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If you judge college,  
here is a really good web-  
site:

[www.collegegymnast.com](http://www.collegegymnast.com)

(check out the vault and  
season information links)

## From the SJD.....

After more than 23 years as your State Judging Director, it is with both sadness and great anticipation that I announce my retirement from this position at the end of the current term. My decision comes after considerable deliberation over time, which was hastened by a desire to resolve differences between myself and a handful of other members of our organization.

To those who supported me throughout the years and especially the past few years there are no words to express what your support has meant to me.

It is my hope that under my successor, whoever that person may be, everyone in this unique organization will receive the full benefit that membership in the NAWGJ offers. I look forward to watching this organization grow and prosper, and I encourage everyone in it to support our sport, our unique identity as the Texas NAWGJ, and our new State Judging Director.

May God bless you, your families, this sport, and this great country in which we are privileged to live.

Pat Ethredge  
State Judging Director, Texas

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## State Judging Director Election:

Below is a list of Judges who are eligible to run for the position of State Judging Director. Each eligible candidate will be mailed a letter which includes a Letter of Eligibility, and Duties of the position.

Marilyn Blilie	Diane Callison
Denise Coats	Jack Dunlop
Pattie Hannon	Sandy Holsaple
Barbara Hughes	Lisa England
Mary McCabe	Leslie Patterson
Delores Reiter	Carol Robuck
Laurel Searcy	Lani Yosten

If I have forgotten anyone, please let me know as soon as possible.

Pat

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## Beam Clarification:

### Levels 8/9/10

Remember that there is a requirement for a 2 element gym series **OR** mixed series. Gymnast does not need both.

There is also a requirement for a 180° split Leap, Hop OR Jump. (Can be any one of these 3)

### Level 7

There are requirements for a 180° split Leap or Jump(isolated), and a dance series of 2 or more elements. There is no mixed series requirement.

## Floor Clarification-

### Levels 8/9/10

Cat leaps and Hitch kicks are considered leaps and CAN be used to fulfill the gym series requirement. There is no requirement for a 180° split. So Cat leap-Cat leap could be used.

There is no requirement for a mixed series.

### Level 7

The same holds for Level 7 with regards to Cat leaps and Hitch kicks. However at this level there is also a requirement for a separate isolated leap with a 180° split. Remember that a straddle jump even when performed with a 180° split is not considered a "Leap" and would not fulfill this requirement.

A mixed series is REQUIRED at this level.

## Clarifications for Optional Bars - Level 7

As is stated in the Women's Jr. Olympic Committee Meeting minutes (May 6-7, 2002) and published in the June 2002 issue of Technique Magazine pg. 41-

The 8 element requirement has been eliminated.

The new requirement is for a second **360° circling element that finishes in or passes through clear support with no minimum angle requirement.**

One of the 2 required clear circling elements must come from group 3/6/7.

Since both of the circling elements must go to or pass through clear support a **sole circle forward or backward (tucked or piked) on HB or LB WILL NOT FULFILL this requirement** since it does not pass through or finish in clear support.

Only one of the above clear circling elements has a requirement of finishing in/ passing through clear support at a minimum of 60° above horizontal.

If gymnast does only 1 circling element (instead of 2) and it finishes less than 60°, count this as the circle with no angle requirement and deduct 1.8 for missing the required element that goes to 60°.

If 2 elements are performed and both are below 60°, take the angle deduction on the highest one (up to .8) and amplitude deduction on the lower one (up to .2) for insufficient swingful execution.

*(The important thing to remember here is that if the gymnast does a clear hip to below 60° and a giant to handstand, use the giant for the degree requirement no matter where in the routine it is.)*

## Clarifications for Optional Bars - Level 8

For Level 8 the Group 3/6/7 requirement **CAN** be a sole circle since the requirement is for an "A" level skill. There is no obligation that this be to or through clear support.

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Apparently there has been some confusion about these requirements at Levels 7 and 8. Hopefully this will help alleviate any misunderstandings.

Updated judging forms for Levels 8/9/10 and Level 7 are available on the Texas NAWGJ website: <http://txnawgj.tripod.com>  
Go to "Forms" and download any of these judging aids.