

# CAROLE IDE

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## **What is your background in gymnastics?**

I was a college competitor and I began judging while in college in 1970. In 1974, four of us opened Southampton Gymnastics School and I became Director in 1978. I became the Pennsylvania SJD in 1974, Region 7 RJD (1980-1988), NAWGJ National Administrative Assistant (1998-2000), and NAWGJ President (2000-2010). During that time, I was a member of the USAG Advisory Council and was elected to the USAG Board of Directors.



## **How did you become involved in judging and who was your mentor?**

Phyllis Cooper was a graduate school professor in the early 1970's. We opened a gymnastic school together and she encourage me to become a judge. Within four years I was invited to Elite Judges Course and then FIG Brevet course.

## **What are some of your lifetime accomplishments?**

I was an auxiliary judge at Los Angeles Olympics in 1976. I have served as a USA judge in Nagoya and Sabae, Japan; Moscow, Russia; Hanover, Germany; Budapest, Hungary; Charleroi, Belgium; and Bermuda. I also have judged the Goodwill Games and numerous USA Classics and Championships. While serving as President of NAWGJ, I worked with Collegiate Coaches Committee to form the Collegiate JAS system (Judges Assigning System). In 2004, we had a pilot year and in 2005, the program was accepted as mandatory with NAWGJ appointees serving as Regional Assigners. I served as the National Assigner for ten years. I judged NCAA National Championships for 24 years and have served as the National Meet Referee.

Some awards that I have received are the NACGC/W Service Award, USAG BOD Service Award, and the 2010 Pennsylvania Judge of the Year.

While living in Hilton Head, South Carolina, I was Chair of my Ladies Golf League. By surveying all twenty-two courses on the island and using yardage comparisons, I was able to convince our Golf Committee that the ladies needed a 2<sup>nd</sup> set of tees (since the men had 3)! I also won my Ladies Gold Championship (I owe my putting to Priscilla Hickey and my drive to Evelyn Chandler).

I also was a Legal Advocate for a Domestic Violence Shelter in Bucks County for ten years and assisted in helping women to complete paperwork to be assigned a court date, I assigned them pro bono representation and aided over 3,000 women (and 2 men) in receiving Protection Orders for themselves and their children.

### **How has judging gymnastics impacted your life?**

First of all, it has allowed me to travel to numerous states and countries. I have been to all 50 states and most of them have been because of judging gymnastics. Along the way I have met so many people and made lifelong friends including other judges, athletes, and coaches. While coaching our club, we qualified four Elite gymnasts, over twenty-two athletes received D1 scholarships and one of our Elite gymnasts went on to compete internationally, also winning two NCAA National Championships in the all-around. I have been to over 60 weddings of gymnasts that have brought me tears and smiles!

### **What is a fun experience you had in your judging career?**

My very first international judging event was at Gymnix Invitational in Montreal, Canada. I was 28 years old. My flight (my very first flight ever) got me in after midnight and I went right to bed in a dorm at Concordia University. In the morning, I went to shower not realizing it was a coed dorm. While in the shower a few French-Canadian men came into the bathroom!! I had to stay in that shower hiding until they left. The meet was a podium meet, my first. I was judge 6 on Vaulting with a USA judge as my Chief Judge. The Swiss team was up first and the entire team looked exactly alike. I judged each vault, turned in each score and when the 6th vaulter had her turn she only did one vault (or so I thought). I signaled my Chief Judge and asked if #6 was doing a 2nd vault. Unfortunately, the first vaulter had done only 1 vault, and all my numbered slips were incorrect. I had Vault 1 for the 2nd vaulter as Vault 2 for the first vaulter! I was embarrassed, held up the scoring, and wanted to crawl under the podium. But I met Joanne Aschenbrenner and Judy Dobransky at that meet and came away with two wonderful friends!

I married my high school sweetheart, Jack Ide, and we have been married 57 years, now living in Frisco, Texas. We raised two amazing sons, and are grandparents to five grandchildren from ages 23 to 3. I feel like I have had the best in my career. I have met wonderful people and had amazing experiences. I couldn't ask for anything better!

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Region 7 Roots: Amy Rager RJD, Carol Olney SJD, Carole Ide, Jane Caruso, present RTD, Toni Kardos SJD, Cheryl Hamilton NTD, Jennifer Sperring Region 7 RTD, Chrystal Chollet-Norton NCAA Rules Interpreter, Margie Myers



1<sup>st</sup> NCAA Rules Symposium, Hamline University- Linda Thorberg, Judy Shalk, Donna Trevethan, Carole Ide, Evelyn Chandler



NAWGI Symposium Premier Golf Night, Itasca, IL 2010



Carole Ide, Patty Vitale, Margie Myers

Sandy Oldham & Carole Ide



Cookie Batsche, Evelyn Chandler, Carole Ide, Nancy Claar, Cindy Malichak in Dublin, Ireland





Joanne Aschenbrenner, receiving her Life Membership award from Carole Ide. NAWGJ National Symposium in Itasca, IL July 18, 2010



Connie Maloney and Carole Ide at NAWGJ National Symposium 2010



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