

## **Ron Ferris**

### **Lake Erie District National Chair**

Ron Ferris opened the Ohio Gymnastics Institute in May of 1986 with less than 40 students. Since that time the company has grown to over 25 employees and provides learning opportunities and physical fitness for over 700 students every week.

As a competitor, Ron lettered in Gymnastics as a Junior and Senior at Annandale High School in Virginia. Ron also received a Varsity Letter all four years of College at James Madison University in Virginia. Ron attended JMU as a walk-on and was selected as the team All Around. Voted MVP for 3 years and team captain for 3 years, Ron received a gymnastics scholarship for Sophomore, Junior and Senior years and Competed at the NCAA Regional Championships in 1979 at LSU on Vaulting and Horizontal bar. While attending JMU Mr. Ferris earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and three minors in Secondary Education, Coaching and Spanish.

Mr. Ferris has two sons, Ronald G & David L both of whom competed at the NCAA Level in Gymnastics. Ronald went to Ohio State where he became the 2005 NCAA National Champion on Horizontal Bar. David went to the US Naval Academy and currently is an Officer assigned to the USS Ohio - a nuclear powered Submarine. Ron resides in Canfield with his fiancé Anita Goff and her daughter Morgan Cheeks who is enrolled at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Some of Ron's professional accomplishments:

- Currently the AAU National Sport Chair for Gymnastics
- Currently a member of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors

- Ohio Boys USAG State Chairman from 1997 to 2011.
- Currently the Lake Erie District AAU Boys' Gymnastics Sport Chairman
- Brevet Men's Gymnastics Judge from 2000 to 2004.
- Nationally Rated Men's Gymnastics Judge from 1979 to present
- Currently the Meet Director for the AAU Winter Nationals - a gymnastics competition held each Presidents Day Weekend
- Owned and operated OGI Hobbies from 1989 to 2002
- Currently a member of several national committees with AAU
- Web master for these websites – [www.lakeerieaau.org](http://www.lakeerieaau.org) ,  
[www.MyTeamOGI.com](http://www.MyTeamOGI.com) , [www.aauwinternationals.com](http://www.aauwinternationals.com)