

FL NAWGJ News



Happy New Year



January 2023



Celebrating FL NAWGJ Judges



Florida Gym Judges LOVE Their Matching Jammies!



Kevn McNamara, Karmin Soderstrom & the Kids



The Silber Family



Sharyn & Virgil Strickland & the Fur Babies



- Maria IankovaJan 1
- Mari SchroederJan 3
- Carrie Rawlings.....Jan 5
- Kathy Stuenkel.....Jan 6
- Katie KollmeyerJan 10
- Joan Lothrop..... Jan 17
- Carlos Sanchez Jan 25
- Darinka Koro..... Jan 26
- Brianna Coakley Jan 30
- Bill Bevil..... Jan 31

Sharing & Caring

Melissa Huston has volunteered to Chair our “gently used uniform program”. If you’ve got a uniform piece (skirt, pants, jacket, sweater, white blouse) that is gently used, but no longer fits or wanted, please contact Melissa at mishuston65@aol.com and she will try to re-locate the piece to someone in need. Likewise, if you’re interested in whatever Melissa may have in her collection, just email her and inquire. This is a fun way for judges to help other judges. Thanks so much!



Professional attire guidelines here:

[Microsoft Word - Prof Attire Aug 23 2021.docx \(nawgj.org\)](#)

Apparatus Specifications

Ever been at a meet and you need to check on the matting situation? Or have a coach ask you what’s the proper Vault setting for a specific level? Or wondered what mounting boards are acceptable and which are not? Here are the answers. You might want to print this out and put it in your judging bag.

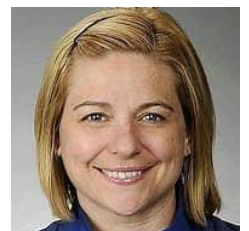
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Aimee Boorman - Welcome to FL Judging

For most of us, Aimee Boorman needs no introduction for we remember her as Simone Biles’ coach for many years and especially during Simone’s first Olympic competition in 2016 in Rio.

Aimee earned her Brevet judges’ rating in 2022 and has judged a number of US National Championship meets. She also has her compulsory rating and has decided to join our ranks in the DP program and judge with us in Florida. She’s already gotten some contracts, so make sure to say hello to Aimee if you see her at Sand Dollar or Suncoast Sports Fest.

WELCOME Aimee! You’re going to like it here for we’ve got a great group of friendly and knowledgeable judges.



Did You Know....



National Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday-Sunday November 3-6, 2022

Embassy Suites-Plainfield Indianapolis, IN

The following updates & recommendation for change are effective December 1, 2022.

1. Update regarding judges' affiliation in the Women's Program Rules & Policies (R&P) and Development Program Code of Points (Dev COP): A judge who receives financial compensation for critiquing or coaching more than once a month on a regular basis at a specific gymnastics club is considered affiliated with that gymnastics club. Judges must make assigners aware of affiliation.
2. Update the "racerback" type of leotard will receive an additional year grace period to allow clubs to establish compliance. All other leotards that meet the description of backless will be subject to a 0.20 attire deduction.
3. Recommendation in addition to eligibility criteria for the 2026 National/USA Brevet Course, a candidate must have held a USA Gymnastics membership from 2022-26. To be eligible for the 2030 course and beyond a candidate must maintain a USA Gymnastics membership for 8 years prior.

Motion: Evelyn Chandler

Second: Sue Kane

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Sarah Davis & Toby Scott are two judges from Washington and they put together this wonderful piano duet called "Carol of the Bells". You should watch this.....again. It's beautiful.

[Carol of the Bells \(Ukrainian Bell Carol\) - 4 Hands 1 Piano - Toby and Sarah - YouTube](#)



2022-2023 TOPS Season Changes

posted on 11/23/2022

The IEC met recently to discuss the TOPS program and expectations moving forward. It was determined that all athletes who qualified from the physical abilities testing with the minimum score of 30.00 will be invited to attend TOPS National Testing in June 2023.

What does this mean: For the 2022-2023 TOPS season, skills testing will take place at TOPS National Testing and **NOT** at invitationals, Elite Qualifiers or Nastia Liukin Cup qualifiers. By delaying the skills testing to the spring, the IEC is hopeful that this will allow participating athletes and coaches the opportunity to properly prepare for TOPS National Testing.

Any questions should be sent to women@usagym.org, with TOPS in the subject line.

Calendar & Reminders

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- January 1 **Happy New Year!**
- January 1 *Meet Requests accepted now through May 1 (2023 - 2024 Season)*
- January 1 *CPE accepted now through May 31 (2023 - 2024 Season)*
- January 4 & 5..... *Zoom with Volunteer Coordinator Kevn McNamara, 7 pm each night*
- January 7-8..... Vero Beach Coastal Classic, Maximum Velocity
- January 7-8..... 2023 Critique Meet, Longwood, Meet Expectations
- January 6-8..... Emerald Coast Gym Vacation Resort, Ft. Walton, 360 Sports
- January 13-15..... Lightning City Invite, Winter Haven, LCG
- January 13-15..... Tampa Bay Turners Invite, Bradenton, TBT
- January 13-15..... Gym Force Classic 2023, Tallahassee, Gym Force
- January 13-15..... Think Pink, West Palm Beach, Gym Like This
- January 20-22..... Sand Dollar Invite, Disney World, Orlando Metro
- January 20-22..... 2023 Cruise Classic, Cooper City, Park Ave
- January 20-22..... Conquistador Invite, St. Augustine, Destination Meets
- January 20-22..... Leyva Invite, Miami Springs, Leyva Gymnastics
- January 27-29..... Sun & Surf Invie, Coral Springs, USA Competitions
- January 27-29..... Acro for Autism 2023, Wesley Chapel, DGA Tampa
- January 27-29..... Spirit Classic 2023, Winter Haven, Spirit Gymnastics
- January 27-29..... Dolphin Classic, Silver Spurs Arena, Orlando Gymnastics
- January 27-29..... Daytona Beach Open, Ocean Center, ACE Gymnastics

Mark Your Calendar Upcoming Events in 2023

- ❖ April 14-16, 2023 – Level 9/10 Regional Meet @ Bradenton Convention
- ❖ April 28-30, 2023 – Level 6-8 Regional Meet @ Kidsport, NC
- ❖ May 5-7, 2023 – Xcel Regional Meet, Ft Lauderdale Convention Center
- ❖ May 5-7, 2023 – Level 9 Easterns, Kissimmee Silver Spurs Arena
- ❖ June 23-25, 2023 – FL State Clinic with Tom Koll @ LM Metro
- ❖ June 27-30, 2023 – Region 8 Congress, Winston-Salem, NC