

# FL NAWGJ News



**DECEMBER 2021**

## Celebrating FL NAWGJ Judges

### Jen Boval & Family



Any guesses as to where this lovely family went recently.....?

### Special Olympics



These wonderful judges volunteered their time and judged for the Special Olympics a few weeks ago. Thank you for your dedication and kindness!

L-R (top) Tabatha Richardson, Mari Schroeder, Natasha Guida

L-R (bottom) Jennie Zazzi (GA), Chris Jackson (GA), Jill Bosack

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY - HOPE YOUR DAY IS FABULOUS

Sabrina West ..... December 4  
Joan Dalpe ..... December 9  
Jordan Gainley ..... December 9  
Donna Ewing..... December 10

Susan Monahan ..... December 19  
Michi Pribil ..... December 26  
Tetyana Skrypnyk ..... December 31



# FL NAWGJ – What You Need To Know



Q: Level 2 Vault – the deduction reads “failure to place hands in the prescribed landing zone – both hands land beyond the tape line .....-0.50”. Do the hands have to be completely over the line or partially over the line (like on floor)?

A: The 0.50 deduction is taken when both hands are COMPLETELY over the line. Partially crossing over the line (fingertips) is OK and no deduction is taken.

*Answered by Linda Thorberg, Region 4 RTC*

Q: Xcel Silver Vault – is there a “contacting the mat stack with the hands after vertical, up to 1.00 deduction for Silver like the Level 3 Vault?

A: Unfortunately, the Level 3 Vault deduction is NOT used in Silver, however in the future I believe the intention is to have as much of the same general deductions between the 2 programs to make it less confusing for all involved.

*Answered by Pam Kitchen, Region 8 RXCC*

Q: Xcel Bronze Beam – can a Bronze athlete use the “mountain climber” to partial handstand like in the new Level 2 beam routine?

A: Yes, this is an acceptable entrance.

*Answered by Pam Kitchen, Region 8 RXCC*

Q: Xcel Floor – how many back handsprings can be done and still receive value part credit?

A: Acro elements with hand support receive value part (VP) no matter how many times they are performed, provided they are in a different connection. For example: a gymnast could do RO, BHS and RO BHS, BHS and then a single BHS and that would be fine. If they did RO, BHS again, that would not work since it's a repeated connection.

*Answered by Pam Kitchen, Region 8 RXCC*

## U112: Tough Coaching or Emotional Abuse: Knowing when the line has been crossed.

Though this course is NOT required for judges, it IS required if you are also a:

- Competitive Coach
- Recreational Coach
- Organizational Owner / Managing Director

**This course must be completed by January 12, 2022.** To verify the completion of this course, go to your User Profile page and click on "Course History". For assistance with the course - login, navigation, technical assistance, test reset, or other needs - please email the USA Gymnastics Education Department at [education@usagym.org](mailto:education@usagym.org). **If you do not complete this course by the stated deadline, then your membership will go into “pending” and you will NOT be allowed on the floor of a sanctioned event, therefore you would need to be replaced on all judging contracts until this course is completed.**

# National Judges' Cup News

*The State Team Challenge has been named for Patty Shipman, NAWGJ National Judges' Cup Director (1990-2020) who lost her battle with pancreatic cancer this past year. She was a true advocate of the National Judges' Cup and the State Team Challenger.*

Earlier this year, Kathy Stuenkel was asked if she would be willing to try and organize a Level 7 Team to compete for Florida at the 2022 National Judges' Cup in New Orleans. Kathy accepted the challenge and helped set up a qualifying session at the recent Gene Stowe Invite and it was a wonderful success! We proudly present the Level 7 FL Team that will compete in New Orleans on January 7-9, 2022. Thank you Kathy for all your hard work and thank you to all participating athletes. Congratulations to all qualifiers (2 alternates will be attending too) and their coaches.

Here's our Florida team.....



Other State Teams entered this year include Alabama, California North, California South, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, New York North, Oklahoma.

L-R:

Olivia Lonce, Horizon, 2nd Alternate, 35.675  
Cassandra O'Neal, Horizon, 1st Alternate, 35.775  
Jozlyn Jansen, Horizon, Team Member, #1 37.800  
Payten Gunabe, Victory, Team Member, #2 37.175  
Bodhi Voight, Horizon, Team Member, #3 37.000  
Addison Proa, Horizon, Team Member, #4 36.95  
Mackenzie Shalk, Victory, Team Member, #5 36.15 (T)  
Elliette McDowell, Horizon, Team Member, #6 36.15 (T)

**We would also like to give a big thank you and shout out to Patti Gross and the Tampa Gymnastics/Can-Do crew for all of their help and assistance in making this opportunity so much fun!**

**We'll post results after the competition.**



Have a great meet girls and...

# GO TEAM FLORIDA!!



## Calendar & Reminders

**December 2.....Tampa Brush Up Clinic**

**December 4.....Orlando Brush Up Clinic - CANCELLED**

December 3-5 ..... Panama City Beach Cup, Edgewater Gymnastics

December 4-5 ..... Level 4 & 5 State Meet in Bradenton, hosted by TBT

December 10-12 ..... Level 1-2-3 State Meet, at Wiregrass, hosted by Premier

**December 12.....Ft. Myers Brush Up Clinic**

December 17-19 ..... Orlando Holiday Classic, Metro at Grand Cypress

December 25 ..... Merry Christmas!!



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## June 5-12, 2022

Disney World Resort will serve as the official host of the 2022 Special Olympic USA Games. The Games will take place at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Special Olympics Florida. Volunteer judges needed throughout the week (can pick your days/times). For information, please contact Tabatha Richardson, [coachtab@hotmail.com](mailto:coachtab@hotmail.com).