

# FL NAWGJ News



## Celebrating FL NAWGJ Judges

### Val Hammond

February 28, 2021

Val has judged every single Gasparilla competition over the last 33 years and was presented with the Jose Gaspar award this past weekend from Tim Keckler. Val is now retiring and will be missed tremendously!

We love you Val!!



Meet HANK. The adorable new addition to the Strickland family. Such a cutie!!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY - MAY YOUR DAY BE SPECIAL

Tabatha Richardson.....March 1  
Phyllis Niemi.....March 7  
Tiffany Brodbeck .....March 10  
Katerina Konvalinka ....March 14

Aimee Sparkman.....March 15  
Kamryn Harrington ....March 18  
Kathi Ortiz.....March 19  
Jill Andrews.....March 22



# Florida Judges with 2021 Regional Assignments

## Level 9/10 Regionals, Bradenton, FL, April 16-18, 2021

Meet Referee: Marian Dykes

### VAULT

CJ Diane Thompson, NC  
Kathy Kuhn, AL

### BARS

CJ Kim Joye, GA  
**Denise Weaver, FL**

### BEAM

CJ Gayli Craver, AL  
Becky Oppenheimer, GA

### FLOOR

CJ Kerma Headrick, TN  
**Marci Kaplan, FL**

## Level 6/7/8 Regionals, Montgomery, AL, April 23-25, 2021

Meet Referee: Marian Dykes

### VAULT

#### *Panel A*

CJ Lisa Hardin, MS  
Jamie Wallace, AL

CJ Sheila Ragle, GA  
Mary Hoagland, NC

CJ Kristi Aguilar, AL  
Dawn Roy, TN

**CJ Cookie Batsche, FL**  
Pat Faulkner, SC

#### *Panel B*

CJ Wendy Seabrook, AL  
Dana Kling, GA

CJ Paul Padron, SC  
Bobbie Strickland, MS

CJ Bertina Harris, NC  
**Amy Diuguid, FL**

CJ Beth McKnight, LA  
Natalia Grosso, TN

## XCEL Regionals, Cartersville, GA, April 30 – May 2, 2021

Meet Referee: Marian Dykes & Kim Joye

### VAULT

#### *Side A*

CJ Dawn Messer, MS  
Kaitlyn Adams, AL

CJ Jennie Adams, NC  
Davita Ivey, SC

**CJ Susan Lomas, FL**  
Audrye Green, TN

CJ Gwyned Bius, GA  
Annette Burgin, AL

#### *Side B*

CJ Carol Olney, SC  
**Sue Pusateri, FL**

CJ Amy Arnts, AL  
Cynthia Davis, GA

CJ Joyce Wallace, TN  
Glynn Hankins, MS

CJ Michelle Martin, LA  
Cris Fuller, NC

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!**

## Q & A From the Past Few Weeks

Q: Xcel Bars - do you give "A" VP credit for a jump to HB long hang pull over even though it doesn't fulfill SR? I know 4.102 is the original "A" skill for long hang pullover from front support but would the jump from the LB fulfill this?

A: No this skill is not an "A" for a Platinum or Diamond. The long hang pullover from the LB jump is listed as an "A" in the Additional Skills Chart for Silvers & Golds only. Also to clarify, a skill does not receive VP credit because it fulfills a SR. A skill must BE a VP for that specific Division in order to fulfill a SR. *As per Elaine Wulf (2/1/21)*

More from Elaine Wulf: "I am sending out the following information, not because anything is new or has been changed, but because I have received this question multiple times this season. The question is - "How many VPs/skills does a Bronze or Silver gymnast receive if she performs 'cast, squat on, stretched jump forward off the LB'?" The choices given me are 1 VP or 2 VPs - and how are they counted. The answer for the skill sequence as stated is 2. Here is the explanation - please note again that nothing is new or different.

Page Bars-21, under Bronze and Silver dismounts, specifically states the stretched jump off forward dismount is "**FROM** SQUAT, STRADDLE, OR STOOP POSITION...". The listed dismount does **NOT** specify how the gymnast gets to the squat, straddle, or stoop. The skill/dismount is what happens from one of those positions. This dismount has been worded that way in the paper Xcel Code since July 2016.

The exception noted on page General-4 specifically states the cast squat on w/wo a jump to the HB is recognized as one "A" VP/skill. It is # 2.102 in the Xcel Code on page Bars-28. Skill #2.102 has been written this way since Summer 2018.

Taking these facts into consideration, there are two scenarios that seem likely to occur.

1) If the gymnast is in a front support and chooses to "climb" up to a squat, straddle, or stoop and then executes the stretched jump forward dismount. She would receive no VP credit for "climbing" up. She would, however, receive one "A" VP for that dismount

2) The gymnast who chooses to cast to a squat, stoop, or straddle and then perform the stretched jump forward dismount has chosen to perform a sequence of skills. She starts the sequence with skill # 2.102 (one "A" VP) and follows that with the additional "A" dismount as written on page Bars-21. She has performed two "A" VPs.

Hopefully this makes things clear."

**VOLUNTEER JUDGES NEEDED!**  
Florida will be host to 2 premier Regional & National USA Gymnastics events this Spring...

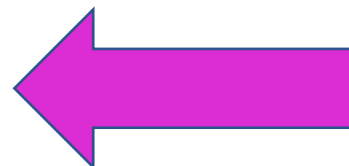
LEVEL 9/10 REGIONALS	LEVEL 10 NATIONALS
April 16-18, 2021 Bradenton Area Convention Ctr. Palmetto, FL	May 15-16, 2021 Ocean Center Daytona Beach, FL
Volunteer hours at Level 9/10 Regionals can be used for annual CPE (volunteer hours) and/or for National/Brevet eligibility for testing in 2022.	Volunteer hours at Level 10 Nationals can be used for annual CPE (volunteer hours) and/or for National/Brevet eligibility for testing in 2022.

For more information or to register to volunteer at either or both events visit: [www.nawgjflorida.org](http://www.nawgjflorida.org)

Volunteers must be a current Professional Member of both USA Gymnastics & NAWGJ and will be required to wear the official NAWGJ uniform!

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**Level 10 National spots are nearly FULL, but there are still plenty of openings for 9/10 Regionals.**



# National/Brevet Judges' Testing Eligibility



Updated National/Brevet testing eligibility requirements. Below is a list of eligible activities that you can use. All items in **RED** are still in the future and haven't happened yet, giving you an opportunity to sign up and participate (Compulsory Workshops are still not finalized yet though).

Form is DUE by midnight eastern time on November 1, 2021, but **ARE NOT** being accepted yet. You will be notified when, where and who to send your form to as that information becomes available.

1. **Attendance at a minimum of ONE of the following educational events.**
  - a. Regional Congress (2018-**2021**)
  - b. National Congress (2018-**2021**)
  - c. NAWGJ Regional Symposium (2018-**2021**)
  - d. NAWGJ Symposium (July 2019 in Ft. Worth, TX)
  - e. Region 7 Virtual Clinic (June 2020)
  - f. **Compulsory Workshops (June 2021 – sites TBD soon)**
  
2. **Volunteering at a minimum of ONE function for a total of 6 hours. Any USA Gymnastics Regional, Western or National Meet is eligible, along with all State, Regional or National Clinics/Training Camps. The following meets have/will be in FL within the current cycle.**
  - a. Level 9/10 Regionals, April 2018 (Bradenton Convention Center)
  - b. Xcel Regionals, April 2018 (Daytona Ocean Center)
  - c. Level 9 Westerns, May 2019 (Silver Spurs in Kissimmee)
  - d. **Level 9/10 Regionals, April 2021 (Bradenton Convention Center)**
  - e. **Level 10 Nationals, May 2021 (Daytona Ocean Center)**

**Happy March and continue to stay safe!!**

