

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES

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ARTICLE I – NAME

Be it hereby known that the name and symbol of the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges are the trademarks denoting the Association and the membership. The names or emblems may not be displayed, used or copied without the express written consent of the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges (NAWGJ).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose and the objectives of NAWGJ are:

- A. An organized facility for teaching and training members to qualify them for certification as official Gymnastics Judges.
- B. An organized, continuing education and training opportunity for certified judges, through the sponsorship of judges training and refresher clinics in cooperation with the Women's Technical Committee, to qualify said judges to officiate at meets of all sizes and various levels for all gymnastic organizations requesting assistance.
- C. Financial assistance for in-service training of judges.
- D. Dissemination of FIG and USAG Technical Rules and interpretations. Dissemination of national, regional, state and lower level judging information.
- E. Generation and promotion of interest to the people in the United States in the sport of gymnastics.
- F. Encouraging and maintaining research projects that will benefit all levels of judging in the United States.
- G. Communicate with the membership through the National website and State websites or newsletters to disseminate updates and information of the latest techniques in officiating in the sport of gymnastics.
- H. Maintaining high ethical standards.
- I. NAWGJ is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Federal Tax Exempt Number 51 0178999.
- J. NAWGJ filed for incorporate status in the State of Nevada in 2011 and as of March 12, 2012 is recognized as a Domestic Nonprofit Cooperative Corporation in the State of Nevada.

ARTICLE III – REGISTERED OFFICE

Section I. – Membership

There shall be two types of NAWGJ memberships:

PROFESSIONAL: Professional membership shall be composed of certified judges with equal privileges of voice and vote through their respective State Associations.

LIFE: Life members are retired/non-retired judges who were/are members of the NAWGJ and others chosen to be honored by two-thirds majority of the National Governing Board, with privileges of voice for non-active members and voice and vote for active members.

Section II. – Fees

- A. Dues are payable upon certification and renewed on an annual basis on July 31st.
- B. Dues are payable to the online membership site or by check or money order mailed to the National Secretary.
- C. Upon payment of dues, each judge's name shall be entered into the NAWGJ Membership Directory and they shall become eligible for assignment.

Section III. – Annual Open Meeting

- A. There will be one annual open meeting of the membership called in the summer at the National Judges Symposium or at the USAG Congress.

ARTICLE IV - GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Section I. – Officers

- A. The National Executive Board shall consist of four officers (“Executive Officers”) (as defined in Art. IV, § 1 of the Operating Code of NAWGJ (“Operating Code”)): President, Vice President, National Secretary and Director of Finance.
- B. The National Governing Board (defined in Art. IV, § 2 of the Operating Code) shall consist of the Executive Officers and the eight Regional Judging Directors representing the regions of NAWGJ and USAG (“National Officers.”).
- C. The Past President (defined in Art. IV, § 5 of the Operating Code) shall serve on the National Governing Board in an advisory capacity as an At-Large Director for one year.
- D. The National Judges Cup Director, National Website Director, National Education Director, National Librarian, and the National Collegiate Assigner shall serve as At-Large Directors (defined in Art. IV, § 4 of the Operating Code) on the National Governing Board and will have voice but no vote.
- E. Each Regional Judging Director shall chair a Regional Governing Board composed of a State Judging Director from each State in the Region.
- F. Each State Judging Director (defined in Art. IV, § 3 of the Operating Code) shall chair a State Governing Board composed of a minimum of five and a maximum of nine members, excluding the State Judging Director. Exceptions are by Regional Judging Director approval only.
- G. With the approval and sanction of the National Governing Board, large states may choose to have two State Judging Directors and two State Governing Boards, while small States in close proximity may choose to combine State Judging Directors and State Governing Boards.
- H. With the approval and sanction of the National Executive Board and following input from the governing Regional Judging Director, members may choose to run as co-State Judging Directors.

Section II. – Elections

- A. A simple majority of votes cast shall be necessary for election. (See Art. III of the Operating Code for Nomination Procedures.)
- B. The Executive Officers shall be elected through the voting of the Regional Judging Directors and National Officers who shall vote from a slate of nominee(s) for the respective office.
- C. All eight Regional Judging Directors shall be elected through the voting of the State Judging Directors and all NAWGJ Level 10 and above certified officials within their respective region from a slate of nominee(s) for each office. All voting officials must meet the criteria listed below in Article IV, Section II, H of the Constitution of NAWGJ (“Constitution.”)
- D. All State Judging Directors shall be elected through the voting of all NAWGJ certified officials in the particular state from a slate of nominee(s) for each office. All voting officials must meet the criteria listed below in Article IV, Section II, H of the Constitution.
- E. All State Governing Board members shall be elected through the voting of all NAWGJ certified officials in the particular state from a slate of nominee(s) from each office. All voting officials must meet the criteria listed below in Article IV, Section II, H of the Constitution.
- F. At-Large Directors shall be appointed by the National Governing Board from a slate of nominee(s) for the respective office.
- G. A judge’s voting privilege is in the state where she/he is registered with the National Office.

- H. For all elections, a judge must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible to vote:
 - 1. Ninety (90) days prior to the date the ballots are to be mailed as listed in the Election Timetable, a judge must:
 - a. Be a professional member of NAWGJ.
 - b. Have an address established with the National Office in the state for SJD and SGB and in the region for RJD.
 - c. Have achieved the required rating (as per the test date).

Section III. – Terms of Office

- A. All National Officers, Regional Judging Directors and State Judging Directors shall serve a four year term and may be reelected. (See Art. I, § 3 of the Operating Code)
- B. The State Governing Board Members shall serve for a two year term and may be reelected. (See Art. I, § 3 of the Operating Code)
- C. The National Judges Cup Director, National Website Director, National Education Director, and the National Librarian shall serve for a four year term and may be reappointed. (See Art. I, § 3 of the Operating Code)
- D. The National Collegiate Assigner shall serve for a four year term and may be reappointed for a second four year term immediately following the first term. (See Art. I, § 3 of the Operating Code)

Section IV. – Meeting Dates

- A. The National Governing Board shall meet annually. Special meetings may be called at the request of the President.
- B. A quorum of the members shall be necessary to conduct business. A quorum shall be a majority of the members
- C. The President shall preside over the meetings of the National Governing Board. In the President's absence, the Vice President will preside.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

Section I. – Standing Committees

- A. A Constitution Committee shall be composed of three members of the National Governing Board. The Committee Chairperson shall be the Vice President. (Art. IV, § 1B of the Operating Code)
- B. Other standing committees deemed necessary by the National Governing Board, Regional Governing Board or State Governing Board respectively shall be similarly composed and appointed by the respective Governing Board.

Section II – Ad-Hoc Committees

- A. Ad-Hoc Committees may be appointed by the presiding officer of each Board.
- B. Each Ad-Hoc Committee shall be automatically dissolved upon completion of its report.

ARTICLE VI – ETHICS, HEARINGS, RESIGNATIONS

Section I – Ethics

- A. A guideline of standards for ethical behavior shall be followed and enforced. The Code of Professional Responsibility is published by the Vice President.
- B. Any judge who violates any of the Canons or Disciplinary Rules stated in the Code of Professional Responsibility is subject to disciplinary action by NAWGJ according to the procedures outlined in the Code of Professional Responsibility.

Section II – Hearings

- A. In the event that any Officer, as defined in Art. IV, § 1 of the Constitution, fails to carry out the responsibilities of the respective office in an efficient manner, said Officer may be requested by the Executive Officers to terminate the term of office.
- B. Said Officer is entitled to a hearing with the National Governing Board at the annual meeting.
- C. Following a hearing, the Officer may be withdrawn from her position in the NAWGJ. A brief outline of such a hearing shall be published in the National Governing Board Meeting minutes.
- D. Any Officer at the State level may be governed in the same manner as any National Governing Board member by their respective State Governing Board.

Section III – Resignations

- A. Any Officer, Director, or Member of a Board may withdraw, but a written notice shall be presented to the respective Board.
- B. All operational and financial records must be filed with the Chair of the respective Board, to which they are directly responsible, prior to the acceptance of the resignation.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section I – Amendments

- A. Constitutional amendments shall be presented in writing to the Constitution Committee for presentation to the National Governing Board. All amendments shall be presented in writing to the National Governing Board fifteen days prior to voting.
- B. All proposed amendments shall be voted on and approved by the National Governing Board. Should a mail vote be necessary, all National Governing Board Members shall vote by mail. Responses will be sent to the Vice President for tabulation.
- C. A two-thirds majority vote of the National Governing Board shall be required for adoption of a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be required for adoption of a proposed amendment.

ARTICLE IX – EMERGENCY VOTING

When applicable, emergency voting shall be conducted to fill unexpired vacancies with the approval of the respective Governing Board.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

Upon the dissolution of the NAWGJ, the Board of Trustees (Executive Officers of NAWGJ) shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the NAWGJ, dispose of all of the assets of the NAWGJ exclusively for the purpose of the NAWGJ in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the NAWGJ is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations or organizations, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XI – LIMITATION OF POWERS

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the NAWGJ shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

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