

**COLORADO GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION
(CGJA)**

**CONSTITUTION
of the
Colorado Gymnastics Judges Association**

ARTICLE I

Name

A. The name of the association shall be:

COLORADO GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION

B. The association shall also be known as:

CGJA

C. The association is an affiliate of the National Gymnastics Judges Association (NGJA)

ARTICLE II

Principle Office

The principle office of the Association will be located at the address of the President.

ARTICLE III

General Association

It is the purpose of the Association to organize and certify all active officials, promote contemporary and innovative methods of evaluation and judging, promote the growth of the Association, and promote the growth and elevate the quality of gymnastics in Colorado and Wyoming.

ARTICLE IV

Definitions

- A. Nominal Year: The nominal year shall match the NGJA nominal year, from December 1 to November 30.
- B. JO Competitions: All competitions held within Colorado and Wyoming under USAG Junior Olympic rules and regulations.
- C. NCAA Competitions: All competitions held under NCAA rules and regulations.
- D. National Competitions: All competitions held outside of Colorado and Wyoming.
- E. Local Officials: Members of the CGJA.
- F. Out-of-State Officials: Officials who are not members of the CGJA.
- G. Club: Any training facility for gymnastics, except an NCAA institution.
- H. NGJA: The National Gymnastics Judges Association.
- I. USAG: U.S.A. Gymnastics.

ARTICLE V

Membership

- A. Eligibility for Membership – Any person eligible to be a USAG professional member is eligible to be a member of the Association.
- B. Admission to Membership – A person shall be admitted as a member after completing certification requirements per the Bylaws and the NGJA.
- C. Continuation of Membership – Active members must remain in good standing with Association, the NGJA, and the USAG and annually complete certification requirements per the Bylaws and the NGJA.
- D. Termination of Membership – Membership may be terminated by:
 - 1. Voluntary resignation,
 - 2. Nonpayment of dues,
 - 3. Failure to complete annual certification per the Bylaws, certified by the Executive Committee,
 - 4. Failure to remain in good standing with the Association as determined by unanimous decision of the Executive Committee, by a “clear and convincing” standard, or
 - 5. Death of the member.
- E. Membership is not transferable.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

- A. Officers of the Association shall be the:
 - 1. President,
 - 2. Treasurer, and
 - 3. Assigning Director.
- B. Officers must be members of the Association, in good standing.
- C. Officers shall be elected by a plurality of the membership.
- D. All officers shall be elected for a term of two years beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Judges' Meeting.
- E. Vacancies in any office shall be filled with a temporary appointment by the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, followed by an election at the next Annual Meeting.
- F. Should the office of President become vacant, the position shall be filled by plurality vote within one month of the vacancy. The Treasurer shall act as President until the office is filled. The Treasurer shall solicit the membership for nominations for a new President and conduct the election.
- G. Any individual can fill more than one of the above positions.
- H. All officers shall work to promote the CGJA and its members.

ARTICLE VII

Requirements to be an Officer

- A. Must be a current National Card holder.
- B. Must be at least 23 years of age.
- C. Must be actively judging as a member of the Association within the previous nominal year.
- D. Must be in good standing with the Association, the NGJA, and the USAG.
- E. Must previously have been a member of the NGJA for 3 years.

ARTICLE VIII

Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of three individuals.
- B. The Executive Committee shall initially consist of the President, Treasurer, and the most recent past-President.

C. Should the Executive Committee have less than three individuals, vacancies shall be filled by a plurality vote: The member with the highest number of votes shall fill the first vacancy; the second place finisher shall fill the second vacancy.

D. All members of the Executive Committee are members of the Association and may not be a member of any other state or regional men's gymnastics judges' association.

ARTICLE IX

Duties of Officers

A. President

1. Shall preside at all association meetings.
2. Shall, with the advice of the Executive Committee, appoint all committee chairs.
3. Shall call the Executive Committee to meet whenever necessary and reasonable.
4. Shall organize, plan, and administer the instructional part of each meeting.
5. Shall, with the advice of the Executive Committee, be responsible for planning the procedures for examining, classifying, and certifying all members in accordance with NGJA guidelines.
6. Shall sign and distribute certification cards to all members who have fulfilled the requirements.
7. Shall appoint a secretary at each meeting to keep and distribute minutes. Minutes shall include a list of members attending, all motions taken, and summaries of issues discussed.
8. Shall maintain a web page to facilitate communication between himself, the Executive Committee, and the members of the Association.
9. Shall inform all members of the time and place of each meeting and distribute information on all judging and safety certification courses.
10. Shall keep all members of the Association abreast of rule interpretations, updates, and changes.

B. Treasurer

1. Shall receive all applications for membership and collect all membership dues.
2. Shall pay national dues, submit a roster of members to the national office, and meet all membership requirements of the NGJA.
3. Shall submit a written financial report to the Association at each Annual Meeting.
4. Shall maintain a list of all members per the Bylaws.

5. Shall, at least one week prior to an annual meeting, verify the Association membership list.
6. Shall perform his duties in accordance with modern accounting standards.

C. Assigning Director

1. Shall be responsible for assigning or recommending Local Officials to local, National, and NCAA competitions.
2. Shall make recommendations, as requested, regarding National assignments.
3. Shall consult with and follow the direction of the Executive Committee in making assignments.
4. Shall consult with the State and Regional Chairmen, JO Regional Technical Director, and Senior Regional Directors, as applicable, before making assignments.
5. Shall consult with the State and Regional Chairmen, JO Regional Technical Director, and Senior Regional Directors, as applicable, during and after the competitions, as necessary.
6. Shall work with assigning directors outside of the Association to make judging-exchanges.
7. Shall assign Local Officials and Out-of-State Officials, as appropriate, to local, National, and NCAA competitions.
8. Shall communicate with the membership per the Bylaws.
9. Shall ensure that officials are properly paid by the Clubs and NCAA institutions for judging.
10. Shall ensure that all Association assigning fees are paid.
11. Shall report to the Treasurer, all competitions assigned during the year, per the Bylaws.
12. The membership may appoint, per the Bylaws, a separate Assigning Director for National and NCAA competitions. The National / NCAA Assigning Director shall have duties per the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X

Duties of the Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall be the final arbiter of disputes between members and between members and officers.
- B. Shall direct the Assigning Director, where appropriate, as to NCAA and Out-of-State assignments.

- C. Shall be the final arbiter, by unanimous decision, of the good standing of a member with the Association. The Executive Committee shall apply a “clear and convincing” standard to finding a member to not be in good standing.
- D. Shall appoint officers when necessary.
- E. All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by a majority vote of the Committee, unless otherwise specified.

ARTICLE XI

Responsibilities of Members

Each member shall:

- A. At all times relevant, act in a professional manner.
- B. Remain in communication with the President, and Assigning Director.
- C. Attend and participate in all Association meetings and functions, unless unavailable.
- D. Stay up to date with current rules and codes in order to be prepared to officiate appropriate competitions.

ARTICLE XII

Rights of Members

Members have the right to:

- A. Attend and participate in all Association meetings and functions.
- B. Vote on all issues presented for ballot.
- C. Vote in all elections.
- D. Stand as a candidate for any office according to this Constitution.
- E. Petition the Executive Committee for resolution of grievances.
- F. Be assigned as an official per the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII

Meetings

- A. An Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held once each year. The meeting shall be held in conjunction with the CGJA Judges’ Courses, when appropriate.
- B. The Executive Committee may schedule other membership meetings, with proper notice to the membership. At no time shall notice be given less than two weeks prior to a membership meeting.

C. Members may schedule other membership meetings, with proper notice. At no time shall notice be given less than two weeks prior to a membership meeting. One quarter of the membership must agree, in writing (email), to the holding of a membership meeting prior to notice.

D. All meetings of the Association shall be conducted according to *Roberts Rules of Order*.

E. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be personally present before business may be conducted at a membership meeting.

F. Decisions of the membership shall be taken by a majority of the membership voting in person and by proxy, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and Bylaws.

G. Voting by proxy shall be allowed. Intent to vote by proxy must be communicated to the President and Treasurer, in writing (email), prior to an issue being put to vote.

H. A standing proxy shall also be allowed. Intent to have a standing proxy must be communicated to the President and Treasurer, in writing (email), identifying first-proxy voter, second-proxy voter, etc.

ARTICLE XIV

Elections

A. Elections will be held every odd numbered year, during the Annual Meeting.

B. Each Officer shall be elected by a plurality of the membership.

C. Members of the Executive Committee, when appropriate, shall be elected by a plurality of the membership.

D. The sitting Executive Committee shall tally the ballots, or designate an individual or committee to tally the ballots.

E. In the case of a tie, a runoff between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be conducted. If a tie remains, following a runoff, the sitting Executive Committee shall determine the winner. If the sitting Executive Committee cannot determine a winner, the election shall be determined by a coin toss.

F. Voting by proxy shall be allowed. Intent to vote by proxy must be communicated to the President and Treasurer, in writing (email), prior to the election.

ARTICLE XV

Amendments

A. This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the membership. Proposed amendments must have been submitted in writing to each member of the Executive Committee no less than eight weeks prior to the Annual Meeting and

distributed to the members of the Association, by email, at least four weeks prior to the meeting at which said proposal is to be voted on.

B. In the interest of efficient meetings, prior to being put to a ballot, one-quarter of the membership must notify the President, by email, of their desire to vote on the amendment. The deadline for such notification shall be one week prior to the Annual Meeting.

C. The President shall distribute all proposed amendments to the membership.

D. Voting by proxy shall be allowed. Intent to vote by proxy must be communicated to the President and Treasurer, in writing (email), prior to an issue being put to vote.

ARTICLE XVI

Effect

This Constitution, being approved by a majority of a quorum of the membership, at the 2007 Annual Meeting, shall be effective as of the passing of the Constitution and Bylaws.