



## **Senior National Apparatus Leader (“Sr. NAL”) Position**

The Sr. National Apparatus Leader (Sr. NAL) for each apparatus is assigned by the NGJA in collaboration with the USAG Vice President of Men’s Program. Each Sr. NAL will assume the Head Judge (D1) role on their assigned event at the competitions noted below. While many of the SNAL’s important tasks and timelines are provided by USAG, there are additional NGJA obligations as a leading technical expert on their assigned event. The duration of this role is nominally for one year and may be extended for additional years given sufficient performance of duties and quality of work.

### **Job Description**

The Sr. NAL’s responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

### **Essential Duties & Expectations**

- Serve as D1 judge on their assigned event at USA Senior National Championships, Winter Cup (or equivalent), and all qualifying events.
- Lead conferences with assigned judges on their designated event before major competitions to develop alignment and consistent application of the rules among panel members.
- Conduct and produce thorough written routine analyses on their assigned event on time for all national team members and others as requested by USAG.
- Serve as the leading expert on the application of FIG rules in the United States on their assigned event and respond to questions from judges, coaches and athletes on rule interpretations and applications.
- Serve as a mentor to judges with less experience who strive to reach higher levels of judging.
- Participate in USAG National team camps as requested (and when available).
- Work with the JDP NAL on their assigned event to align judging across all levels of competition.
- Clarify new rules when the FIG publishes a new Code, updates, or interpretations.
- Participate on Sr. Panel calls.
- Serve as a subject matter expert contributor to judging course instructional material or be a certification course presenter focusing on points of interest and rule changes as instructed by the NGJA Education Director.
- Serve as a role model displaying all characteristics of a quality judge found on the NGJA website.
- Work alongside the JDP NAL on their event as a mentor on Sr. Panel calls.

### **Experience/Certification**

Judges who qualify to be a Sr. NAL are experienced judges who have FIG Brevet certification, have demonstrated deep, expert understanding of the Code of Points and its application at the highest levels of gymnastics. Specifically, they should:

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- Be a current FIG Brevet judge
- Judged multiple USA National Championships
- Have International judging experience (preferred)

### **Skills**

- Extremely organized and detail oriented
- Completes tasks on time
- Able to work well with senior level judges, coaches, and staff
- Provide responses to questions in a timely manner
- Can effectively function in a dynamic stressful environment during competitions
- Remains calm in extremely stressful situations
- Ability to delegate appropriately for large projects and manage the resulting work products

### **Feedback**

- Twice a year meet with the NGJA National VP and President (or designee) to get feedback on duties listed above