



President's Update

July, 2017

To All NGJA Members,

Summer is almost half over! Here is an NGJA update to start your July 4th Holiday.

1. P&G Championships in Anaheim – August 17-19 are the dates for the USA Championships in Anaheim. The NGJA will hold its annual meetings during this event. NGJA members are invited to attend and observe the meeting on August 18 (time and location will be provided next month).
2. The NCAA Proposal was approved by the NCAA rules committee! – This is a huge step for the NGJA and many changes will be announced starting with the ones below...
3. NCAA Initiatives for 2018 – get ready for some big changes in the NCAA program!
 - a. Emphasis on applying FIG rules at NCAA competitions
 - b. NCAA Judges Challenge in December – 3 week competition with awards
 - c. NCAA NALs to align NCAA judging with FIG rules
 - d. Evaluated NCAA routines on NGJA.org for education and comparison
4. U110 Safe Sport Certification required – Effective this year... when you renew your Professional Membership for the coming year, you will be required to also take a new education course called U110 USOC Safe Sport. This course has been developed by the USOC and will be a requirement for all USAG Professional Members. The course is free but it will take you 1-2 hours to complete.
5. NGJA/USAG Interpretations document – a new interpretations document was published and I did not include this information in my last newsletter. Please make sure you have reviewed this document at NGJA.org in the “Latest NGJA News” section.
6. FIG Brevet Certification Courses – Pending the results from the US Brevet course in Colorado Springs, the US should now have approximately 70 Brevet judges. Congratulations to all the judges who participated in a Brevet course!

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PS – Below is a list of New Year's resolutions sent to me by Tom McNamee and published in the January update. How many have you been able to implement so far in 2017???

- 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... Have you identified and worked to mentor an up and coming or new judge?