



2024 NGJA Election Information

Introduction

This PowerPoint document is designed to inform, clarify and help all NGJA members understand the national election process to be followed in 2024.

All the information shared in this communication can be found in the NGJA By-Laws dated July 2023 at:
<https://www.ngja.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/NGJA-ByLaws-Updated-July-2023.pdf>

General Information - Bylaw Highlights

- Only NGJA Electors are eligible to vote
- Election of the National President
 - Each Region Director will solicit nominations from Member Association Presidents in their respective region for the office of National President.
 - *No more than two (2) nominations per Member Association will be accepted.* Region Directors will submit such nominations to the National President or the National President's designee.
 - In addition, individual NGJA Electors may nominate up to one NGJA member for the office of National President by providing the name of the member to the National President or the National President's designee prior to any deadline for submittal of such nominations.
 - The National President or his designee will conduct an election for the National President.
 - **As President, I am assigning Nate Dotson, Paul Evatt and Andy Zembower as designated election officials in accordance with the NGJA By-laws. This team will manage the election process. If you have any questions, please contact them directly at dotsonna@gmail.com, evattp@gmail.com, azembower@gmail.com.**
 - The winner of this election will be determined by a majority of valid ballots returned. If no single candidate receives fifty percent (50%) of the valid votes, a run-off election between the top two finishers must occur within two weeks

General Information - Electors

- The President is elected by a vote of NGJA members who are certified above the Compulsory level (the “NGJA Electors”).
- An Elector must be and NGJA member in good standing.
- Only individuals who meet the following requirements will be members of the NGJA:
 - (i) are not on the suspended or permanently banned list of individuals published by USA Gymnastics and are therefore not eligible to become a member of USA Gymnastics in any capacity or whose membership in USA Gymnastics has been revoked:
 - (ii) pay all required dues and fees to the NGJA and a respective Member Association; and pass a judge certification course (at any level) during a respective membership year.

General Information - Officer Requirements

- They must be at least nineteen (19) years of age.
- They must be an active NGJA member certified above the Compulsory level.
- They must be actively judging within the previous nominal year.
- They must be in good standing with the NGJA, their association, and the current gymnastics national governing body.

General Information – Regional Elections

- Region Elections
 - Region Directors will solicit from NGJA Electors nominations for the Region Director, Region Operations & Education Director, and Region Development Director positions in their respective region

Election Procedures

- In all election and voting instances, the National President or their designee(s) (collectively referred to herein as Designated Election Official(s)), are to conduct the election procedures as provided herein.
- Designated Election Official(s) are to work from a list of the NGJA Electors which the Operations Director shall maintain and provide.
- All NGJA members who are NGJA Electors are eligible to vote in national and regional elections, while all NGJA members (inclusive of Compulsory and Entry card holders) may vote in local association elections.
- The Designated Election Official(s) must send guidelines for upcoming elections before the end of the ***second quarter [end of June 2024]*** of an election year to every NGJA Elector.
- The Designated Election Official(s) will set the election dates for as follows:
 - A. Deadlines for nominations of National President, Region Directors, Region Operations & Education Directors, and Region Development Directors.
 - B. Dates for voting in both national and region elections (with all such elections to be held at the same time) and procedures to cast a ballot (for ease of clarity, although national and regional elections are to be held at the same time, separate ballots may be used for each such election).

Ballot Procedures

- Elections will be conducted by using electronic ballots to be accessed via the internet through a secured voting system (Voting System). The NGJA will use Big Pulse to conduct its electronic elections. Full software validation documentation is available at [ElectionBuddy](#).
- The Operations Director will compile and provide the most recent e-mail address on record with the NGJA for NGJA Elector to the Designated Election Official(s). The Designated Election Official(s) will then plan for each NGJA Elector with a provided email address to vote electronically using the Voting System.
- In Regional elections, NGJA Electors will use the Voting System to vote only for candidates in their respective NGJA region. All ballots will be counted by a non-NGJA affiliated neutral body designated by the President or his designee subject to the approval of the Governing Board.
- No vote will be required in the event that through the nomination process only one nominee is put forward for an office. In such a situation, the lone nominee will be automatically elected without the necessity of a balloting process and vote. A member elected in this manner will take office at the same time as if a ballot and vote did occur