

Northern California Women's Gymnastics Association

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To All NCWGA Members,

The Nor Cal Women's Gymnastics Association is accepting nominations for Compulsory Coach of the Year, Optional Coach of the Year, Xcel Coach of the Year, NGA Coach of the Year, Choreographer of the Year, James Wallace Memorial Award and Don Nelson Memorial Award. These awards represent the valuable contributions certain individuals provide to our organization, and are a valuable part of our goal to enhance the women's gymnastics program of Northern California. Please consider the following criteria for each award, then complete and return the enclosed nomination form to help recognize the gymnastics professionals who have made significant contributions to our organization throughout the year.

COMPULSORY COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD *for outstanding contribution to the NCWGA and the sport of gymnastics through excellence in competition*

1. Nominee must be affiliated with an NCWGA Voting, Apprentice or Associate Member organization.
2. Nominee should exemplify good sportsmanship and professionalism as described in the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics and the NCWGA Rules of Ethical Conduct. This nominee should represent professionalism in the best interest of gymnastics in the NCWGA.
3. Nominee may be a coach whose work with gymnast(s) has shown marked progress over the course of the competitive season, or from one season to the next. This progress could be defined as improvement in scores and achievement, technique and execution, and/or attitude in competition.
4. Nominee may be a coach whose work consistently maintains a high standard of excellence in any or all of the above areas over a number of years.

OPTIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD *for outstanding contribution to the NCWGA and the sport of gymnastics through excellence in competition*

1. Nominee must be an active member affiliated with a current NCWGA Voting, Apprentice or Associate member organization.
2. Nominee should exemplify good sportsmanship and professionalism as described in the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics and the NCWGA Rules of Ethical Conduct. This nominee should represent professionalism in the best interest of gymnastics in Northern California.
3. Nominee may be a coach whose work consistently maintains a high standard of excellence in any or all of the above areas over a number of years.

XCEL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD *for outstanding contribution to the NCWGA and the sport of gymnastics through excellence in competition*

1. Nominee must be an active member affiliated with a current NCWGA Voting, Apprentice or Associate member organization.
2. Nominee should exemplify good sportsmanship and professionalism as described in the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics and the NCWGA Rules of Ethical Conduct. This nominee should represent professionalism in the best interest of gymnastics in Northern California.
3. Nominee may be a coach whose work consistently maintains a high standard of excellence in any or all of the above areas over a number of years.

NGA COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD *for outstanding contribution to the NCWGA and the sport of gymnastics through excellence in competition*

1. Nominee must be an active member affiliated with a current NCWGA Voting, Apprentice or Associate member organization.
2. Nominee should exemplify good sportsmanship and professionalism as described in the NGA Code of Ethical Conduct and the NCWGA Rules of Ethical Conduct. This nominee should represent professionalism in the best interest of gymnastics in Northern California.
3. Nominee may be a coach whose work consistently maintains a high standard of excellence in any or all of the above areas over a number of years.

CHOREOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR *for outstanding contribution to the NCWGA and the sport of gymnastics through excellence in competition*

1. Nominee must be affiliated with a current NCWGA Voting, Apprentice or Associate member organization.
2. Nominee should exemplify good sportsmanship and professionalism as described in the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics and the NCWGA Rules of Ethical Conduct. This nominee should represent professionalism in the best interest of gymnastics in Northern California.
3. Nominee may be a choreographer whose work with gymnast(s) has demonstrated a high standard of excellence over the course of the competitive season, or from one season to the next. Contributing factors should include creativity, originality, and technique.
4. Nominee may be a choreographer whose work consistently maintains a high standard of excellence in any or all of the above areas over a number of years.

2. **DON NELSON MEMORIAL AWARD** *for the contributor of the year*

1. Nominee must be an active member affiliated with a current NCWGA Voting, Apprentice or Associate member organization.
2. Nominee may be someone who has contributed through work that supports, promotes, an/or improves the quality of gymnastics in Northern California. This work may be through the course of the year and/or from a number of years. Other contributing factors may include professionalism, dedication, and representation of the best spirit of the NCWGA and the sport of gymnastics.
3. Nominations should be in letterform and should describe the person's contributions towards the enhancement of gymnastics in the NCWGA. Also included in this letter should be statements concerning the character traits relating to good sportsmanship, professionalism, genuine concern for others, and an

attitude representative of the best interest of gymnastics in the NCWGA.

JAMES WALLACE MEMORIAL AWARD *for the coach exemplifying goodwill and support of others*

1. Nominee must be an active member affiliated with a current NCWGA Voting, Apprentice or Associate member organization.
2. Nominees must also have been a member for no less than three years, and must have actively coached in regularly sanctioned NCWGA meets at any of the Levels.
3. Nominations should be in letterform and should describe the person's contributions towards the enhancement of gymnastics in the NCWGA. Also included in this letter should be statements concerning the character traits relating to good sportsmanship, professionalism, genuine concern for others, and an attitude representative of the best interest of gymnastics in the NCWGA.
4. The nominator should also secure two additional letters of recommendation from other members of the gymnastics community (coaches, judges, parents, athletes).

PLEASE CAREFULLY CONSIDER YOUR NOMINATIONS. Nominations are open until Saturday , May 3rd after which all nominations will be posted on the Nor-Cal web site. Voting will continue through Friday, May 17th on the NorCal website. One vote per member club. Please consult with your staff as only one vote per club will be counted. Awards will be announced at the June meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Guzmán', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Guzmán

NCWGA Vice Chairman