



To provide professional development, leadership, and support to Texas NAWGJ members and to unify and promote women's gymnastics throughout the state.



Texas NAWGJ would like to thank the following committee members who have now “retired” from their years of volunteer service supporting gymnastics in Texas.

Jack Dunlop district 1 assigner
Kevin Freeman district 2/3 assigner
Denise Coats Lauriat. . . district 2/3 HS assigner

Erika Franklin district 5/6 assigner
Tiffany Schwartz treasurer
Nancy Parker education

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

Jennifer Porter
District 1 Assigner



Gymnastics has been a huge part of my life since I was young. I was a competitive gymnast from 1987 until 1991. Then continued in the sport that I love as a judge 1992 and now hold a national rating since 2002.

I am a Owner/Director of Rock Solid Athletics in Lubbock

I hold a BS degree in Exercise Science and a BA Communications both from Texas Tech
Enjoy gardening, animals, traveling & good food.

Amy Heidel
District 2/3 Assigner



Hello! My name is Amy Heidel, and I'm excited to be your District 2/3 assigner! I began gymnastics at six years old and immediately knew I had found my passion. What started as something fun quickly became a defining part of my life. I competed as a JO athlete for 10 years, qualifying for JO Nationals three times and achieving Junior International Elite status.

My journey continued at Texas Woman's University, where I competed collegiately, became an All-American on multiple events, and helped our team win two national titles. After college, I transitioned into coaching and spent the last 13 years working with high school gymnasts and was lucky enough to be voted coach of the year a few times. I also took on judging and received my National rating.

This year, I'm starting a new adventure—teaching 3rd grade and raising my beautiful, sassy, and hilarious 5-year-old daughter, Charlotte. When I'm not working, I enjoy reading, spending time with my daughter, and indulging in all things Harry Potter and Dallas Cowboys. I'm looking forward to a fantastic season and working with each of you!

Brandi Simmons
District 2/3 high school assigner



Hi, I'm Brandi Simmons, and I've been immersed in the world of gymnastics for over 40 years. I first stepped into the gym at just 5 years old and instantly fell in love with the challenge, discipline, and excitement that the sport brings. That early passion grew into a lifelong commitment, leading me to coach competitive and high school gymnastics, and serve in leadership roles such as Secretary for the Texas High School Gymnastics Association and Treasurer for the North Texas Gymnastics Program (NTGP).

Outside of the gym, I'm a proud mother to my 6-year-old son, Boyd, who is truly the light of my life. I also have a fulfilling career in education, with 17 years of experience spanning high school to intermediate levels. My background includes work in both general and special education, where I strive to make learning meaningful and accessible for every student.

Whether I'm in the gym or the classroom, I bring a deep sense of purpose, care, and dedication to everything I do.



CPE is now overdue!

Safe Sport!



Reminder that you are not eligible on the floor until you have completed the SafeSport course.

Julie Foght
District 5/6 assigner



Hi! My name is Julie Foght. My gymnastics journey has encompassed a broad spectrum in the sport. Besides being a former competitor, I am a gym owner, coach and judge.

When I am not doing something in the gymnastics field, I love to travel, read, workout and enjoy family and friends.

Stephanie Bell-Turner
District 7 assigner



I started doing tap, jazz, and ballet at age 4 in the DFW area. I competed until level 8 and did horseback riding. I quit doing gymnastics when my family moved to the San Antonio area during high school. I have been coaching gymnastics for 28 years now and have been judging gymnastics for 9 years. My favorite part about gymnastics is watching the kids finally get something and seeing them realize that they can do anything they set their minds to.

My full time jobs have been in the aftermarket automotive industry and I currently run logistics for a large timber corporation. My hobbies include driving fast cars, target practicing, sleeping, and traveling. I have also served on the local Miata Club Executive Committee for the last 20 years.

My favorite place I have traveled to has been Australia. I have been to Australia twice and am a regular visitor to the Cozumel and Cancun areas. My next trip is Italy and Spain this fall.

Josie Ely
Treasurer



A Mom to 3, Emmett (23), Clayton (21) and Molly (17 & Level 9 Gymnast), Pixie Dust (13) our fur baby and wife to my sweet Ben. I grew up and competed in the 80's when America's Sweetheart was the icon. I had always wanted to become a gymnastics coach and judge, however I had never wanted coaching and judging to mix with being a Gymnastics Mom, that was and is very important to me. After my second Son graduated and moved out I realized the inevitable reality of an empty nest was in the near future, so 2 years ago I decided it was time to start thinking about the next chapter and that is when I started coaching at my Daughter's gym, Thunder Elite in College Station and started compulsory judging.

I have been in finance and accounting for nearly 20 years. I began in the banking industry, moved into the private sector of accounting and bookkeeping and for the past 12 years as a controller in the construction industry. I am excited to be more involved and look forward to meeting new people and learning from all of you!

Donna Robacher
Professionalism Coordinator



Class I gymnast - Shore Gymnastics, Pt Pleasant, NJ
and a high school gymnast - Wall, NJ
College gymnast - East Stroudsburg University,
E. Stroudsburg, PA
Gymnastics owner - Olympic Academy of Gymnastics,
Newark, OH
Gymnastics coach at club level several sites
in NJ, PA, OH and TX - level 3 to level 10

College gymnastics assistant coach - Texas
Woman's University
Elite woman's gymnastics judge 1997
National woman's gymnastics judge 2001 to
2024
I was a green flag winner in 2024

Employment outside of gymnastics - Director
of Clinical Quality Performance, Lifepoint
Health Inpatient Rehab division, Occupational
Therapist by training.

Tracy Brewer
Event Coordinator



Grew up in Carrollton, Texas. Private club gymnastics at Dallas Gymnastics Center. 4 year Letterman at TWU Gymnastics. USAG Judge for 32 years. In my 37th year as Flight Attendant for American Airlines. TXNAWGJ Event Coordinator, starting 4th year. Four wonderful children-ALL GROWN UP!

Shey Willcoxon
Recruitment and Retention
Coordinator



Hello! My name is Shey Willcoxon and I am the current New Judge Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. I was so humbled that I was re-elected for another term and so very thankful, but I was so excited to see other candidates who were seeing the need for the position and the importance it brings to our organization. I hope they know I will be hitting them up for help!! Now a little about myself, I have been actively coaching since 1991 and judging since 1994. Along with my family, we own a gym in the Houston Area and will celebrate our 40th Anniversary in 2026, so exciting and so many changes within our sport during this time! While I was not a crazy good (some might even say horrible) gymnast, I fell in love with the sport. I love the beauty and the strength, while watching the technical side and understanding the challenge behind the gracefulness. I love sharing our sport with all who will listen. Fun fact about me – outside of gymnastics, I am a Master Gardener with a specialty in Plant Pathology (plant viruses and diseases) and I am adding Entomology (Bugs) this year!!

Lani Yosten
Secretary and Newsletter editor



I started participating in gymnastics in 1968 at the local YMCA.

I started judging in 1987 and acquired my National rating in 2001.

I have held the positions of district 2/3 assigner for 14 years, GAT secretary and various NTGP positions.

I love to mentor judges and watch them become successful!

I've been married 52 years to Ted Yosten and we have 3 married children, 6 grandchildren.

I make pillows and bowl koozies for the homeless children at Foster's Home in Stephenville.

I love to sew, crochet, walk the dog and travel.

Amanda Stroud
Education Coordinator



Amanda is a former elite gymnast who competed for the United States National Team and as a full scholarship athlete at the University of Florida. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Florida and has remained deeply involved in the sport through coaching and judging. She holds FIG International Brevet judging certifications in both Men's and Women's Artistic Gymnastics and currently serves as an Athlete Representative on the USA Gymnastics Selection Committee.

Outside of gymnastics, Amanda lives in Somerville with her husband, five cats, 26 chickens and 13 turkeys. When she's not at a meet or in a gym, she enjoys sewing and getting lost in a good book.



Welcome these new judges:

District 1

Mark Lee Robbins . . . National
Cary Fulham 4/5

District 3

Tatianna Rael 4/5

District 5

Ashleigh Deckert . . . 4/5



Congratulate these judges on their new ratings in 2025:

Shannon Gilbreath Davis District 2 Level 10



Testing: If you would like to test up this year and need to take an optional practical test, contact Bonnie Crawford to request a test in Texas. Note: there will be a test offered at GAT.

2025 TX NAWGJ Judges' Cup October 3-5

DEV Levels 1-5; Xcel Bronze - Gold

- **West Texas hosted by New Heights Gymnastics; Midland with the theme “Medieval Times”**
- **DFW hosted by Classic Gymnastics; N. Richland Hills with the theme “Once Upon a Time”**
- **San Antonio / Austin hosted by Powerhouse TNT; San Antonio with the theme “Groovy”**
- **Houston hosted by WGA; Spring with the theme “Rock and Roll!”**

Your participation is valuable, and we look forward to seeing you there!

NOTE: TxNawgj randomly selects two judges from the list of Judges’ Cup participants to attend the National Judges’ Cup (NJC) with all expenses paid. This year, NJC will be in Anaheim, CA the weekend of January 2-4, 2026.

Check out our Judges’ Cup package for judges.

[View package](#)

Watch our top Level 7 State all-around champions represent Texas at NJC

[2026 National Judges Cup Volunteer Interest Form](#)

SAVE THE DATE

2026 National Judges Cup &
Patty J. Shipman Level 7 State Team Challenge

JANUARY 2-4, 2026

IN ANAHEIM, CA

Hosted at The Marriott Anaheim, walking distance to
The Disneyland Resort



Updating Availability in GymJAS: Keep your availability current in GymJAS for regular season meet assignments.

★ GymJAS availability determines regular season meet assignments.

★ The state meet availability form is used for post-season assignments, not GymJAS. The selection committee cannot see your availability in the system.

* Note: if you are no longer available, you must inform Bonnie Crawford to remove you from the bid. Simply marking yourself unavailable in GymJAS does not affect the selection committee's assignments.

NEW

Timely Contract Acceptance: You must accept your contracts within two weeks of assignment. Failure to follow this new policy will result in forfeiting the assignment. You will have a reminder one week after the assignment. **Once the two week deadline has passed, your assignment will be deleted and you will be replaced.**

Hotel Booking Coordination: If you need a hotel, you must inform the meet director as soon as possible. Delays can significantly increase costs for the gym as the meet date approaches. Additionally, never book your own accommodations without first coordinating with the meet director, as special pricing arrangements may have been made.

Assignment Preparation: Be fully prepared for your assignments. There have been reports of judges arriving unprepared or unfamiliar with the rules, which is unacceptable.

Practice Judging

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH AT 8:00 PM THERE WILL BE A ZOOM COMPULSORY PRACTICE JUDGING SESSION. WE WILL JUDGE AND DISCUSS VAULT AND FLOOR

ROUTINES FOR LEVEL 3-5. PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR A SPOT.

ZOOM MEETING CODE WILL BE SENT OUT BY EMAIL THE DAY BEFORE.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL TXNAWGJ@GMAIL.COM

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0548ADAE29A5F4CF8-58028365-practice>



Open to USAG Judges & Coaches

JINGLE BELL 2025

Workshop- Live Judging & Review

**Sunday
Dec 14, 2025**

Check in: 8:00am
Workshop: 8:30am - 11:30am

**\$25 Admission
Must Register @
TXNAWGJ.org
3 CPE Clinic Hours**

Richardson Recreation Center
300 E. Arapaho Rd.
Richardson, TX. 75081

Bring a dish to share...lite bites will be provided for each break.



TXNAWGJ Presents:
Jingle Bell CRITIQUE 2025

Sunday, Dec 14, 2025
12pm -8pm
*Exact times TBD

Richardson Recreation Center
300 E. Arapaho Rd.
Richardson, Tx. 75081

Register through USAG Meet Reservation System
Sanction #94582

Routine Evaluation
3 Judge Panel
2 Judges / 1 Scribe
Each Gymnast Receives a Detailed Evaluation

Open to Coaches/Clubs
\$75 per athlete
Levels 6-10, Xcel
USAG Sanctioned

*Gate fee of \$10 (ages 12+)
** No Concessions. Lite Bites available for Coaches/Judges.



Kansas and Oklahoma NAWGJ

Fall Clinic



Presentation by:
Megan Bankole

Location:
The Marcus Welcome Center
at WSU
1845 Fairmount St
Wichita, KS 67260



When:
September 13-14, 2025

Cost:
KS and OK judges free
\$25 All other attendees

Schedule

Saturday Session 1: 9am-12 pm

- Combined Dev and Xcel Updates
- I'm Not Extra, You're Extra- How extra cast/swing deductions apply in different areas of the Women's Program
- Top 10 Questions in the Xcel Program

Session 2: 1-5pm

- Xcel Code Study-breakdown of the entire code of points

Sunday Session 3: 8am-12pm

- Testing strategies, 2026 testing, and practice judging

Please register by emailing either
Molly.ksnawgj@gmail.com or
brittneyshaw1124@gmail.com

KANSAS CLINICS: 2 DIFFERENT CLINICS ON ONE WEEKEND!



Kansas NAWGJ Fall Clinic

September 6th & 7th, 2025
Featuring Windee Weiss-R4 RTCC

****CPE Credits: Up to 12 hours available****

Event Schedule

Saturday, September 6th

- **Session 1:** 8:30 AM –12:30 PM
 - Dev Program and Xcel Updates
 - Compulsories- What do those "General" Deductions mean?
 - Practice Judging Levels 3/4**** Light lunch served****
- **Session 2:** 1:00 PM –5:00 PM
 - "I'm Not Extra, You're Extra"- Extra Swings on Bars (Xcel, Compulsory, & Optional)
 - "Can I Get a Connection?"- Beam Connections (Xcel & Optional)
 - "Level 6/7 Beam & Floor- Separating Good from Excellent"

Sunday, September 7th

- **Session 3:** 8:30 AM –12:30 PM
 - Study Tips and Test Taking Prep Strategies!
 - Prepping for Competition: Build-A-Routine
 - Let's Get Ready for 2026: National/Brevet Course Paperwork & Testing; and What Everyone Can Expect

Location: Lenexa Justice Center 17371 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa
Registration Fee: \$25 per session
Coaches and Judges Welcome!!

Register [HERE](#)