

State Chair

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Patty Sylvis



Patty Sylvis is an accomplished gymnast and owner of Coach Patty's Gymnastics, also know for Team Legacy. She has owned and/or managed gymnastics businesses for the past 30+ years in Southern California, has planned and chaired artistic meets up to the Regional level for the past two decades, and served on the Southern California Artistic gymnastics Board for the past three years. In addition, she has hosted a highly successful T & T program in her gym for the past three years and recently hosted and judged the T & T State meet.

As a result of her experiences, she is familiar with the politics, process, peculiarities, and organization of gymnastics in Southern California and beyond. Moreover, she has put all of her passion and skill into her involvement with the sport and would love to help T&T grow and prosper.

Coaches' Representative

Heath Marquiss



Heath Marquiss is currently a T&T Coach at Wallers' Gym Jam.

Heath started gymnastics at the age of 3 in Wasilla, AK with Denali Gymnastics Academy. Heath has been coaching gymnastics for 13 years and was elected to the Alaska State Gymnastics Board in 2008. His coaching accomplishments include several State and Regional Championship Individual and Team titles in Alaska, Washington, and California. Heath began coaching Trampoline and Tumbling when he joined Waller's GymJam Academy 2 years ago and is excited about helping to grow this sport.

Rich Trimboli



Rich Trimboli has been active in Southern California Trampoline and Tumbling for well over 20 years. He has been the head coach and executive officer of the SkySurfers Trampoline Club for 17 years. He has hosted numerous meets throughout the years, as well as many State Championships. As a former FIG Brevet Judge, he has judged the World Championships 4 times and as a current Category 1 judge, he judges Southern California competitions regularly. Rich has coached many State, Regional, and National Champions and has trained world class elite trampolinists. Rich has served continuously on the State Board since USAG became the governing entity for trampoline gymnastics in 1999 and for many years before that conversion.

Rich has a wealth of trampoline knowledge and a strong sense of history in the sport. He hopes to continue as a member of the SoCal T&T State Board.

Elite Program Representative

Peter Dodd



Peter Dodd is currently the owner of World Elite Gymnastics. As a longtime Southern California athlete, he was a six time member of the Senior National Team and a World Cup Finalist. He has coached many National Team Members and has many current elite athletes. Peter has been the head coach for the World Age Groups for the last two years and has enjoyed being a part of the National J.O. Program Committee. He travels frequently to international competitions with his elite athletes and recently has been a commentator on streaming coverage of elite trampoline competitions. He has previously served on the SoCal T&T State Board.

J.O. Program Representative

Heather Purkiss



Heather Purkiss is currently T&T Director for Team Legacy at Coach Patty's School of Gymnastics. She has been involved in Southern California gymnastics for 35 years as a gymnast, coach, judge and gym club owner. She started competing in Artistic gymnastics at 9 years old and started coaching while still in junior high. After marrying another Elite gymnast, they opened Ventura County Gymnastics Center in Camarillo, where they had a successful boys and girls competitive program. Heather is also a partner and part time instructor in a self defense program. Heather has coached all levels of gymnastics, preschool through Elites in both Artistic and T&T gymnastics. Her gymnasts have won Regional and National titles. She is a Level 1 T&T coach, Category 2 T&T judge, USAG safety certified, and parent to a Jr. Elite T&T gymnast.

Heather brings all her business experience into this position emphasizing organization and valuable communication skills. She feels that in this computer age that the use of email and other web based technologies can bring our growing community together in a timely manner by sharing information and supporting each other to help all our programs grow.

Karl Ziehn

Karl Ziehn is Head Coach of Boys Artistic and T&T at Wallers' Gym Jam.



Karl Ziehn has been involved as a competitor, coach, board member and judge in gymnastics since the age of 6. His parents owned a gym and his step-father was the Boys Regional Director for over 10 years, providing a good education into the importance and effectiveness of politics in the sport. Competing as an Artistic Gymnast, he began in Reno, Nv where he became a State and Regional Champion. He competed several times at National Championships before moving onto the UC Berkeley Men's Gymnastics Team from 1998-2003. While at UC Berkeley he helped the Bears to two 2nds, a 3rd and a 5th place finish at the NCAA Championships. He was Elected Team Captain from 2000-2002. In 2003 he earned a BA in Environmental Sciences.

Karl became Head Coach of the Girls Artistic Team at Gold Coast Gymnastics in Ventura and founded their TnT Team in 2003. In 2006 he moved to Wallers' GymJam Academy and founded their Boys and TnT Teams. He has participated as the Coaches Rep and Elite Program Rep on the TnT State Board since 2007 and on the State Board for Boys Artistic Gymnastics as the Member At Large since 2009. He was named US Head Coach for Tumbling at the 2009 Canada Cup and US Head Coach for Double Mini at the 2009 World Age Group Competitions. He has coached several National Champions and a 4 time USA and World Age Group Champion. In 2008 Karl founded the Region 2 TnT Benefit Camp, a fund raising camp supporting Elite Athlete's travel to international competitions.

Technical Representative

Deanna Hanford



Deanna Hanford currently has FIG brevet ratings in Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double Mini and has been an active participant in Southern California Trampoline & Tumbling since the mid 90s. Experience in developing judges tests and USAG T&T supplemental materials. Worked on the committee to develop the current T&T Code of Points. Designed and maintains the current website for the So California T&T Association, NorCal T&T Association and Region 2. Developed the So Cal By Laws in 1999 and have acted as secretary as well as editing the Rules and Policies for the So Cal Association. Earned a PhD in Biology from University of California, San Diego.

- USAG T&T National Technical Committee: 2001 – 2006
- Region 2 Technical Chair: 2001 – present
- Southern California Technical Chair 1999 – present
- Leader Level Judge
- NAWGJ member, current National rating in Women's Gymnastics
- National Federation of High School judge since 1995
- President San Diego County Women's Gymnastics Officials Association 2006 - present

Member-at-Large

Phi Nguyen

Phi is currently a T&T coach at Bounce California in San Diego. Phi has been involved in gymnastics for the past 10 years and desires to contribute to the projects of the T&T State Board.

Secretary

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