

WASHINGTON GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

DIVISION 1: CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Washington Gymnastics Judges Association (hereinafter the Association or WGJA).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the WGJA shall be in support of men’s gymnastics in the Association’s local area to improve the quality of gymnastics judging, increase the quantity and quality of gymnastics judges, and foster high ethical standards in the sport of gymnastics including accountability and the prevention of conflicts of interest.

ARTICLE III – NATIONAL AFFILIATION

The Association will be a member association of the National Gymnastics Judges Association, Inc. (hereinafter NGJA).

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Individuals who attend a judge’s certification course sponsored or held by the Association, pass either the National or Junior Olympic test provided by NGJA, pay the required Association annual dues, pay the required NGJA dues, and is either a Junior Professional Member (currently available to those 16-17 years old) or a Professional Member of the United States Gymnastics Association (hereinafter USAG), or eligible for such membership, will be members of the Association (hereinafter Members).

SECTION 2: Individuals who otherwise meet the membership requirements in Section 1, but who pass only the Junior Olympic judging test will be considered Junior Members of the Association while those who pass the National judging test will be considered National Members of the Association.

SECTION 2. Membership will be open to all individuals who meet the requirements in Section 1 regardless of race color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression, marital status, or disability.

SECTION 3. Only current National Members will be vested with the right to be an Association officer, vote for Association Officers, vote in any other Association elections, or vote on any other Association business allowed herein.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Secretary/Assignor, and a Treasurer [an Association may choose to combine the positions of secretary and treasurer, add positions, such as an Assignment Officer or similar]. No person may hold more than one officer position in the Association at a time.

SECTION 2. Any National Member of the Association is eligible to be an Association officer.

SECTION 3. The term of office for the Association officers shall be four (4) years from the date of election, which will be held at the Association’s annual member meeting. It is recommended, though not required, that the annual meeting coincide with the Association’s annual judge’s certification course or to some other time voted on by a majority of the officers.

SECTION 4. The Association's officers shall be elected by a majority of National Members in attendance at Association's annual meeting in the year officer elections are held.

SECTION 5. Should a vacancy in an officer position occur prior to a subsequent election (e.g., termination, resignation, failure to qualify as a National Member, etc.), the Association President shall appoint an eligible National Member to fill the vacancy until the next regular election. Should the President's office become vacant, the Secretary/Assignor will become President for the remainder of the unexpired term and the new President will appoint an eligible member to be Secretary/Assignor for the remainder of the unexpired term. Should both the President and Secretary/Assignor become simultaneously vacant prior to a subsequent election, a new election shall be held to fill the remaining term of the vacant officer positions.

SECTION 6. All of the Association officers together will make-up the Association's Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Association will hold at least one regular meeting each year to coincide with the Association's annual judge's certification course. The President may call additional Association meetings to address the business or other needs of the Association, provided that Members are given at least three (3) weeks advance written notice of meeting which will include the meeting date, time, location, and agenda.

SECTION 2. For any vote taken at an Association meeting to be valid and binding upon the Association and its Members, at least fifty (50%) of the Association's National members must vote, either by being present and voting at the meeting or casting their vote by electronic means before the meeting.

SECTION 3. The Association's Executive Committee will meet as often as necessary to conduct the business of the Association, but at a minimum at least once each year.

ARTICLE VI – RULES OF PROCEDURE

Robert's Rules of Order (revised) shall be the parliamentary authority for all Association meetings.

ARTICLE VII – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any National Member of the Association.

SECTION 2. Consent by two-thirds (2/3) of all National Members shall be necessary to approve amendments to this Constitution. Voting on amendments to this Constitution may occur at any properly held meeting of the Association provided that written details of the proposed amendment (minimally, what is proposed to be changed, the new language to be included, the reason for the proposed change) is provided to the National Members at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of the meeting where the vote will occur. Members may vote by electronic means in advance of the meeting.

DIVISION 2: BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The duties of the President shall be to:

- a. Preside over all Association membership meetings;
- b. Call for special Association meetings when necessary;

- c. Serve as chairperson of the Association Executive Committee;
- d. Conduct the official business of the Association;
- e. Sign official documents on behalf of the Association;
- f. Organize and conduct (or delegate) the Association's annual judge's certification course; and
- g. Serve as the Association's representative in matters related to the NGJA and JO Region 2, including USAG State Directors of states without an NGJA judging association.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Secretary/Assignor shall be to:

- a. Take minutes of each meeting of the Association and the Executive Committee;
- b. Provide all notices required under the Association Constitution and By-Law;
- c. Tabulate (or delegate) all votes taken under the Association Constitution and By-Laws; and
- d. Be responsible for any correspondence concerning the Association.
- e. Coordinate with the meet hosts and assign judges, with the President's approval, to all men's gymnastics competitions held within Washington including club meets, invitationals, and state championships.
- f. Succeed the President should a vacancy occur during a term of office
- g. Assist the President with the business of the Association.

SECTION 3. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:

- a. Keep records of all Association financial documents;
- b. Maintain an Association bank account where all Association funds shall be deposited;
- c. Sign all Association checks in conjunction with the Association President; and
- d. Prepare and make a financial report at the Association's annual meeting.

ARTICLE II – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Ad-hoc committees may be formed by the Association President to investigate matters of concern or to complete tasks of benefit to the Association.

SECTION 2. The Chairperson and any members of an ad-hoc committee will be appointed by the President and include Nationals Members of the Association.

ARTICLE III –REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any Member, including officers, of the Association will immediately have their Association membership revoked if they no longer meet the requirements for membership in the Association. Any Member who is no longer eligible to obtain a USAG Professional Membership will no longer meet the requirements for membership in the Association.

ARTICLE IV – FINANCES/DUES

SECTION 1. Annual dues for all members will be set by the Executive Committee each year and payable at the Association's annual membership meeting.

SECTION 2. Association funds may be limited to the following expenditures:

- a. Correspondence (including printing, stamps, etc.) related to Association business;
- b. Costs directly related to Association meetings, including the Association's annual judge's certification course;
- c. Expenses approved by the Executive Committee related to a judges exchange with another judging association;
- d. The purchase of any awards to be given to Association Members that may be approved from by the Executive Committee;
- e. Expenses approved by the Executive Committee related to obtaining FIG Brevet certification;
- f. Costs incurred by WGJA members directly related to certification.

ARTICLE V – BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed by any WGJA National Member of the Association.

SECTION 2. Consent by two-thirds (2/3) of all WGJA National Members shall be necessary to approve amendments to these By-Laws. Voting on amendments to these By-Laws may occur at any properly held meeting of the Association provided that written details of the proposed amendment (what is proposed to be changed, the new language to be included, the reason for the proposed change, etc.) is provided to the National Members at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of the meeting where the vote will occur.

ARTICLE VI – JUDGING FEES

Association Members will be paid for judging competitions in accordance with attached schedule identified as Exhibit A, which shall be updated from time to time and incorporated herewith, and which will at all times be in compliance with the NGJA requirements for judging fees.

ARTICLE VII -VOTING

Voting can be in person at the meeting or by electronic means contemporaneous with any election, ratification, amendment. Voting by proxy is not allowed.