. What is most important?
 - ii. Concentrate on being perfect on at least 3 parts of the test. For example, I would make sure I knew general, vault and one other event like FX since it has the fewest elements.
 - iii. Then I would study Level 9 BB and UB.
 - iv. This is the plan I would follow but the point is to make your own plan. It doesn't mean you don't cover everything but you decide what is the best to get 38 of the 50 questions right!!
- e. Apply
 - i. Practice judge videos
 - ii. You can use Quizlet flashcards (see below) or make your own. There are practice written tests on the NAWG website and the Iowa website. You can use these to study or as a way to test your knowledge after you have studied awhile. That will give you some time to restudy weak areas. Save one written practice test to take right before you take the REAL test.

3. RESOURCES

- i. NAWGJ website: <http://www.nawgi.org/>
 - 1. Education Corner>Study Aids
 - 2. This site will give you more info on ordering cheatsheets etc.
- ii. Washington NAWGJ website: <http://www.nawgjwa.com>
- iii. USAG website: <https://usagym.org>
- iv. Iowa NAWGJ website: <http://ia-nawgj.org/>
- v. Quizlet: <https://quizlet.com/class/620279/> (EXCELLENT)
- vi. iStudious Flashcards: check NAWGJ website for directions on how to access this.
- vii. Flashcards for studying Optional & Compulsory Deductions for 2013-17 by Scott and P.J.Slater - Optional updated 7/4/2013; Compulsory updated 7/24/2013.
- viii. Don't forget your MENTOR is there for you too.