

**Letter of Recommendation for  
Robert Boudreaux  
For the NGJA Frank Cumiskey Hall of Fame election 2022**



I first met Robert Boudreaux at the 1980 YMCA Nationals. Robert was older than most of the competitors, but there he was, out on the floor, warming up, then competing, just like the 18-year olds out there. There was no Masters Division. You could tell that Robert was out there for the pure love of gymnastics, and if there were a meet he could be accepted to compete in at this level, then he was going to be in it!

So it was with judging. Being from New York, initially I had little to do with the judges in the south, or elsewhere. However, when I became Regional Technical Director in 1996, I began teaching courses along the eastern seaboard, including the Charlotte Course hosted at Ron Clemmer's gym just about every year. There I once again met Robert Boudreaux, now in his capacity as a judge. But he was more than a judge. It appeared that Mr. Boudreaux was the mentor for almost every single judge in the room. He had coached many of them, he had encouraged many of them. Now they were here taking the course and test to become a Nationally Certified judge, and were sitting next to their mentor in the same class. Clearly, Mr. Boudreaux could have as easily taught the class as taken it. During breaks he was still explaining to the younger candidates, helping them with rules that were perhaps a little arcane but important, or describing Region 8 Gymnastics to me.

Two things were obvious. Robert Boudreaux loves the sport of gymnastics, and Robert Boudreaux was the lynchpin gymnastics in the southeast. He mentored the young judges, he had coached many of Region 8's best, whether in his gym or visiting theirs, he was respected by the coaches, and as we talked at the motels at night, he was among the most sensitive teachers to his elementary school pupils as I have met.

While Robert has at the high level including national championships in the US, and he has represent USA as a judge internationally, I believe what earns him a place in the NGJA Hall of Fame is his many, many years of leading the southeast, in judging and coaching, and in mentoring up and coming judges who have the utmost respect for him.

Please remember, you can vote for more than one person to enter the Hall of Fame

Please join me in voting for Robert Boudreaux for induction into the 2022 Hall of Fame.

Thanks,  
Ken Achiron  
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