


The National Gymnastics Judges Association and the Southern California Gymnastics Judges Association mourn the passing of longtime friend, Jerry Donahue. As his Hall of Fame bio below illustrates, he was a committed judge and a valued member of the gymnastics community. We were all blessed to know him and are forever grateful to his wife Nancy and his kids, Meagan and Garrett, for letting him spend so much time with all of us.

Details for his memorial service are below. For those who wish to make a donation in his honor, the family has suggested the Greater San Diego Chapter of the ALS Association (<http://webgsd.alsa.org/>).



Please Join Us to Celebrate the Life of

*Jerry Donahue*

10am, August 14, 2023  
Santa Sophia Catholic Church  
9800 San Juan St., Spring Valley, CA 91977  
Reception Following Service: 11am-1pm

Hotel Recommendations

**Courtyard Marriot San Diego El Cajon (4.2 Miles)**  
619-334-6999  
141 North Magnolia Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020  
15% Bereavement Discount

**Best Western Plus La Mesa San Diego (4.1 Miles)**  
619-466-0200  
9550 Murray Dr, La Mesa, CA 91942  
This Hotel is Close to the 8 Freeway—May Be Noisy

**Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina (16 Miles)**  
619-291-2900  
1380 Harbor Island Dr, San Diego, CA  
Close to Airport

**Other Options (10-20 Minute Drive)**  
Courtyard Marriot Liberty Station 619-221-1900  
Holiday Inn Express San Diego Airport-Old Town 619-543-1130  
Also Search Hotel Circle in Mission Valley or Downtown San Diego

## **Frank J. Cumiskey Hall of Fame Nominee - Bio:** Jerry Donahue, La Mesa, CA

Submitted by: Paul Tickenoff - NGJA Hall of Fame Member 2011

Dear Members and NGJA Officers:

It is with great pride and honor that I submit Jerry Donahue's name, as a much deserving and worthy candidate, for induction into the **Frank J. Cumiskey Hall of Fame**, for his lifetime service and dedication to the NGJA and gymnastic community.

Following is a condensed bio of Jerry's gymnastic judging career.

### JUDGING BACKGROUND:

Jerry started judging high school gymnastics in 1965, while attending college at New Mexico State University.

He received his first National Certification in 1970 (through present: 47 years judging). First JO Certification in 1974 (through present). First FIG International Brevet in 1984 and completed 6 cycles, including current 2017-2020 Category 2 Brevet from MAG International XIV Cycle Judges' Course in Toronto. Jerry received NGJA West National Judge of the Year Awards in 1996 and 2000.

### INTERNATIONAL JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS:

- RD761 International Junior Team Cup, Houston Texas, 2017
- Pacific Rim Championships, Everett, WA, 2016
- Pan American Games, Toronto, Canada, 2015
- Special Olympic – World Games, UCLA/Los Angeles, CA, 2015
- Pan American Sports Festival, Guadalajara, Mexico, 2014
- 7<sup>th</sup> FIG ART World Challenge Cup, Doha Qatar, 2014
- Pacific Rim, Everett, WA, 2012
- FIG World Cup Series, Glasgow Scotland, 2011
- Pan American Senior Championships, Guadalajara, Mexico, 2011
- FIG World Cup Series, Montreal, Canada, 2009
- Puerto Cup XIV, Carolina, Puerto Rico, 2008
- Several International Club Invitational's (Pre-2007): Peter Vidmar Invitational's, Pacific Coast Classics, Vitaly Scherbo Invitational's, Dual Meet/Sonora-Baja Mexicali B.C.

### DOMESTIC JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS and NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- USAG Championships: 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019
- Olympic Trials: 2012, 2016.

- Winter Cup Challenge: 2002 – 2012, 2013 -2017
- USAG Qualifier: 2001, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2019
- Olympic Sports Festival, Colorado Springs/USAFA, 1983.
- NCAA Championships 1998, 2002, 2010, 2018, 2019
- USAG Collegiate Championships: ASU 2000, Cornell University,
- NCAA/Western Regional's: Nebraska 1990's, U. of Oklahoma 1998.
- Mountain Pacific Conference Championships 2001, 2004
- Junior Olympic National Championships: Los Angeles (UCLA), Ann Arbor (U. of Michigan), Miami (Disney World) 1997, Houston (U. of Houston) 1999.
- JO Regional Championships/Region 1: 2001, 2004, 2007, 2013, 2015, 2017.
- Southern California JO Championships: Since 1974 (formation of the JO Program) to present, have judged all JO State and JO Conference Championships, including Future Stars and Technical Sequence Events.
- Numerous Invitational's: Azarian Team Cup, Blackjack Invite, California Classic, Flip Fest Invite, Guonian Wu Classic, Pacific Coast Classic, Palm Tree Invite, Rocky Mountain Open, San Diego Team Cup, Vitaly Scherbo Invite.

#### PARTICIPATION IN CLINICS AND COURSES:

- Master clinician/Judge for Senior National Team members preparing for 2015 Pan American Games, University World Games and National Championships.
- Master clinician and Apparatus Leader for Region 1 and SCGJA Optional camps.
- Apparatus Presenter for 30 National Judges courses for FIG, National and JO Optional and Compulsory Levels.
- Attended and passed 6 FIG International Judges Courses.
- Attended several Junior Olympic Program Quadrennial training courses.

#### PUBLICATIONS:

- Initiated and developed a spread sheet/data base to enable the tracking of completed International assignments and Brevet status of NGJA members during the 2013-2016 FIG Quadrennial.
- Reviewed and provided changes for MAG COP 2013-2016 and 2017-2020 for Still Rings
- Developed a standard reporting format for NGJA Judges to use as a guide, after they were assigned and completed International events.

#### WORK in JUDGING ASSOCIATIONS on LOCAL and NATIONAL LEVEL:

- NGJA - Technical Vice President – International Programs, 2012-2016.

- NGJA - Technical Secretary, 2009-2012.
- Voting Member – USAG “Independent Selection Committee”, 2012-2016
- Board Member of Southern California Gymnastic Judges Association (SCGJA) from 1992-2016. Held Board positions of Secretary and Assistant Instructional Chairperson.

ILLUMINATING or ADVANCING JUDGING in a SIGNIFICANT WAY:

- Helped evaluate the original “Open Ended Code” and judging process developed by Hardy Fink (Canadian Federation) in the early 1990’s. Actually judged a college competition (UCLA vs. BYU), applying Open Ended Format, conducted assessment, provided comments comparing to the ‘10.0” system. A report was provided to the NGJA via local SCGJA Board.
- Helped recruit, mentor and prepare beginning/junior judges to start judging with the SCGJA and take the NGJA National and Junior Olympic exams.
- Hosted and directed SCGJA judging courses for judges and coaches in the local South Conference area.

***2023 Addendum - Based on the above nomination and his many year’s of service, Jerry was elected to the NGJA Frank J. Cumiskey Hall of Fame in March 2017 with 100% of votes in favor.***