



President's Update

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To All NGJA Members,

Happy New Year Everyone! Here is an NGJA update for January 2020.

1. FIG Newsletter 36 – The FIG just released Newsletter 36 and it is effective immediately for all USAG competitions. Here is a direct link to the Newsletter or you can find it at NGJA.org in the FIG News box.
<http://www.ngja.org/fig/archived-updates/230-fig-newsletter-32-august-14-2017.html>
2. NCAA/NGJA Rules Interpretations – An updated NCAA/NGJA rules interpretation document is now posted at NGJA.org and it is effective immediately for all NCAA competitions. There are 5 new rule clarifications to be aware of as the NCAA season gets underway. Here is a direct link to the NCAA Interpretations or you can find it at NGJA.org in the NCAA News box. <http://www.ngja.org/ncaa/archived-updates/239-ncaa-2017-20-interpretations-dec-20-2017.html>
3. Are You Ready for the 2020 Judging Season – be prepared to apply the FIG rules!
 1. NCAA judging preparation – All “NCAA” Challenge routines used and evaluated in the December NCAA challenge are great for competition preparation! You can access any of these routines to prepare for your judging assignments anytime during the competition season. Go to “Latest NCAA News” at NGJA.org to access the routines or events you need!
 2. Optional FIG judging preparation – Starting this week additional new Optional routines will be posted every 2 weeks at the NGJA website. These routines are evaluated by the NGJA Jr. and Sr. Apparatus Leaders. Similar to the challenge routines, you can judge, review and compare your work at your pace. Again, these routines are great for competition preparation! You can access any of these routines to prepare for your judging assignments anytime during the competition season at NGJA.org under the “Latest NGJA News” tab.
 3. JO judging preparation – all “JO” Optional, Compulsory and Technical Sequence routines used and evaluated in the 2019 fall JO challenges are great for competition preparation! You can access any of these routines to prepare for your judging assignments during the competition season. Go to “Latest JO News” at NGJA.org to access the routines or events you need!
4. NCAA Challenge Winners – The NCAA Challenge was an extremely close competition! With over 100 teams and 310 judges, coaches and athletes participating including 2 judging teams from Belgium, close to 20 teams had a chance to win in week 4. Congratulations to the top 5 teams.
Champions – Midnight Train to Georgia – Sho Nakamori, Michael Ashe, Tim Michaels, Tyler Green
2nd – Hudson Valley – Brandon Bruin, Nate Dotson
T – 3rd – WWBDII – Chris Adams, Lenny Lucarello, Jon Corbitt
T – 3rd – Go Flank Yourself – Gregg Didech, Chris Pryor, Curtis Wilson, Jason Gaides
5th – No Pity for the Kitty – Peter Wiegling, Evan Shaw, Howard Steere, Riley Barclay
5. 2020 New Year's Resolution – “By failing to prepare... You are preparing to fail!” Ben Franklin. Always prepare for your upcoming competitions and don't rely on studying at the event! The Challenge was a great warm up, not apply the same standard at all your competitions!
6. Welcome Jason Woodnick! = The new VP for the Men's Program was announced at the end of last month. The NGJA wishes to welcome Jason and we all look forward to working with you in 2020!!!

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