

## **President's Update** 2017 End of Year Review

## To All NGJA Members,

2017 was a very busy year in the NGJA! So here is a summary of our activities and accomplishments.

- 1. NGJA Membership the NGJA now has over 625 members. Our membership continues to steadily grow.
- 2. FIG Brevet Courses Congratulations to the 70 US judges passed their Brevet certification!
- 3. NCAA Program Changes

a. NCAA Judges Selection Proposal Passes – The NCAA accepted the NGJA's proposal for the selection of judges to their national championship!

- b. NCAA increases the number of judges at the NCAA championships from 24 to 30!
- c. First NCAA Challenge- 70 teams and over 230 judges competed in the first NCAA judges challenge!

d. New NCAA initiatives in place for 2018

i. Emphasis on applying FIG rules at all NCAA competitions

- ii. NCAA Judges Challenge in December to help judges align with FIG rules
- iii. New NCAA NALs to also align NCAA judging with FIG rules

iv. Evaluated NCAA routines at NGJA.org for education and comparison

- 4. NGJA Fall Certification Courses Over 35 courses were held across the US to certify judges for 2018
- 5. NGJA Challenge Program The NGJA challenge program is an excellent way to practice judge in preparation for

any JO competition. All challenge routines and evaluations are at NGJA.org

6. U110 Safe Sport Certification required – This course, developed by the USOC, is now a requirement for all USAG

Professional Members including judges.

7. New Years Resolution – last year I posted a list of resolutions for you to try to implement in 2017. How did you

do? See the list on the next page.

I hope 2018 is a productive as 2017. Happy New Year Everyone!!! Mike Juszczyk NGJA President President's 2017 Year in Review December 30, 2017

## 2017 New Year's Resolutions

- Go visit a gym once a month to review the new rules and assist in routine construction (NCAA and/or JO)
- Refer to the NGJA Gym-Duel routines before every assignment to brush up on the routines and rules.
- USE SYMBOLS! Even if you only use a few to start, you can add more as you go.
- Try to learn the Level 8 JO Pommel Horse rules! You never know when you may need to judge PH
- If you are really bored try to learn all the JO exceptions and extra skills.
- For all the old, I mean really experienced judges... Identify and mentor an up and coming or new judge.
- Have fun!! The whole reason we are involved in the sport is we enjoy gymnastics. Don't lose sight of that

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