

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Constitution and Bylaws

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as the Georgia High School Girls Gymnastics Judges Association, organized under the jurisdiction of the Georgia High School Association.

Article II: Purpose

Section 1: The purposes of this organization are to:

- (a) make qualified judges available for high school girls' gymnastics;
- (b) maintain integrity and competence in the judging of girls' gymnastics events;
- (c) provide training that will promote consistency in judging and uniformity in the application of rules;
- (d) promote a cooperative atmosphere among GHSA member schools that encourages competitors and officials and enhances the sport of high school girls gymnastics.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: The GHSGGJA will be open to any person desiring to become a girls gymnastics judge in accordance with the guidelines of the GHSGGJA and the GHSA. Qualifications are as follows:

- (a) be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate, or at least 21 years of age;
- (b) score at least 70% on the rules exam each year;
- (c) attend annual training and rules interpretation meetings; complete the online rules test, and pay annual dues.

Section 2: All memberships shall become effective upon payment of dues. Dues are set forth by a majority vote of GHSGGJA, based on guidelines of the GHSA, and must be paid by the registration deadline. This fee pays for the local and state fees, official rulebook, and membership and insurance with NFIOA for the member.

Section 3: At no time will a member contract to judge any high school meet without obtaining permission from the Executive Committee of the GHSGGJA to do so.

Section 4: All members shall comply with the requirements set forth by the Constitution and Bylaws of the GHSGGJA.

Article IV: Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1: The officers of the GHSGGJA shall be the President, the Vice-President/Treasurer, and the Booking Officer/s, and shall be elected for two-year terms.

Section 2: A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President. A slate of officers consisting of a President, Vice-President /Treasurer, and Booking Officer/s shall be presented for election every two years by April 1. In addition, prior to the election, members may submit nominations from the floor to be added to the slate presented by the nominating committee.

Section 3: In case of more than one nominee for an office, a written ballot will be provided.

Section 4: In case of a vacancy prior to an election, the Executive Committee will appoint a successor to serve until the next regular election, unless otherwise stipulated and provided for in these bylaws.

Section 5: Officers take office upon their election and serve for two years until the next regular election.

Article V: Duties of Officers

Section 1: The President shall call and conduct all meetings of the Association, shall take roll at each meeting, maintain and distribute member lists, appoint all committees as needed, be responsible for all mailings to the members, administer the GHSA Exam for Gymnastics Rules, and work as a liaison between GHSGGJA and GHSA. At Association and Executive Committee meetings, the President shall preside over voting and shall cast her/his vote only in the event of a tie.

Section 2: The Vice-President/Treasurer shall perform all duties requested by the President, be responsible for all training activities, and write and distribute newsletters concerning rule interpretations and/or changes record and distribute minutes at all meetings, maintain individual judge's records including mileage, receive and distribute all funds of the Association, provide appropriate tax documentation, submit a financial report at each Executive Committee meeting, and present an annual report to the members during the annual meeting. If the office of President should become vacant, the Vice-President shall become the President for the remainder of the unexpired term and the Executive Committee shall appoint a successor for the Vice-President's office who shall serve until the next regular election of the GHSGGJA. The Vice-President/Treasurer shall receive 2.5% of all judges' fees.

Section 3: The Booking Officer/s shall submit schedules to judges for all regular season meets and maintain individual judge's records, submitting the schedule and a final report to the Executive Committee after the State Meet each year. The Booking Officer/s shall receive 2.5% of all judges' fees.

Article VI: The Executive Committee

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the GHSGGJA.

Section 2: The President may call meetings of the Executive Committee as deemed necessary and will preside over said meetings.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall have the authority to approve all committees necessary for the operation of the GHSGGJA. It shall have the responsibility to hear and take action on grievances brought against any member of the Association.

Section 4: The Executive Committee shall submit judging panels for all preliminary and state meets to the GHSA for approval, using the following criteria as guidelines for making appointments:

- (a) The judge's seniority (based on years of continuous service, judging at least 2 meets per year); and,
- (b) the judge's test score

Article VII: Disciplinary Rules

Section 1: Charges that a member has violated the disciplinary rules of the Association must be submitted by the President or to the President of the Association in written form. A copy of the charges must be given to the member who has been charged.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall review and determine the merit of the charges which have been submitted. Before any action may be taken a member who has been charged must be given a hearing before the Executive Committee.

Section 3: The Executive Committee may find the charges invalid and dismiss them. All involved parties will be notified in writing of the dismissal of charges and the termination of the proceedings.

Section 4: If the Executive Committee determines that the charges are true, they have the responsibility to formally censure, place on probation, suspend, or expel the member charged.

Section 5: The above actions by the Executive Committee may be appealed to the Georgia High School Association.

Section 6: Fines may be charged for the following:

(a) failure to fulfill a judging contract without notification may result in a fine in the amount of double the pay for the meet; failure to notify at least 48 hours in advance may result in a fine of an amount equal to the pay for the meet;

(b) late arrival, without extenuating circumstances necessitating the delay of the meet, may result in a fine equal to the pay for the meet;

(c) fines will be deducted from the judge's check issued at the end of the gymnastics season. If the fines exceed the total amount the judge is to be paid, it will be the responsibility of the judge to pay the Association the balance of any fines levied.

Article IX: Training

Section 1: Training sessions shall be held each year covering all four areas of competition and rule interpretations.

Section 2: GHSA exam(s) will be administered after training and prior to the start of the gymnastics season.

Section 3: Novice judges must practice with experienced judges for a minimum of three meets without pay before judging independently.

Article X: Amendments

Section 1: This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special business meeting of the Association by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting members present, provided each member is sent a written notice of the proposed amendment(s) at least seven days prior to the meeting at which time such amendments are to be voted upon.