



## NAWGJ Mission:

to provide professional development for its members and to support and promote women's gymnastics in the United States



August 2021

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## Welcome the TX NAWGJ State Governing Board (SGB) 2021-2023 Members

Be sure to add [sjd@txnawgj.org](mailto:sjd@txnawgj.org) to your contacts, so the messages don't go into your spam folder. You may be missing something important.

If you have questions, please reach out to your SGB members.

Please **thank them** for their many hours of dedication to Texas gymnastics.

[Jack Dunlop](#) - District 1 Assigner and High School Coordinator

[Kevin Freeman](#) - District 2/3 Co-Assigner

[Amy Heidel](#) - District 2/3 Co-Assigner

[Denise Coats-Lauriat](#) - District 2/3 High School Assigner

[Stephanie Bell-Turner](#) - District 4/7 Assigner

[Erika Franklin](#) - District 5/6 Assigner

[Jennifer Porter](#) - Secretary/Newsletter Editor

[Tiffany Schwartz](#) - Treasurer

[Tracy Brewer](#) - Event Coordinator

[Bonnie Crawford](#) - State Judging Director (SJD)

## THANK YOU!

Two of our TX NAWGJ State Governing Board members just completed their terms. When you see these sweet ladies, please **thank them** for their many hours of dedication to Texas gymnastics. We appreciate you, Jenny and Laurie! Thank you for your years of irreplaceable service to our gymnastics community. We are better because of you, and your presence on the board will be missed.

[Jenny Robinson](#) Thank you for all of your years as the District 4/7 Assigner. You fulfilled the duties with fairness and integrity and are just an all-around amazing person!

[Laurie Skelton](#) Thank you for all of your work as the Event Coordinator. You held two years of service to our judging and NAWGJ community. Your experience as a judge, gym owner, and coach gave us great insights.





**We're already prepping for an awesome summer of learning!**

**Save the date!**  
**September 4-5, 2021**  
**Renaissance Hotel, Austin**

- Late Registration \$235 by September 2nd
- Register at <https://gatx.org/>
- CPE 10 hours
- TX NAWGJ annual membership luncheon
  - FREE to active TX NAWGJ members
  - Awards

**Featuring:**

- Eric Pung, co-author of the new compulsory routines
- Brandi Smith, Perfect 10 Physical Therapy
- Marilyn Blilie, Jan Eyman, Bonnie Crawford, optional and Xcel changes, 6/7 vault
- TX NAWGJ annual membership meeting and luncheon - FREE to members
- THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING! \* Subject to change

Topic	Speaker	Topic	Speaker
DP Updates / Xcel Updates	Marilyn Blilie	New Level 4/5 BB Are you Judging It Right?	Eric Pung
New Level 1-5 Vault and Bars Are You Judging It Right?	Eric Pung	New Level 4/5 FX Are you Judging It Right?	Eric Pung
New Level 1/2 BB and FX Are You Judging It Right?	Eric Pung	How to relax, rejuvenate, and refocus between sessions	Brandi Smith
Membership luncheon and meeting	TX NAWGJ	Lunch on your own	
L6/7 Vault	Jan Eyman and Daire O'Ceallag	Exam Prep	Bonnie Crawford Marilyn Blilie Jan Eyman
Artistry, Footwork, Posture for BB and FX	Eric Pung	Optional exams	Bonnie Crawford Marilyn Blilie Jan Eyman
New Level 3 BB and FX Are You Judging It Right?	Eric Pung		

## **TEXAS JUDGES CUPS OCTOBER 1-3, 2021**



- West Texas – Theme TBD
  - Permian High School, Odessa
- DFW – Welcome to the Jungle!
  - Treviño's Gymnastics, Lancaster
- Austin/San Antonio – Charlie Brown/Great Pumpkin
  - Powerhouse TNT Gymnastics, San Antonio
- Houston – Pumpkin Fest
  - Woodlands Gymnastics Academy, Spring

**NATIONAL JUDGES CUP**

# JANUARY 7-9, 2022

- New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
- All gyms are invited to register teams
- All judges are invited to volunteer
  - Sign up to volunteer on the [2022 National Judges Cup Volunteer Interest Form](#)
  - 1 judge volunteer from the Texas Judges' Cups will be selected by a random drawing to attend as a volunteer with all expenses paid
- Texas will be sending a level 7 all-star team as Team Texas
  - Team Texas won first place at the 2021 National Judges' Cup in Louisville, KY ☐☐☐

## XCEL XTRAVAGANZA February 11-13



- Zero Gravity, Robinson (Waco)
- All Xcel divisions
- All DP compulsory and optional levels
- Includes an acro and tumbling competition



### It's a Summer of learning!

- Look out for other potential online CPE offerings:
  - Women-->Judges-->CPE Clinics
  - <https://usagym.org/pages/education/pages/liveCourses.html#cpe>
- **Annual membership luncheon**
  - **Saturday, September 4**
  - **GAT**
  - **Awards**
  - **All active TX NAWGJ members are invited**
- Compulsory testing:
  - All online
  - Online registration begins very soon - keep an eye out  
[https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/judging\\_accreditation.html](https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/judging_accreditation.html)
- Priorities for assigning compulsory meets in the fall of 2021 through December 31:
  - First priority goes to those who have PASSED the 2021-29 Level 4/5 exam
  - Next priority is for those who have tested but did not pass.
  - Last to be assigned are those who have a 2013-21 Level 4/5 rating but have not yet taken the 2021-29 exam.
- Anyone who has a current Level 4/5 rating (2013-21) and has not passed the 2021-29 exam by December 31, 2021, will no longer be eligible to judge Levels 1-5.
- Optional testing:
  - September 5 at GAT in Austin @ Renaissance Hotel
  - Look for other tests at  
[https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/judging\\_accreditation.html#](https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/judging_accreditation.html#)
  - Effective August 1, 2022, all written exams will be online, but the practical exams will continue to be administered in a live, person-to-person exam

- **August 21-22: 2021 Virtual National Congress**



- Cost:
  - \$100 for members and non-members
  - Continuous access for 30 days after the event
- Register at <https://usagym.org/pages/education/courses/U410/> by August 18

## NATIONAL CONGRESS NEWS BRIEF (not all-inclusive)

### EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021:

- **CODE CHANGES:**
  - 45-second vault, bars, and beam fall time begins once the gymnast is up on her feet
  - **\*\*Level 7 only\*\*** not required to land on any part of the bottom of the feet first for Tsukahara- or Yurchenko-entry vaults (must land on feet for front handspring-entry vaults)
  - Failure to use a mat stack for level 6 and 7 vault will result in a void vault
- **ATHLETES:**
  - Backless leotard deductions apply
  - Solid black lycra shorts over a leotard allowed
  - More than 1 pair of stud earrings allowed
- **JUDGES:**
  - Printed MapQuest no longer required for mileage
  - Navy sweaters and dresses allowed **\*\*\*except\*\*\* >>>**
  - **Suit jackets required at state and above competitions**
  - Leggings are not acceptable
  - Changes for the 2022 National/Brevet course announced

MORE TO FOLLOW



THINGS TO GET DONE!!!

**2021 COMPULSORY  
STATE MEET  
AVAILABILITY IS  
DUE AUGUST 15th**

<http://txnawgj.org/index.php/forms/2021-comp-avail-online>

**2022 REGIONAL MEET  
AVAILABILITY IS DUE**

# AUGUST 20th

<http://txnawgj.org/index.php/forms/2022-reg-avail>

## NATIONAL AND BREVET COURSE FORMS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1st

- Submit to Marilyn Blilie at [marilyn3rtc@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn3rtc@gmail.com) no later than **November 1**
- Reduced requirements due to COVID:
  - Attend 1 regional/national educational event
  - Volunteer a minimum of 6 hours at 1 function
  - <https://usagym.org/pages/post.html?PostID=25811>
- National: [https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Judges/22\\_CourseEligibilityForm.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Judges/22_CourseEligibilityForm.pdf)
- Brevet: [https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Judges/22\\_brevetcourse.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Judges/22_brevetcourse.pdf)



## TIME TO RENEW & UPDATE!!

### \*CPE (annual)

At this time, do not expect a reduction in CPE requirements for 2021-22. The WTC will address any possible changes when they meet in November.

### \*USA Membership (annual)

### \*USA SafeSport (annual)

both U110 (annual) and U113 (new)

### \*USA Background Check (2yrs)

### \*USA Safety Certification (4 yrs)

\*NAWGJ MEMBERSHIP - dues paid if you volunteer at Judges Cup October 1-3, 2021.

\*must be an active member

\*UPDATE GYMJAS profile with membership and certification dates

## Did you receive a seemingly suspicious e-mail from NCSI?

The email you received regarding your background check is legitimate, and action is required to keep your background check in an active status.

There are a handful of members who completed their background check in 2019 and 2020 who did not agree to the terms of the midterm recheck that is automatically run by NCSI for USA Gymnastics. NCSI inadvertently left the agreement language out of their terms, which is why they are now following up with the members in this group.

It is imperative that you complete the background recheck questionnaire linked in the email sent to you from [automation@instascreen.net](mailto:automation@instascreen.net) with the subject line "USA Gymnastics Invitation for Background Screening."

Should you have any questions, please contact NCSI directly: 866-833-7100 or by email:

Laura Binstock, Client Services Specialist [laurab@ncsisafe.com](mailto:laurab@ncsisafe.com)



## TAAF Coaching Workshop, Compulsories & XCEL

August 28-29: TAAF Coach's Workshop, New Compulsories, and Xcel

- Where: Treviño's Gymnastics School, Lancaster, TX
- Clinicians:
  - Windee Weiss, co-author of the new compulsory routines
  - Marilyn Blilie, Region 3 Tech Chair
  - Jan Eyman, NAWGJ Education Director
  - Bonnie Crawford, TX NAWGJ State Judging Director
  - TAAF Council members and experienced coaches:
    - Rich Trevino, Treviño's Gymnastics School
    - Brad Turner, Best Gymnastics
    - Megan Fenton, Richardson Gymnastics
    - Tricia Guertel, Texas Best Gymnastics
    - Nick Chaimson, Irving Gymnastics
- Cost:
  - \$25 for TAAF coaches/instructors/judges
  - \$75 for any other coach/instructor/judge

Register by August 16th @  
<http://www.taaf.com/gymnastics>

## About Texas NAWGJ

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