

**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  
Principal Office**

The principal office the Association will be located at the address of the current 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 quality of gymnastics in Colorado and Wyoming.

Should Wyoming create its own judging association and request that it be removed from this document, then this Constitution and the associated Bylaws shall apply solely to Colorado.

**ARTICLE IV  
DEFINITIONS**

- A. Nominal Year: The nominal year shall match the NGJA fiscal year.
- B. Governing Body: Any organization that provides competitive events for men's gymnastics.
- C. Association States: States governed by this document and Bylaws: Colorado and Wyoming.
- D. Special Committee: A committee created by the Oversight Board or President for a single temporary or standing purpose.

- E. Competitions: All competitions held under the rules and regulations of any Governing Body.
  - I. Local Competitions: All competitions held within the Association States under Governing Body rules and regulations.
  - II. College Competitions: All competitions held under College rules and regulations.
  - III. National Competitions: All competitions held outside of the Association States.
- F. Official: An individual who has been assigned to a competition.
  - I. Local Officials: Members of the CGJA assigned to a competition within in the Association States.
  - II. Out-of-State Officials: Officials who do not reside within the Association States.
- G. Club: Any privately or publicly owned training facility for gymnastics, not associated with a college.
- H. NGJA: The National Gymnastics Judges Association.
- I. USAG: U.S.A. Gymnastics.
- J. FIG: Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique.
- K. College Gymnastics:
  - I. NCAA: National Collegiate Athletic Association.
  - II. Any other competition primarily held for college athletes.
- L. Voting Membership: All members that have been a member of the association in the prior nominal year.
- M. Quorum: Simple majority of the Voting Membership.

ARTICLE V  
**MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Eligibility for Membership – Any person whose residence is in the Association States and is eligible to be a professional member of any Governing Body 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 of the Association and the NGJA.
- C. Continuation of Membership – Active members must remain in good standing with Association, the NGJA, and the Governing Bodies under which he intends to officiate, pay dues as required, 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,
  - 4. Failure to remain in good standing with the Association as determined by unanimous decision of the Oversight Board, 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. All officers shall be elected for a term of two years beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Judges’ Meeting.
- D. Vacancies in any office, except that of the President, shall be filled with a temporary appointment by the President followed by an election at the next Annual Meeting.
- E. Should the office of President become vacant, the Treasurer shall conduct a membership meeting within one month of the vacancy to elect a new President. The Treasurer shall act as President until the office is filled. The Treasurer shall immediately solicit the membership for nominations for a new President
- F. All officers shall work to promote the CGJA, the NGJA, and their members.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN OFFICER**

- A. Must be a current NGJA Nationally certified official.
- B. Must have actively officiated as a member of the Association within the previous nominal year.

- C. Must currently be in good standing with the Association, the NGJA., and at least one Governing Body.
- D. Must have been a member of the NGJA for the past least 5 years.

ARTICLE VIII  
**OVERSIGHT BOARD**

- A. The Oversight Board handles requests from Association Members and performs actions detailed in this document and the By Laws.
- B. The Oversight Board shall consist of three individuals.
- C. The members of the Oversight Board shall be selected in this order:
  - I. The most recent president, the most recent past treasurer, and the most recent assigning director, then
  - II. The president or treasurer as of and continuing since this document was initially approved (November 2007), then
  - III. A person(s) elected by the Voting Membership. The member with the highest number of votes shall fill the first vacancy; should more than one vacancy exist, the person with second most votes shall fill the second vacancy.
- D. The current Assigning Director is not eligible to be a member of the Oversight Board.
- E. No person who is a member of another state or regional association is eligible to be on the oversight board.

ARTICLE IX  
**RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**

Each Member shall:

- A. 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 and excused by the President.
- D. Stay up to date with current rules, codes, and modern gymnastics and be prepared to officiate competitions to the best of the member's ability.

- E. Shall abide by the current NGJA Bylaws with strict adherence to the NGJA Judges' Code of Ethics.
- F. Shall abide by the rules and regulations of every Governing Body governing membership with the Governing Body.
- G. Per the NGJA bylaws, shall not seek out nor accept any assignment that does not go through the Assigning Director.

ARTICLE X  
**RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

Each Member shall:

- A. Have the right to meaningful instruction and development of his/her judging career.
- B. Have the right to attend all Association meetings and functions and fully participate therein.
- C. Vote on all issues presented for ballot provided the member is a Voting Member.
- D. Vote in all elections for Association positions provided the member is a Voting Member.
- E. Stand as a candidate for any office according to this Constitution.
- F. Bring an issue to the Oversight Board for resolution.
- G. Be assigned as an Official per this document and the Bylaws.
- H. Communicate with and receive responses from any Officer.

ARTICLE XI  
**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 possible.
- B. The Oversight Board may schedule other membership meetings, with proper notice to the membership including a description of issues to be discussed. 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, including a description of issues to be discussed. 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 President, to the holding of a membership meeting prior to notice.

- D. All meetings shall be conducted in a civil manner. Current meetings of the Association shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order when called for by 1/3 of the membership at each particular meeting.
- E. A Quorum must be personally present or present by agreed upon internet communication application before business may be conducted at a membership meeting.
- F. Decisions of the membership shall be taken by a majority of the Voting Membership voting in person or by agreed upon internet communication application and by proxy, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- G. Meetings may be held in person (preferably) or by internet communication applications.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**ELECTIONS**

- A. Elections will be held every even numbered year, during the Annual Meeting.
- B. Each Officer shall be elected by a plurality of the Voting Members.
- C. Members of the Oversight Board, when appropriate, shall be elected by a plurality of the Voting Member.
- D. The President shall appoint someone who is not on any ballot 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 Oversight Board, minus any candidate, shall determine the winner. If the Oversight Board cannot determine a winner, the election shall be determined by a coin toss.
- H. Voting by proxy shall be allowed. Intent to vote by proxy must be communicated to the President and Treasurer, in writing (email), one week prior to the election. Failure to notify the President shall disenfranchise the member. The President shall distribute every request to vote by proxy to the membership.
- I. 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 four weeks prior to effectiveness.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**AMENDMENTS**

- A. This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the Voting Membership. Proposed amendments must have been submitted in writing to each member of the Oversight Board no less than four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

- B. The President shall distribute each proposed amendment to the membership, by email, at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which said proposal is to be voted on.

ARTICLE XIV

**EFFECT**

This Constitution, being approved by a majority of a quorum of the membership, at the December 2023 Annual Meeting, shall be effective as of the passing of both the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE XV

**AMENDMENTS**

[Reserved]