

Letter of Recommendation for Robert Boudreaux  
For the Jerry Donahue NGJA Judges for Life Award

I meet Robert at the Junior Olympics Nationals in 1997. When I moved at the end of that year to North Carolina I got a better knowledge of what he was all about in our sport and how important he was for gymnastics in region 8.

Robert can sit with you and talk forever about gymnastics, the evolution of our sport, judging and the way that has changed over the years. He is a fountain of knowledge, and he wants to pass this on to everyone that is willing to listen to him. He challenges you to be a better judge, coach, and person; he is responsible for the creation of the Region 8 Men's gymnastics Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Men's Gymnastics Hall of Fame with the main goal of celebrating the contribution of coaches, gymnasts, and judges to gymnastics in our country and the region.

As a judge, Robert has mentored many coaches, gymnasts, and judges. He is also responsible for the creation of the Carolinas Gymnastics Judges Association, for many years he taught the NGJA national and JO courses. His influence has been positive across the southern states for decades. He is a retired physical education teacher and track and field coach. Robert is still coaching gymnastics and sharing his knowledge with our youth.

I am recommending Robert Boudreaux for consideration for the Jerry Donahue NGJA Judges for Life Award. His contribution throughout the years to our sport has been unbelievably valuable.

Respectfully,

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NGJA Regional Director Region 8

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