



Jackie has been involved in gymnastics in Nova Scotia in various capacities for over 50 years. She is currently involved as an official but also coached and ran her own club for many years and served on many committees with-in Gymnastics Nova Scotia.

Jackie has been an official of women's artistic gymnastics for over 50 years and most recently judged at the 2022 Canadian Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Richmond, BC in May. Jackie has judged at almost every Canadian Championship since 1974. She has judged at Canada Winter Games 10 times and at one summer games for Track and Field. Jackie judged at World Student Games in Buffalo, Junior Pan Am Games (Peurto Rico and Brazil) and Gymnix International at least 6 times. She has also judged at Pacific Alliance, Kiev International, Commonwealth Games and various international meets in many countries. Jackie has judged at numerous Atlantic and Eastern Canadian Championships as well as many Elite Canada Championships and various Olympic Trials. The most prestigious meet that Jackie judged was the Pre Olympics in Barcelona, Spain and the most exciting one for her was the China Cup in Beijing in 1991. Jackie was

the only women's (WAG) Brevet judge in Atlantic Canada for a long period of time. She was a Brevet judge for over 35 years and a National judge for 48 years.

Jackie previously operated her own club that was initially called the Halifax City Gymnastics Club and then became the Halifax Saltos. She coached there for over 30 years from 1969 until 2000 and many gymnasts benefitted from her coaching throughout this time.

Jackie has done a number of provincial judging workshops over the years for Gymnastics Nova Scotia and she has also participated in many courses and clinics and is always eager to share her knowledge with others. She also does "in club clinics" for gymnasts and gives different critiques to improve our athletes' performances. She previously served on the then Nova Scotia Gymnastics Association Board of Director's as a Member-at-Large and as Women's Technical Chairperson for many years.

Jackie was named Gymnastics Nova Scotia's Official of the Year a number of times at the annual Sport Nova Scotia Sport awards and she was named a Gymnastics Canada Life Member in 2009. She won the Debbie Rudderham Fair Play award in 2018 and was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from Gymnastics Nova Scotia in April 2022.

The highlight of Jackie's gymnastics career was when Ellie Black made the Canadian Olympic Team in 2012 and then also made the Vault finals at the Olympics to put Nova Scotia on the gymnastics map. In addition to all of her judging and coaching, Jackie always takes the time to participate in adventures with the athletes and coaches.

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