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**Jan. 2 – 4, 2026**

National Judges Cup  
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**July 21 – 23, 2026**

Board of Directors  
Meeting  
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@ The Loews  
Kansas City, MO

**July 15 – 18, 2027**

NAWGJ Symposium  
@ The Loews  
Kansas City, MO

# National Newsletter October - 2025

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Teresa Barnard  
**NAWGJ PRESIDENT**  
(Term: 2024–2028)

Welcome to the start of the fall season, I am excited about the opportunities ahead for gymnastics and for our judging community. This time of year brings new energy, renewed commitment, and the chance to set the tone for a successful competitive season.

The fall season also provides us with the chance to reconnect with colleagues, continue our professional development, and celebrate the sport we all value so

deeply. I encourage you to stay engaged, take advantage of training opportunities, and support one another as we navigate a busy and rewarding schedule.

I would like to take this opportunity to share that NAWGJ has updated the **Rules of Professional Conduct**, the **Social Media Policy** and the **Disciplinary Procedures** that will guide us through the coming season. NAWGJ has also added a **Media Policy**, a **Media Request Form** and a **Complaint Form** to our procedures and policies. These updates, new policies and new forms are designed to ensure consistency, fairness, and professionalism in all judging assignments and to support our mission statement. Please review these documents, as they are in effect for this season. Information about these policies and other news are shared in my general meeting PowerPoint available on the website.

Thank you for your continued dedication and for the countless hours you invest in making gymnastics possible for athletes at every level. I look forward to a successful 2025-2026 season.

Best Regards,

Teresa Barnard, **NAWGJ President**



## 2025 – NAWGJ COMMITTEES

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Teresa Barnard, Ann Heppner, Robin Ruegg, Denise Green

- Oversight
- Strategic Plans
- Uniform

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE:**

Ann Heppner\*, Denise Green, Diane Thompson, Brenda Eberhardt

- Election
- Membership

**COLLEGE JUDGING COMMITTEE:**

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- Collegiate JAS Assignors

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Priscilla Hickey\*, Gina Fuller, Brenda Eberhardt, Jim Burton, Maureen Blair

- History
- Newsletter
- Social Media (New Policy)
- Technology
- Web Content

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Ann Heppner\*, Tammy Parsons, Maureen Blair, Evelyn Paradis, Leslie McPeek, Suzy Azzaro, April Brandon

- Education Projects

**EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Teresa Barnard\*, Evelyn Paradis, Leslie McPeek, Gina Fuller, Tammy Parsons, Jim Burton, Robin Smith, Diane Thompson

- Awards
- National Judges Cup
- Site
- Symposium

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Robin Ruegg\*, Leslie McPeek, April Brandon, Debbie Campbell

- Budget
- Bank Accounts

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Denise Green\*, Diane Thompson, Priscilla Hickey, Robin Smith

- Assigning
- Ethics (New Sub Committee)
- Helping Hands
- Outreach, Recruitment & Mentoring
- Professional Responsibility

\* denotes Chair of the Committee

## Professional Development Committee **New Policies & Procedures**

[Official Documents – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)  
Updated September 2025

## **Rules of Professional Conduct** [NAWGJ-Rules-of-Professional-Conduct-Sept-6-2025.pdf](#)



**Rule 1** Impartiality and Objectivity:

**Rule 2** Professional Competence:

**Rule 3** Duty of Honesty:

**Rule 4** Professional Conduct:

**Rule 5** Fit to Perform Duties:

**Rule 6** Appearance and Hygiene:

**Rule 7** Adherence to Rules and Procedures:

**Rule 8** Accepting Assignments / No Solicitation:

**Rule 9** Punctuality:

**Rule 10** Ability to Perform in a Team Environment:

**Rule 11** Prohibition on Amending Scores:

**Rule 12** Financial Integrity:

**Rule 13** Impairment Due to Prohibited Substances:

**Rule 14** Prohibition of Wagering and Insider Info.:

**Rule 15** Compliance with Criminal Laws:

**Rule 16** Prohibition Against Sexual Harassment:

**Rule 17** Ability to Effectively Use Technology:

**Rule 18** Use of NAWGJ Affiliation:

**Rule 19** Media and Social Media Policies:

**Rule 20** Reporting Violations:

**Rule 21** Cooperation with Investigations:

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## Disciplinary Procedures

[NAWGJ-Disciplinary-Procedures-Sept-1-2025.pdf](#)



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## Complaint Form

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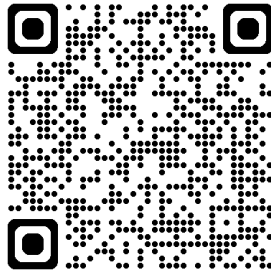
[Complaint Form](#)



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## Media Policy

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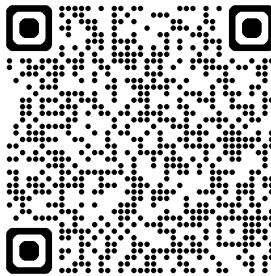


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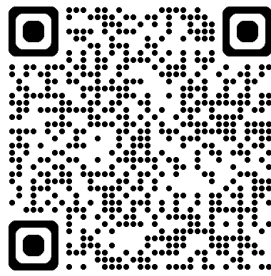
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## Social Media Policy

[NAWGJ-Social-Media-Policy-Sept-6-2025.pdf](#)



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## Outreach – 2025 New Judge Recruitment Project





Ann Heppner  
**NAWGJ VICE PRESIDENT**  
(Term: 2018–2020 & 2022–2026)

### **Vice President Election - Timeline**

November 15: Letter of Eligibility, Duties of the Office, Candidate Application form, and Election Timeline emailed to eligible candidates

December 1: Applications due to NAWGJ President

December 5: Voting by BOD, opens

December 15: Voting by BOD, closes

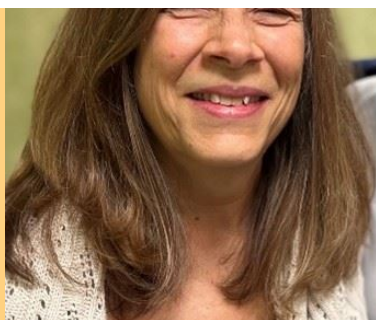
April 1, 2026: Newly elected Vice President assumes office

Newly elected Executive Committee Members will begin as **interim, non-voting members** on December 16th at the discretion of the Executive Committee. (Approved Amendment to the Bylaws)

Thank you to **Ann Heppner** for her faithful service to NAWGJ.  
We love and appreciate you!







Denise Green  
**NAWGJ SECRETARY**  
(Term: 2021–2023 & 2023–2027)

**Membership:** We have 2,456 NAWGJ members! Out of that, 143 members have lapsed. Please email me at [secnawgj@gmail.com](mailto:secnawgj@gmail.com) if you are stepping away from judging and will not be renewing your membership.

The membership site will automatically archive judges 90 days after 07/31/25 if not renewed.

On a happy note, we have added almost 300 **new judges** since August 1, 2024. Please take a minute to welcome our new judges.

Denise Green



**MEMBERSHIP**

<https://naow3gj.wildapricot.org/>

Please check your NAWGJ Membership **PROFILE** to ensure accuracy of your contact information, name changes and judges rating.

Robin Ruegg  
**NAWGJ DIRECTOR of FINANCE**  
(Term: 2021–2025 & 2025–2029)

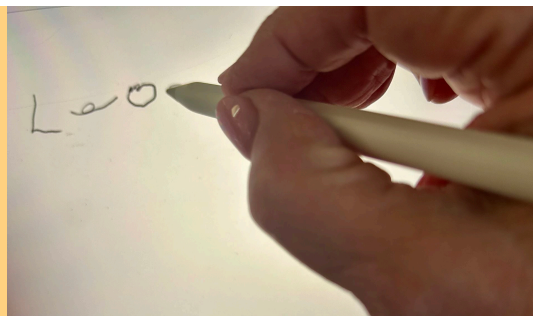
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Robin Ruegg

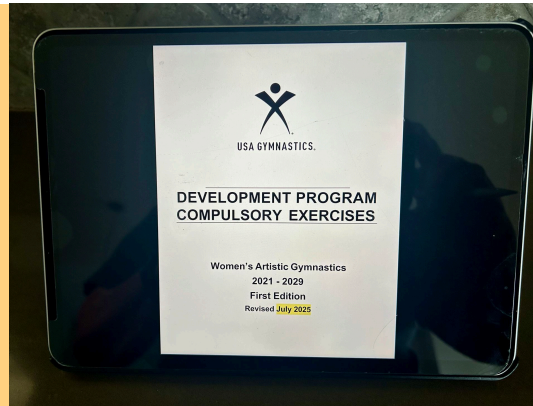


Welcome to another season of judging gymnastics! Our sport continues to evolve, and processes change due to **improvements in technology**.

As states run fundraisers, there are always questions about how they can spend the money to benefit NAWGJ members. Recently the NAWGJ Board of Directors approved another **allowable expense**.



Given the number of judges using tablets to judge and given that we will have only electronic codes in the near future, the Finance Committee proposed, and it was approved that up to \$399 is an acceptable expense for **electronic tablets**.



Tammy Parsons  
**NATIONAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR**  
(Term: 2024–2028)

<https://nawgj.org/education/>

The Education Committee is working on updating the Rapid Review videos for the 2025-26 competition season. They will be available on the NAWGJ website on December 1.

[Rapid Review Videos – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

Tammy Parsons



Jenna Karadbil  
**NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ASSIGNOR**  
(Term: 2024–2028)

<https://nawgj.org/ncaa-information/>

Upcoming: **Collegiate Judging Virtual Clinic Dates:**

- **VAULT & RULES:** Tuesday, October 21st, 8 pm EST
- **BARS:** Wednesday, November 5th, 8 pm EST
- **BEAM:** Tuesday, November 18th, 8 pm EST
- **FLOOR:** Wednesday, December 3rd, 8 pm EST

[Rules & Clarifications – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

Janette Doucette – NCAA Rules Interpreter

[wgym.ncaa.rules@outlook.com](mailto:wgym.ncaa.rules@outlook.com)

[Collegiate Review Videos – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

New 2026 collegiate review videos will be posted soon.

[Judging Resources – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

Mentorships, Meet Referee information, Additional Resources

Jenna Karadbil



[NAWGJ History – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

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**Is Judging in your blood?**



# E A R E F A M I L Y



**For this family it is! Meet our 3 generations  
of Pennsylvania judges...**

**Grandmother Tammy Nulph - National  
Mother Sara McCoy - National  
Granddaughter Isabelle Knightly - Level 9**

Do you, or someone you know, also have three (or more) generations  
of judges in your family? We'd love to know! Send us a pic at  
[NAWGJ\\_Historian@outlook.com](mailto:NAWGJ_Historian@outlook.com)

Many thanks to ALL NAWGJ judges for your dedication to gymnastics.  
You each are making a difference in the lives of gymnasts, coaches  
and other judges. We are family!

Gina Fuller  
**NATIONAL HISTORY DIRECTOR**  
(Term: 2021–2024 & 2024–2028)





Maureen Blair  
**NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR**  
(Term: 2024–2028)

<https://nawgj.org/education/video-links/>

Title revision from National Technology Services & Support Director to National Technology Director.

Maureen Blair



Evelyn Paradis  
**NATIONAL JUDGES CUP DIRECTOR**  
(Term: 2020–2024 & 2024–2028)

<https://nawgj.org/natl-judges-cup/>

**January 2,3,4, 2026**  
**@ Anaheim Marriott, Anaheim, CA**

National Judges Cup planning is underway. We have over 100+ judges that have committed to volunteering this year.

16 states plan to bring athletes for the Patty J. Shipman Level 7 State Team Challenge.

We anticipate athletes will participate for USAG, AAI, USAIGC and NGA

We anticipate athletes will participate for CONO, AAO, CONAO and NON. Sign-ups are going well. It should be an exciting time for all!

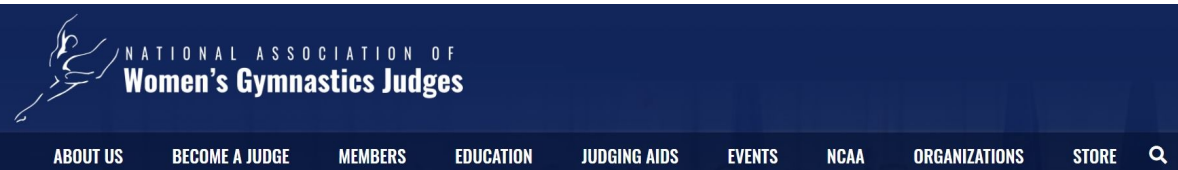
Evelyn Paradis



Brenda Eberhardt  
**NATIONAL WEBSITE DIRECTOR**  
(Term: 2018, 2020–2024 & 2024–2028)

<https://nawgj.org/>

We invite all of you to check the NAWGJ website daily. We are always posting news & updates which could be needed or interesting to YOU!



If you have not already signed up on the webiste to receive our email blasts, please do so today.

Go to NAWGJ.org, [National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges – Promoting Judging Excellence](https://nawgj.org/) scroll to the bottom of the opening page to enter your email.

### Join Our Mailing List

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As always, we invite your suggestions on how to make the website better and we especially welcome judging aids you wish to share with the us!



Have a Happy Fall... Brenda Eberhardt



## NAWGJ Facebook Page

[nawgj - national association of women's gymnastics judges - Search Results | Facebook](#)

## Judges • USA Gymnastics

[rulespolicies.pdf](#)

[2026-30 USA Brevet & National Judges Course • USA Gymnastics](#)



## National Gymnastics Association

<https://nationalgym.org/>





**RJD 1 - April Brandon**  
(Term: 2022, 2023–2027)

[Directory: Region 1 – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

- Arizona [AZ National Association of Women's Gymnastic Judges](#)
- NorCal [NAWGJ NorCal](#)
- SoCal [NAWGJ Southern California](#)
- Nevada
- Utah

Upcoming in Region 1:

Regional Base Score Symposium in Las Vegas Nov 22 & 23, 2025.

All coaches and Judges are welcome. We will cover Xcel and Optionals to prepare for the upcoming season. Come for education and also catch a show, win some money or just enjoy some time with colleagues.

Register at <https://formsnarts.com/form/255a>

April Brandon, RJD-1



**RJD 2 - Priscilla Hickey**  
(Term: 2021, 2022–2026)

[Directory: Region 2 – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

- Alaska

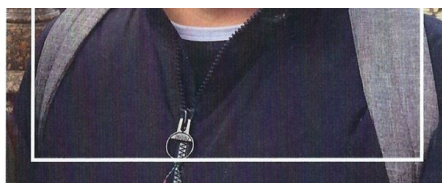
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Montana [MTNAWGJ](#)
- Oregon [OREGON NAWGJ](#)
- Washington [NAWGJ WA](#)



Love 2 Judge Retreat was hosted near Spokane WA with judges from all levels and from across the region attended 3 days of educational opportunities. Topics included judging shorthand, practice judging all events at all levels, mock exams, Chief Judge information, Judging with a 4-Judge Panel, Helpful Tips for Judges, Up to the Level Deductions, R&P Equipment, Video Review.







## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DEAN RATLIFF

DECEMBER 5, 1967 - JUNE 9, 2025

Celebrating **Dean Ratliff** on Sept. 13th. Dean's family (wife Mari, daughter Elizabeth and her husband Jackson Owings, son Andrew and daughter Amelie) invited friends and family to celebrate Dean's life, including a bagpipe greeting, slideshow, words from friends and sharing Dean's favorite cake.

### LAUREL TINDALL

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME COACH



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Laurel Tindall grew up in Seattle but has called Snohomish County home for the past 40+ years. Having lived in Brier since 1984, her children attended Brier Elementary, Terrace Park Elementary, Brier Middle School and Mountlake Terrace High School. From competing on the national stage to coaching Seattle Pacific College (SPC), later known as Seattle Pacific University (SPU) in 1977, and serving as a judge, Tindall has done all things gymnastics.

Tindall competed as an elite gymnast from 1969-75, and she earned a spot on the U.S. national team in 1974, representing the red, white and blue on a Goodwill tour in Germany. She competed at the 1971 Pan-Am Games trials, the 1972 Final Olympic trials and 1974 World Championship team trials. Also during that six-year span, she won the 1973 AIAW National Championship in the vault for the University of Washington (UW) and repeated in 1975 for SPC. The AIAW was the governing body for women's collegiate sports before the NCAA became the governing body in the early 1980s. Tindall was regional champion in the all-around, vault and bars at UW in 1972 before becoming regional champion in the vault at SPC in 1974. She also received 10 All-American honors nationally.

After stepping away from competing, Tindall moved directly into the head coach role of the SPC gymnastics team, which she proudly served from 1975-2019. During those 44 years, she led the Falcons to three NCAA Division II championships (1986, 1992, 1997), four conference team championships (1997, 1998, 2006, 2007) and six consecutive West Regional team championships (1984-89, three while NCAA Div. II and three USGF). Tindall was named NCAA/USAG National Coach of the Year four times (1986, 1992, 1997, 2003) and coached 197 All-Americans and 31 national champions, including her daughter in 2014, who is a Lynnwood resident.

Tindall has also served 19 years as a state and regional administrator and another 18 years as a state board member. She played a vital role in hosting several international meets, including the 1979 World Championships Volunteer (Fort Worth, Texas), 1990 Goodwill Games (Tacoma), 1991 World Championships Volunteer (Indianapolis, Indiana), 1995 McDonald's American Cup (Seattle) and 2012 Pacific Rim Championship Volunteer (Everett).

Tindall was named into the USAG Washington Hall of Fame in 2004 and the SPU Falcon Legends Hall of Fame in 2005. Over the years at SPU, she operated the Falcon Gymnastics Center, a community recreation and competitive program for local youths, and she continues to serve as a Brevet-rated judge, promoting gymnastics at all levels.

**Laurel Anderson Tindall** (USA Brevet Judge) was inducted into the Snohomish County Sport Hall of Fame (as a Coach) on Sept. 24th at a

ceremony at the Everett. Congratulations to Laurel!

Priscilla Hickey, RJD-2



**RJD 3 - Suzy Azzaro**

(Term: 2025–2029)

[Directory: Region 3 – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

- Arkansas
- Colorado [HOME | CONAWGJ](#)
- Kansas
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Texas [TX NAWGJ](#)
- Wyoming

Education and Judges Cups - That's what is happening in Region 3!

Arkansas: State Clinic with Windee Weiss 10/04-10/05 and State Judges Cup 11/15-17 including an exam.

Colorado: Aug 17th Compulsory and Xcel Bronze and Silver Clinic; Exams on 9/22; Judges Cup was 9/27-28th! It was a huge success with nearly 700 athletes registered! They will wrap up their compulsory and Xcel Bronze and Silver State meets 11/21 and 12/06 respectively.







Kansas: 9/05-06 Judges and coaches clinic featuring Windee Weiss where a practical exam was also offered. 9/13-14 They co-hosted a clinic in the Wichita area with Oklahoma for Judges and coaches featuring Megan Bankole. There are several state based training camps for the state of KS this fall and they will wrap up with their annual Judges Cup Dec 5-7 with nearly 700 athletes registered.

New Mexico: Hosted a Judges Clinic featuring Linda Thorberg 9/26-28th! What a great opportunity for the judges in this area. They will be hosting their annual Judges Cup the weekend of 11/08.



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Oklahoma: Oklahoma will also be hosting 2 fall clinics for their membership. The first was the weekend of 9/13-14 with Megan Bankole in



membership. The first was the weekend of 9/13-14 with Megan Danrole in Wichita, KS and the second is a state clinic on 10/11 featuring local judges as speakers. What a great opportunity! They will be hosting their State Judges Cup the weekend of 10/24-26th.



Texas: Texas opened up the fall season with their annual GAT clinic for judges and coaches. They also had the opportunity to host their annual state general membership meeting at that time. They will be hosting 4 state judges cups the weekend of 10/03. Compulsory State Meets will be held in October and November. They also plan to host an Xcel Xtravaganza JC in January.

Wyoming: Hosted a judges and coaches clinic the weekend of 9/13 and plans to host their first Judges Cup in nearly 20 years the weekend of 11/15!! We are so excited for them. Great work in Wyoming!





We are so proud of all the work our SJDs and their committees are doing to positively promote teamwork with their respective SACs and education for all members of the gymnastics community in Region 3.

Suzy Azzaro, RJD-3



**RJD 4 - Robin Smith**  
(Term: 2018–2022 & 2022–2026)

[Directory: Region 4 – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

- Iowa [IA NAWGJ](#) | [IA Nawgj](#)
- Minnesota [MN-NAWGJ](#) | [Judging In The Snow!](#)
- Missouri [MONAWGJ.com](#)
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Wisconsin [NAWGJ-WI - Home](#)

Region 4 is hosting a Regional Symposium on Sept 14, 16 & 17. We have invited judges from other regions to join us for a small fee. We are using this Symposium to get us ready to roll into fall with all our updates, reminders and a chance to practice with our peers. We are also using it as a chance to earn points for our National and Brevet leaders.





**RJD 5 - Debbie Campbell**  
(Term: 2021–2025 & 2025–2029)

[Directory: Region 5 – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

- Illinois [IL NAWGJ - Home](#)
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Ohio

"Hello, Region, 5 Judges!"

We are here again! The 2025-2026 season is right around the corner, and I know we have all been diligently studying the updates from this year and prepping ourselves to see some excellent gymnastics in Region 5. We have several Judges Cups within the region in the next few months, and I am delighted to see so much support for our community and our education. It makes my heart happy to see how many supportive gyms and hardworking judges we have that care so deeply about our community!

Have a great season, Region 5!

I can't wait to see you all! Debbie Campbell, RDJ-5







**RJD 6** - Jim Burton  
(Term: 2022–2026)

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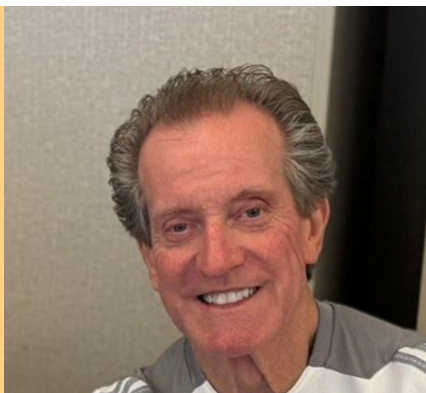
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- Maine
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- New Hampshire
- New York North [NAWGJ-NYN](#)
- New York South
- Rhode Island
- Vermont

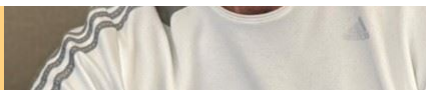
Region 6 is getting ready for the 2025-2026 season!  
Multiple Rising Stars and Regional Developmental Camps:

09/21 • Buffalo [Niagara Gymnastics]  
09/27-28 • Long Island [New Image]  
10/04 • Xcel & 10/05 Compulsory • Massachusetts [Sterling]  
10/04-05 • Tricks 4 Treats Xcel • Victor, NY [Bright Raven East]  
10/18-19 • Massachusetts [Pioneer]  
10/25-26 • New Hampshire [A2]  
11/08-09 • Regional Developmental Camp • New Hampshire [Noha's].

The 2025 USAG Region 6 Congress was outstanding and well attended. Several Fall Clinics are planned throughout the region including both in person and hybrid. Final plans are also being coordinated for multiple upcoming Judge's Cups.

Lastly, best wishes to all our gymnasts, coaches, and judges for a safe and successful competitive season.





**RJD 7 - Leslie McPeck**  
(Term: 2025–2029)

[Directory: Region 7 – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

- Delaware
- Maryland [MDNAWGJ-Home](#) | [MDNAWGJ](#)
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania [PA NAWGJ](#)
- Virginia & West Virginia [VANA WGJ](#)

State clinics and membership meetings have taken place in preparation for the season.

Final test dates for this cycle have been scheduled by state TA's for the last time.

Plans for State Judges cups are underway.

Assigning for the season has begun.



**RJD 8 - Diane Thompson**  
(Term: 2020–2021 & 2022–2026)

[Directory: Region 8 – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)

- Alabama [Home](#) | [ALNAWGJ](#)
- Florida [NAWGJ Florida - Gymnastics Judges, Gymnastics](#)
- Georgia [GEORGIA – NAWGJ – Georgia National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](#)
- Louisiana

- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- N. Carolina [NC-NAWGJ.ORG](http://NC-NAWGJ.ORG)
- S. Carolina
- Tennessee [TN NAWGJ | Tennessee Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges](http://TN NAWGJ | Tennessee Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges)

Region 8 NAWGJ Symposium was held at Auburn University on September 19th and 20th in conjunction with our National Team Training Camp.



**TRIVIA:** Can you name this NAWGJ Regional Committee!

