

### **Mrs. Jitske Vasbinder about gymnastics**

My passion for the sport began at the age of 6 and I developed myself to an elite gymnast through the age of 17 when an injury forced me to an early exit.

Since 1997 I am an international judge and I am an expert in Women's gymnastics, with national and international experience. This has provided me with a large network which helps me as a professional. In 2016 I was invited by the FIG to judge at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. An unforgettable, worth-while experience as a judge. At the World Championship in Stuttgart 2019, I received the Gold Level Award.

Because of my passion for gymnastics, in 2003 I started at the Royal Dutch Gymnastics Federation (KNGU). In various roles, both as a coach and as a program manager in elite and developmental gymnastics. I played an important role transforming the women's program from a 'young girls sport' to a sport in which women have the lead in the choices they make for themselves and the team. The Dutch Women's gymnastics team was the oldest team at the 2016 (and 2020) Olympic Games.

Internationally, among other things, I want to support guidelines for a safe sports climate and I want to underline the importance of raising the minimal age of women's elite sports from 16 to 18 years. As of 2020 I coordinate the international alliance for cultural change in gymnastics.

A safe sports climate applies for all within the community, also for the judges. When elected as member of the technical committee I will have the best interest of the gymnasts and judges at heart.

I am proud to be a candidate for the Women's Artistic Gymnastics Technical Committee.

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