

# FL NAWGJ News



August 2023

## Celebrating FL NAWGJ Judges

CONGRATULATIONS  
to the following FL  
NAWGJ judges for  
having been selected to  
judge a Regional Meet  
in 2024!

### LEVEL 6/7/8 REGIONALS in Foley, AL



Serena  
Albauer



Nikki Spinelli



Pam Sherwood



Katie  
Kollmeyer

### LEVEL 9/10 REGIONALS in Bradenton, FL



Denise Weaver



Marci Kaplan



Cookie Batsche



Sharyn Strickland

### XCEL REGIONALS in Greenville, SC



Amy Diuguid



Linda Thorberg



# Happy Birthday

Cyndy Rodriguez . . . . August 4	Susan Lomas . . . . August 16
DeeDee Hinson . . . . August 8	Alyssa Jones . . . . August 18
Pam Koch . . . . . August 8	Kayla Teriberry.. . August 18
Nelena Beck . . . . . August 13	Rose Casterline . August 20
Joan Gnat . . . . . August 14	Sophia Tracy . . . . August 22



# Annual Membership Meeting For All Judges

## FL NAWGJ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

~ VIA ZOOM ~

Due to overwhelming response, we have decided to hold our Annual Membership meeting on BOTH nights to accommodate everyone.

We've got some great speakers each night and encourage all FL NAWGJ judges to log on and join us for updates, clarifications, assigning issues, important news, and great answers for all your questions. Come in your comfy clothes with a beverage of your choice. Please try to attend on the day you designated on your survey response and those that could attend either day may choose their day. Zoom links are here. Email me if you have any questions.

### #1 – Wednesday, August 9, 2023 starts promptly at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86426477297?pwd=L09xRXI0eIRGQmo5UIRSTC9vaUxkQT09>

Meeting ID: 864 2647 7297

Passcode: 915766

### #2 – Sunday, August 13, 2023 starts promptly at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82873733393?pwd=TVppL2hNZXFCWGx1RUUpJSVRxZE1XQT09>

Meeting ID: 828 7373 3393

Passcode: 033479





## Clinic Corner by Arika Hoyt



This month I am going to review the dreaded inquiry. This can be one of the most scary and intimidating aspects of judging, especially for newer judges, but rest assured, they happen even to the best and we all make mistakes! My goal is to change the mind set from something negative, to something necessary. The goal of both a judge and a coach should be to ensure the gymnast receives a fair, accurate score. To do that, sometimes scores will be questioned, and that is OK! However, in no instance, should a coach intimidate, bully, or make a judge feel unsafe. If this happens, the incidence should be reported to the Meet Referee immediately, and the Meet Referee, along with the Meet Director, will take appropriate actions in

Accordance with Rule & Policies. The best practice to ensure a positive inquiry experience is to follow procedures already in place, be respectful to one another, and allow the process to work.

Now let's review the Inquiry Process: A coach is entitled to question an exercise during the competition; however, they must follow protocol outlined in the Code of Points. They need to submit a formal inquiry form to the Meet Referee or Meet Director within 5 minutes of completion of the event rotation. The Meet Referee will then deliver the inquiry to the Head Judge. The Coach shouldn't approach the event judges directly regarding evaluation of the routine.

### Inquiries are limited to:

- o Start Value
- o Neutral Deductions
- o Falls
- o Unusual Occurrences
- o Specific Flat composition deduction (DP only)



### Once Judges review the inquiry, it may result in:

- o No change to the score.
- o Score being raised.
- o Score being lowered.



**\*At no time should the coach or event judge approach one another about the inquiry during the competition.**

- **NEW 8/1/23 – A Meet Referee may watch a video (if applicable) prior to the submission of an inquiry to determine if that inquiry should move forward.**
- **NEW changes to the inquiry process, as well as changes to video review, can be found in the May Committee minutes now available on the USA Gymnastics website: [Committee Minutes](#) • [USA Gymnastics](#) These changes have NOT been updated in the electronic versions of the Development or Xcel Codes as of August 1, 2023.**

**~ ALOHA INVITE / FL JUDGES' CUP ~**

**September 16-17, 2023**

**We NEED You – Come Have Fun With Us**

**Sign up [HERE](#) if you haven't already done so.**



**[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)**



# What You Should Know

## AAU NATIONALS

Orlando

June 29 ~ July 3, 2023

Several of our FL NAWGJ judges came to Orlando to judge AAU Nationals last month. How many do you recognize?



## **IMPORTANT LINKS**



- ❖ **PRACTICAL EXAM:** To view and/or to register online for currently scheduled in-person Practical Exam sessions / locations, [click here](#).
- ❖ **FL NAWGJ JUDGES' CUP:** [CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)
- ❖ **FL NAWGJ WEBSITE:** [NAWGJ Florida - Gymnastics Judges, Gymnastics](#)
- ❖ **USAG MINUTES:** [Committee Minutes • USA Gymnastics](#)
- ❖ **NAWGJ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:** [\(nawgj.org\)](#)
- ❖ **TEAM FL AAU:** [Team Florida Gymnastics](#)
- ❖ **AAU MEMBERSHIP:** [Amateur Athletic Union \(AAU\) \(aasports.org\)](#)



## **SAFE SPORT**

It is **NOW** time to renew your USAG Safe Sport if you've not done so already! You can do this by logging onto your USAG profile and then clicking on the Safe Sport link at the bottom of your page. It's free and shouldn't take more than 20-30 minutes to complete. You must have this course completed to judge in the upcoming season.





# Symposium 2023 - Grand Rapids, MI

## Florida Judges Are In The House!



L-R back row: Glenn Aser, Katie Kollmeyer, Sharyn Strickland, Marci Kaplan, Linda Thorberg, Denise Weaver, Evelyn Chandler, Rose Casterline, Joan Lothrop, Lexi Burns, Arika Hoyt, Patricia Lydon, Jen Boval, Carrie Rawlings, Toyi Gainley, Nelena Beck

L-R front row: Pam Sherwood, Myra Maldonado, Sue Pusateri, Katie Jerabek, Nikki Spinelli, Jenni Farri, Kevn McNamara, Kamryn Harrington, Karmin Soderstrom, Aimee Sparkman, Sophia Tracy, Tiffany Jennings, Susan Lomas, Jeanette Ciesla, Amy Diuguid





# Symposium 2023 - Grand Rapids, MI



Thank you to everyone who submitted photos!!!



# Clinic & CPE Opportunity

## September 2023 Get Ready for Fall Virtual Clinic

*Spend a couple nights updating your gymnastics knowledge and get ready for a new season of Judging!*

**New topics presented by great speakers**

**TOPIC: XCEL Overview**

**WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 12th • 7:00pm - 10pm EST**

**CLINICIANS: Diane Palmer Region 2 XRTX  
Jane Caruso Region 7 RTC**

**TOPIC: Compulsory Overview, updates and practice**

**WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 13th • 7:00pm - 10pm EST**

**CLINICIANS: Tom Koll NDPCC  
Wendy Weiss Region 4 RTC**

**Each night you will receive 3 CPE Clinic Hours - total 6**

**COST: \$40.00**

**REGISTER: Go to the website: [WWW.FLIPPINGEDU.COM](http://WWW.FLIPPINGEDU.COM) and select the 2023 September Virtual Clinic icon. Purchase and pay online. CPE verification will be sent after Sept. 13th. The zoom links will be attached to your receipt.**



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**NEW CLINIC**

FLIPPING EDUCATION always put on great seminars, lectures, and clinics - AND they are extremely affordable! I would encourage you to participate in any and all that are of interest to you. It is very important that you understand the new CPE clinic clarification (below) so that you apply your hours properly for the rules have changed beginning August 1, 2023. If you still have questions after reading the excerpt below, then just let me know for this is very important that everyone understand. Thanks!!

## NEW CPE Clarification: National Technical Committee Minutes, May 15 – 17, 2023

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Page 2, #3. Recommendation: To change to the R & P (Chapter 5-Officials); to state only half ½ of the required CPE Clinic credits can be earned from a “live” virtual/online clinic (not recorded). The other ½ of the required Clinic hours must be earned from an in-person clinic setting.

Motion: Sue Kane (R5)

Second: Windee Weiss (R4)

**PASSED**

# Calendar & Upcoming Events

August 1 .....Do your Safe Sport now



August 5 .....HUGS clinic in Gainesville at Balance 180

August 9 .....General Membership Meeting #1, Zoom at 7:00 pm



August 13 .....General Membership Meeting #2, Zoom at 7:00 pm



August 21 .....National Senior Citizens Day



August 24-27 .....National Congress, San Jose, CA

August 26 .....National Women's Equality Day



August 31 .....AAU & Team FL memberships expire

## ~ Mark Your Calendar ~ Upcoming Events in 2023

- ❖ September 16-17, 2023 – National Training Camp, LSU
- ❖ September 16-17, 2023 – FL Judges' Cup, Wiregrass, Wesley Chapel
- ❖ September 17, 2023 – Practical Testing (all levels) at Judges' Cup
- ❖ September 17, 2023 – New Judge practice & info meeting at Judges' Cup
- ❖ October 13-15, 2023 – Regional L8-10 Training Camp, Metro Orlando