

Mid America Gymnastics Judges Association Bylaws

1.0 Mission

The Mid America Gymnastics Judges Association serves the National Gymnastics Judges Association, Inc. within the Mid East Region. The Association serves in the certification of judges, assignment of judges to competitions, organization of National and Junior Olympic course and clinics related to the improvement of the quality and quantity of gymnastics judges and the interpretation of rules. The Association recommends gymnastics judges to National and International gymnastics competitions. “The strength and support of the Association is vitally tied to its members whom it serves providing guidelines which promote high standards in gymnastics through the development of excellence in judging.”

2.0 Organization

The MAGJA shall be governed by the Executive Committee which will consist of elected officers and state directors. Certain members of the NGJA Executive committee will function as Liaison members to the MAGJA, having a voice but no vote. There will be three (3) officer positions: President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- I. Executive Committee
 - a. Officers
 - i. President
 - ii. Secretary
 - iii. Treasurer
 - b. State Directors
 - c. Liaison Members (voice, no vote)
 - i. NGJA Regional Director (Mid-East)
 - ii. NGJA Regional Technical Director (Mid-East)
 - iii. JO Regional Technical Directors (JO Regions represented by MAGJA states)
 - d. Election Procedures
 - i. The officers of the MAGJA are elected by the membership vote of the actively valid National Certified Card holders in the Association
 1. The sitting MAGJA Secretary will announce the upcoming election to the Association members and call for nominations no less than 3 weeks prior to the distribution of ballots.
 2. Nominations are to be submitted to the MAGJA Secretary no later than 1 week after the call for nominations (2 weeks prior to distribution of ballots). All MAGJA members are eligible to submit nominations.
 3. Election of Officers can be conducted via mail ballot or electronically (e-mail or web-based).

- iv. Monitor all judge certification procedures and membership requirements for National and Junior Olympic card holders.
- b. The Treasurer of the Association shall:
 - i. Be responsible for all financial operations of the Association
 - ii. Maintain an Association bank account
 - iii. Receive and disburse association funds as directed
 - iv. Maintain clear and accurate financial records including and electronic register of the Association bank account and make them available to the Association upon request
 - v. Maintain an Association budget
- c. The Secretary shall:
 - i. Be responsible for the tasks of communication and presentation of reports and minutes of the association to the membership
 - ii. Maintain Association rosters by state
 - iii. Collect and distribute certification course reports and all registration forms
 - iv. Be responsible for dissemination of Association information to the membership including email distribution lists and web sites
 - v. Be responsible for administering of election announcements, nominations and ballots and designating an election monitor to count the ballots.
- d. The state directors shall:
 - i. Communicate the association concerns and affairs to the state membership
 - ii. Aid in the education and assignment of judges as delegated by the association and the NGJA
 - iii. Communicate the affairs of the state membership to the Executive Committee
 - iv. Conduct and monitor the USAG Junior Olympic certification courses within the state.

A State of the Association Report will be filed annually by the Executive Committee. The report shall contain information regarding association affairs, concerns, recommendations, etc. related to the duties and responsibilities of the committee. The report will be made available to the membership.

V. Assignment of Judges to competitions

The NGJA Regional Technical Director (RTD) is responsible for all assignments of judges to gymnastics competitions within his specific region. He may enlist the aid of local association officers and directors in order to complete the task.

- a. Assignment nominations of MAGJA members to major competitions shall be made by the NGJA Regional Technical Director with the advice of the MAGJA Executive Committee.

- b. The President shall submit a list of candidate judges from the Association to the NGJA RTD for consideration for major event assignments.
- c. The list of candidate judges will be compiled by the MAGJA Executive Committee with consideration of judges' capabilities, experience and professionalism.
 - i. The State directors are responsible for submitting names for consideration (preferably in rank order). This should be done at the beginning of the season to ensure inclusion for any opportunities which arise.
 - ii. The State directors should keep a list of possible alternates for judging assignments for use in emergency situations
- d. Assignments shall be based on the availability of judges and keeping in mind a fair distribution of opportunities.