

# FL NAWGJ News



**AUGUST 2021**

## Celebrating FL NAWGJ Judges

### Jax Joseph Ferretti



**Brittany Ferretti had an adorable little baby boy!! His name is Jax Joseph Ferretti and he was born on Wednesday, June 23 at 5:48 pm. Little Jax weighed in at 8 lbs, 3 oz and measured 21.25 inches at birth. Too cute! Congrats to the Ferretti family!**

### Susan & Tom Lomas



**These two wild and crazy kids went white water rafting down the Nantahala River in Bryson City, North Carolina a few weeks ago. The water was only 50 degrees, but look at them paddle through those Class III waves like pros!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY - HOPE YOUR DAY IS FABULOUS

Cyndy Rodriguez..... August 4  
Dee Hinson ..... August 8  
Pam Koch ..... August 8  
Nelena Beck..... August 13  
Joan Gnat ..... August 14

Janet Stultz..... August 14  
Susan Lomas ..... August 16  
Rose Casterline ..... August 20  
Sophia Tracy ..... August 22  
Lisa Johnston ..... August 30



## Florida - Regional & National News

***Congratulations to the following FL judges for being selected to a Regional Meet in 2022!***

**9/10 Regionals**  
**Concord, NC**  
**April 22-24, 2022**

Serena Albauer  
Catherine Batsche  
Joan Gnat  
Nikki Spinelli  
Denise Weaver

**6/7/8 Regionals**  
**Myrtle Beach, SC**  
**April 29-May 1, 2022**

Amy Diuguid  
Kevn McNamara  
Mark Robbins  
Pam Sherwood

**Xcel Regionals**  
**Foley, AL**  
**May 6-8, 2022**

Rose Casterline  
Katie Kollmeyer

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***Florida has been awarded Regional Meets in 2023.***

***Congratulations to the following meet hosts:***

Awarded to Tampa Bay Turners  
Level 9/10 Regionals  
April 13-16, 2023  
Bradenton Convention Center

Awarded to USA Competitions  
Xcel Regionals  
May 4-7, 2023  
Ft. Lauderdale Broward County  
Convention Center

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From Natalie Adams in Member Services – for anyone asking if the NCSI message was for real. “The email you received regarding your background check is legitimate, and action is required to keep your background check in an active status. There are a handful of members who completed their background check in 2019 and 2020 who did not agree to the terms of the midterm recheck that is automatically run by NCSI for USA Gymnastics. NCSI inadvertently left the agreement language out of their terms, which is why they are now following up with the members in this group. It is imperative that you complete the background recheck questionnaire linked in the email sent to you from [automation@instascreen.net](mailto:automation@instascreen.net) with the subject line "USA Gymnastics Invitation for Background Screening."

Should you have any questions, please contact NCSI directly: 866-833-7100 or by email:

**Laura Binstock, Client Services Specialist**  
[laurab@ncsisafe.com](mailto:laurab@ncsisafe.com)”

## Important notice regarding Women's Artistic Judges' Accreditation for the 2021-29 Development Program Compulsories

*posted on USA Gymnastics site on 07/26/2021*

The new Women's Development Program Compulsory Exercises will be in effect from August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2029. All individuals who want to judge Level 1-5 athletes are required to pass the 2021-29 Level 4/5 Judges' exam. Those who hold a current 2013-2021 Level 4/5 rating have until December 31, 2021 to renew before their current rating expires. However, for the assignment of judges for compulsory meets after August 1, 2021, the assignors will use the following priorities:

1. The first to be assigned are those judges who have taken the 2021-22 Level 4/5 exam and earned a 2021-29 Level 4/5 rating.
2. If there are not enough available judges who meet criteria #1, next assigned are those individuals who have taken the Level 4/5 exam but have not yet passed.
3. Lastly, those individuals who have not yet taken the new Level 4/5 exam may be assigned IF nobody is available with the above criteria. If there are not enough 2021-29 accredited Level 4/5 judges available for a specific meet, and someone who has a 2013-21 Level 4/5 rating but has not yet tested is needed, it is highly recommended that they be assigned to Vault or Bars, since those events are very similar to the 2013-21 routines.
4. When a meet requires Optional-rated judges who also are Compulsory-rated, the assignor must first assign individuals who have the required Optional rating plus the 2021-29 Level 4/5 rating. If there are not enough Optional rated judges who are also eligible to judge the new compulsories, then additional compulsory-rated judges should be assigned, if available, to cover the compulsory sessions.
  - o If a Meet Director requests specific judges for a compulsory and optional session meet, the requested judges may be assigned only if they have a current Optional and new 2021-29 Compulsory rating. If they have not yet earned a 2021-29 Level 4/5 rating, they may be assigned to the Optional sessions only and properly rated compulsory judges must be additionally assigned, or the meet director may accept other available judges who are properly rated for both Compulsory and Optional.

The Level 4/5 judging exam will now be offered only as an **ONLINE**, open-book 50-question multiple choice exam. Individuals may register and take the exam at their convenience, but once the exam is started, it must be completed within 60 minutes. There will be 10 questions on General Faults/Penalties, 10 questions on Level 4/5 Handspring Vault and 5 questions each for Level 4 and Level 5 Bars, Beam and Floor Exercise. Each question is worth 2 points and the passing rate is 70%. Results will be sent via email from USA Gymnastics within several days of completion of the exam.

In the event that a 70% passing grade is not achieved, the individual may take up to four attempts to pass the exam within an accreditation year (August 1 - July 31). The first time testing, register for the A1 version. If additional attempts are necessary, the order is A1, B1, A2, B2. There is no specific time required before taking the test another time once you have received the results.

**Registration for the online Level 4/5 exam will not be available until mid-August. The cost of the exam is \$25.00.**

All Optional exams will continue to be offered at in-person testing sites. Follow the link on the above webpage to see the master schedule and to register for a Level 7/8, 9 or 10 Written and/or Practical exam.

Another announcement will be made as soon as registration is open for the Level 4/5 exam.

# Reminders

August 1 ..... USAG & NAWGJ memberships should be renewed by now  
August 6 ..... FL State Meet Availability deadline to submit  
August 14 ..... FL NAWGJ Compulsory Judging Clinic, Melbourne, 9-5  
August 15 ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> CPE Report sent to USAG  
August 15 ..... Compulsory Testing available online (hopefully)  
August 31 ..... 2021 AAU memberships expire  
September 1 ..... Media Specialist application deadline  
September 10 ..... Last day to register for Optional Testing at JC  
September 11-12 ..... Harvest Moon Meet  
September 18-19 ..... Judges' Cup & Optional Testing (Saturday)  
September 24-26 ..... 2021 Penquin Invite  
October 10 ..... Compulsory Exam reimbursement deadline

- **Update your personal information, memberships and availability in GymJas**
- **Send your completed National/Brevet Eligibility form to Evelyn ([evelynchandler1@aol.com](mailto:evelynchandler1@aol.com)) & Susan ([susan\\_78726@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_78726@hotmail.com))**
- **Register for Optional Testing during Judges' Cup on 9/18/21 at [https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/judging\\_accreditation.html](https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/judging_accreditation.html)**

