

## Jerry Donahue



Judges for Life Award





Awarded every 4 years at the U.S. Olympic Trials (or U.S. Championships, if Trials is not available) to one judge who has demonstrated the following characteristics over the course of their judging career:

- Kindness and compassion toward others, especially those who are in need, developing in the judging community, or facing challenges.
- Respect for the diversity and dignity of all people, regardless of their background or beliefs.
- Complete integrity and honesty, taking responsibility for their actions and words.
- Loyal and trustworthy, fostering healthy and respectful relationships with their fellow and prospective judges, coaches, gymnasts and staff.
- Selfless support and encouragement of fellow judges, including celebrating their achievements and successes.

For 2024, the Award will be given at U.S. Championships in Fort Worth, TX



## Eligibility and Award Process

Open to all judges that meet the following criteria:

- Active NGJA members with at least 8 years of membership, or
- Retired NGJA members with at least 10 years of membership

Nominations can come from any member of the gymnastics community, but must include:

- Biographical detail of the nominee including a photo, judging background, etc. (template to be provided)
- Letter of recommendation clearly aligning to the characteristics of the award (template to be provided)

Award Committee to be comprised of 7 people - 6 current NGJA members and the NGJA President (committee members are assigned by the NGJA President for that cycle). Current member proposal: Jon Corbitt, Peter Wieging, Num Kutz, Charlie Magdaleno, Lynn Boman, Craig Nesbitt, Mike Juszczyk. Award Committee will be responsible for reviewing all submissions and will vote on the award winner for that quadrennium. Award Committee may have different members over time but will always be appointed by the NGJA President.



## Award Details and Benefits

Crystal (or other) award with the details for that quadrennium

Donation in the name of the recipient to the Greater San Diego Chapter of the ALS Association (http://webgsd.alsa.org/) or another charity of the Donahue family choosing

Announcement on the floor during the U.S. Olympic Trials (or U.S. Championships) (to confirm with USAG each award cycle if this is possible)

Recognition during NGJA Annual Meeting at U.S. Olympic Trials (or U.S. Championships)

Honoree and Nancy Donahue - Flights and Hotel for U.S. Olympic Trials (or U.S. Championships)

Honoree will be posted on NGJA website (similar to Judge of Year and Hall of Fame)



## Timeline

Scope of Award and Process Approved by NGJA Governing Board: March 1, 2024 (Complete)

Communication and Request for Nominations: Sent March 15, 2024

Submissions Due: March 29, 2024

Award Committee Selection: April 5, 2024

Communicate to Honoree and Jerry's Family: April 8, 2024

Confirm Availability for Honoree and Nancy Donahue to Attend U.S. Championships: April 15, 2024

Award, Logistics and Other Planning Complete: May 1, 2024

Award at US. Championships: May 30 - June 2, 2024