

I am happy to submit my name for consideration as the Xcel Gold – Sapphire Chairperson on the Illinois State Committee. Throughout my career, I have been fortunate enough to be a part of our community in a multitude of capacities – a coach, a judge, a meet director, and an advocate for athlete development. In that time, I have worked with athletes at nearly every level, collaborated with coaches and judges from across the region, and helped organize competitions and events that have brought our gymnastics community together both as a state and a region. Not only have these experiences provided me with a well-rounded perspective on the opportunities and challenges facing gymnastics today, but they have reinforced the importance of communication, collaboration, and leadership.

I believe the future success of Illinois gymnastics depends on several key priorities:

- Strengthening communication and transparency between leadership, clubs, coaches, judges, and families
- Encouraging collaboration among clubs to strengthen the overall gymnastics community.
- Preserving positive competitive experiences that prioritize sportsmanship, integrity, and athlete growth.

If selected, I hope to bring an open-minded, collaborative approach to leadership. I value listening to diverse perspectives, working toward practical solutions, and building relationships that move our sport forward. My goal would be to serve as a resource and advocate for all stakeholders while helping Illinois continue to provide exceptional opportunities for current and future generations of gymnasts.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to our gymnastics community. I would be honored to contribute further to the advancement of gymnastics throughout Illinois and to break the status quo.

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Billy Gurin

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### *FlipStar Gymnastics Academy*

Team Administrator | Coach

- Oversee team registration, competition scheduling, budgeting, apparel programs, travel coordination, and athlete communications.
  - Develop and implement policies that support athlete development, accountability, safety, and long-term retention.
  - Manage communications for hundreds of athletes and families through newsletters, team packets, competition information, and educational resources.
  - Coach athletes within the xcel, compulsory, and optional levels.
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## JUDGING EXPERIENCE

### *National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges (NAWGJ)*

Level 10 Rated Women's Artistic Gymnastics Judge

- Evaluate performances according to USA Gymnastics Development Program rules and regulations.
  - Provide fair, accurate, and consistent evaluations that prioritize athlete development and competitive integrity.
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## EVENT MANAGEMENT & MEET DIRECTING

### *Invitational and Championship Event Leadership*

- Collaboratively plan and execute large-scale gymnastics competitions involving athletes, coaches, judges, volunteers, vendors, and spectators.
- Coordinate event logistics, scheduling, staffing, awards, hospitality, registration, and scoring operations.
- Manage communication with clubs throughout Illinois and Region 5.
- Oversee volunteer recruitment and training to ensure successful event execution.

### *Notable Events*

- Home for the Holidays Invitational (2015 – Present)
- Illinois State Championships
  - Level 4 / 5 State Championship (2019)
  - Level 5 / 6 State Championship (2020 – Cancelled due to COVID)
  - Level 6 / Xcel Silver State Championship (2021)
  - Xcel Gold through Sapphire (2026)
- Region 5 Regional Championships
  - Level 9 / 10 Regional Championship (2022)
  - Xcel Regional Championship (2024)