

# FL NAWGJ News



June 2023

## Celebrating FL NAWGJ Judges

Here is a great article about Cookie Batsche and "The Mom Project". It's a wonderful read about kindness and giving.

*Thank you to Patricia Lydon for sharing.*

Three emeritus professors from the [USF College of Behavioral and Community Sciences](#) are honoring their mothers by providing students a gift that was unavailable to most women of their mothers' generation – the gift of education.



The dreams of three mothers live on through USF student research scholarship

[usf.edu](http://usf.edu) (click here)



# Happy Birthday

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| Katie Jerabek .....  | June 4  | Taryn James.....   | June 15 |
| Amy Diuguid.....     | June 7  | Sara Monahan.....  | June 17 |
| Janet Durant .....   | June 8  | Nicole Mills ..... | June 21 |
| Michelle Donovan.... | June 11 | Mary Rice .....    | June 25 |
| Toyi Gainley .....   | June 12 | Jill Bosack .....  | June 26 |
| Elena Lechner.....   | June 13 |                    |         |



## Clinic Corner by Arika Hoyt



New in the 2022-2026 codes, in both the Development Program and Xcel, is the procedure for failed floor music. If floor music fails and the gymnast stops and walks off the floor, the gymnast may begin their routine from **point of music failure**. If music fails and the gymnast completes the routine, the gymnast must decide to resume the routine **from the point of music failure** or accept the score. Judges will not post the score until the decision is made, nor will they deduct an absence of music violation if the decision is to accept the score. This is a change from previous codes where gymnasts were given the option to repeat the entire routine. As a judge, it is important to note where (spatially) in the routine the

music failure occurs. As head judge, it would be beneficial to train floor timers to make note of time in the routine the music failed. Chief judge, in consultation with the Meet Referee, decides at what point in the exercise the music failed, and judging will resume at the point of interruption. A reasonable amount of rest time will be granted to the gymnast and all deductions prior to music failure will be applied.

*\*It is the coach's responsibility to initiate the music failure process outlined above, however, the head judge may inform a coach of their options at their own discretion as long as it does not impede the flow of the competition.*

You can review music failure procedures on pages:

**Developmental Program Optional Code of Points:** P. 26, II:B, ON FLOOR EXERCISE: CONTINUE TO COMPLETE THE ROUTINE (Electronic Code)

**Xcel Code of Points:** P. 11, II: A, In situations where there is equipment fail..., or music failure... (Electronic Code)

*All information approved May 26, 2023 by Evelyn Chandler, RTC*

*If you have your own questions or situations, you feel the FL NAWGJ membership could benefit from, please submit them to arikahoyt@gmail.com. Working through the proper channels, and with our strong NAWGJ community, I will help you get accurate information supported by USA Gymnastics official Code of Points. My goal is to learn from each other's experiences and grow as a judging community, together.*

CPE was DUE **yesterday**. I have received CPE from all judges listed below. I will continue to accept CPE as it gets completed, but it is now considered late, and you cannot be assigned unless you are CPE compliant. Questions? Email me.



**Serena Albauer, Kristy Aldrich, Jill Andrews, Glenn Aser, Cookie Batsche, Nelena Beck, Bill Bevil, Jill Bosack, Jen Boval, Tiffany Brodbeck, Evelyn Chandler, Jeanette Ciesla, Dawn Cobb, Inky Cummings, Carol Curley, Joan Dalpe, Karen DeRuvo, Amy Diuguid, Kristi Dixon, Michelle Donovan, Janet Durant, Donna Ewing, Toyi Gainley, Emily Geiger, Joan Gnat, Natasha Guida, Cindy Gwinn, Meredith Haas, Kamryn Harrington, DeeDee Hinson, Arika Hoyt, Melissa Huston, Debbie Hyde, Maria Iankova, Alyssa Jones, Beverly Kamp, Pam Koch, Katie Kollmeyer, Katerina Konvalinka, Darinka Koro, Vicki Kramer, Cyndi Locrotondo, Susan Lomas, Joan Lothrop, Patricia Lydon, Kevn McNamara, Sara Monahan, Susan Monahan, Brenda Musall, Phyllis Niemi, Stephanie Ovdiyenko, Jessica Peck, Brittney Powers, Michi Pribil, Sue Pusateri, Toni Rand, Carrie Rawlings, Mary Rice, Tabatha Richardson, Mark Robbins, Alicia Sanchez, Carlos Sanchez, Martha Santiago, Laly Sanz, Mari Schroeder, Pam Sherwood, Karmin Soderstrom, Aimee Sparkman, Nikki Spinelli, Becky Stone, Kathy Stuenkel, Alexa Tinsley, Sophia Tracy, Denise Weaver, Nichole Wilder, Faith Willis, Heather Wilson**

***The following judges do not need to submit their first CPE until 5/31/2024: Veronica Perry, Roysi Sierra, Aaliyah Thompson***

# Opportunities

The Region 8 Address Book for 2023 -2024 Season is now open for Clubs and Judges to complete. Please click on link below to update your information ASAP.



[Judges](#) (click here)



Deadline to submit your Florida State Meet Availability is June 15, 2023.

[2023-2024 Florida Judges State Meet Availability Form \(google.com\)](#)

## Women's Judging CPE Clinics

June 17, 2023

Roswell Recreation – 10495 Woodstock Rd.,  
Roswell, GA 30075

Clinic: GA USAG State Clinic

Topics: Xcel & Dev Optionals

# CPE Clinic Hours: 8

Clinicians: Oppenheimer, Ragle, Campfield, Kelly,  
Joye, & Camps

Registration: USAG Meet Reservation System

Information: Kim Joye [ganawgjsjd@gmail.com](mailto:ganawgjsjd@gmail.com)

June 24-25, 2023

Texas Dreams – 117 Wrangler Drive, Coppell, TX  
75019

Clinic: Region 3 Dev Camp-TX

Topics: All Events Level 6-10

# CPE Clinic Hours: 6-8 hrs

Clinicians: Marilyn Blilie, Jan Eyman

Registration: [www.reg3.com/camps](http://www.reg3.com/camps)

Information: Kim Stepanek [r3usagym@gmail.com](mailto:r3usagym@gmail.com)

July 15-16, 2023

Colorado Gymnastics Institute – 512a S Chambers  
Rd, Aurora, CO 80017

Clinic: Region 3 Dev Camp-CO

Topics: All Events Level 6-10

# CPE Clinic Hours: 6-8 hrs

Clinicians: Marilyn Blilie

Registration: [www.reg3.com/camps](http://www.reg3.com/camps)

Information: Rich Villarreal [colorich72@gmail.com](mailto:colorich72@gmail.com)

## 2023 VIRTUAL JUDGING CLINIC

**Spend a couple nights updating your  
gymnastics knowledge!  
New topics presented with  
great speakers.**

**6 HOURS OF USA GYMNASTICS CPE CREDIT**

**Each session includes 3 different topics for 3 hours on Zoom.  
If you cannot attend live, they will be recorded for thirty days.**

### CLINICIANS:

June 6

Linda Thorberg - The Difference Between, What's better, this or that and WHY  
Dianne Palmer – Welcome to XCEL Sapphire  
Nichole Otterson - Judging the AVERAGE routine, what we normally see!

June 8

Tom Koll - How to be a GREAT Meet Referee  
Steve Arkell - Recognizing Uneven Bars grip changes and Releases \*\*  
Windee Weiss – Study tips to keep you consistent

TIMES: All sessions will be 7:00-10:00 p.m. Eastern Time

COST:\$40

REGISTER: Go to the website: [WWW.FLIPPINGEDU.COM](http://WWW.FLIPPINGEDU.COM) and  
select the 2023 Virtual Clinic icon. Purchase and pay online  
The zoom links will be attached to your receipt

\*\* Steve Arkell will go through various bar grips and if you could have a  
small broom stick or 18" dowell rod, you can actually practice the hand changes.

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# Fun & Learning

## Team FL AAU State Championships – May 20-21, 2023

Here's some fun photos of some of the 24 judges for Team Florida Spring State '23. The theme was "Flipping into Neverland" and there was a judge's table decorating contest complete with costumed judges. Prizes were awarded and the kids, coaches and parents loved it! *Thank you Kathy Stuenkel for sharing!*



Mark Robbins &  
Patricia Lydon



Kevn McNamara &  
Kamryn Harrington



Jeannette Ciesla &  
Carol Curley



Debbie Hyde &  
Martha Santiago



(L-R) Martha Santiago, Kristy Aldrich,  
Cat Johnston, Sue Pusateri, Katerina  
Konvalinka, Aimee Sparkman,  
Patricia Lydon, Heather Wilson,  
Brenda Musall, Cookie Batsche, Alicia  
Sanchez, Inky Cummings

**Come and learn more about the  
HUGS Program this summer.**

Join Us for a **FREE Clinic!!!**  
Hosted by DGA Tampa & Balance 180

## USA Gymnastics HUGS Program

Educational clinic for coaches,  
program leaders and judges to  
learn about adaptive and  
inclusive competitive  
opportunities for your facility.

Clinic Includes:

- 3:00-4:00 pm: Lecture  
(1 hour Clinic CPE for NAWGJ)
- 4:00-5:30 pm: Athlete Clinic
- 5:30-6:00 pm: Refreshments
- 6:00-7:30 pm: Networking for  
Program Leaders

**AUGUST 5, 2023 3:00-7:30 PM**

**BALANCE 180 SPORTS ACADEMY  
6527 NW 18TH DRIVE  
GAINESVILLE, FL 32653**

**REGISTER AT: USAG MEET RESERVATIONS  
QUESTIONS?**

**JILL BOSACK 813-545-7195  
COMPETITIONS.DGA@GMAIL.COM  
KEN PFEIFAU**

**MEETEXPECTATIONLLC@GMAIL.COM**



**Judges can earn 1 clinic  
hour of CPE credit for  
attending the  
3:00 – 4:00 pm lecture.  
It's FREE to attend!**



# Calendar & Upcoming Events

June 10..... *State Meet bids DUE for the 2024-2025 season*

June 18..... *Father's Day*



June 19..... *Juneteenth*



June 24-25..... **FL State Clinic with Tom Koll  
@ LaFleurs Tampa**



Nat'l DP Committee Chair

*Other clinicians include:*

Cookie Batsche, NAWGJ President



Evelyn Chandler, Region 8 Technical Chair



Linda Thorberg, National Technical Chair



Brad Harris, Region 8 DP Committee Chair



## Mark Your Calendar Upcoming Events in 2023

- ❖ July 13-15, 2023 – National Judges Symposium, Grand Rapids, MI
- ❖ July 14-16, 2023 – 6/7/8 Training Camp, Lakewood Ranch, Bradenton
- ❖ July 28-30, 2023 – Region 8 Congress, Winston-Salem, NC
- ❖ July 31, 2023 – USAG and NAWGJ memberships expire
- ❖ August 24-27, 2023 – National Congress, San Jose, CA
- ❖ August 31, 2023 – AAU memberships expire
- ❖ September 16-17, 2023 – National Training Camp, LSU
- ❖ September 16-17, 2023 – FL Judges' Cup, Wiregrass, practical testing