



## President's Update – August, 2020

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To All NGJA Members,

Here is the NGJA update for August 2020.

1. **COVID Environment and NGJA decisions** – the NGJA is in the process of preparing for the coming year during this very challenging pandemic. At this time, no long term preparation decisions have been made as we have the ability to wait to determine the best paths forward. Since most competitions don't start until November, we can analyze what other sports and the women's program, do to prepare. What we learn from these sports we will use to our advantage. I realize waiting seems difficult, but far better to wait than continually change plans.
2. **Some COVID changes** – several changes are coming due to the COVID pandemic, here is an overview:
  - a. Fall Certification Courses – materials are currently being developed for courses this fall. Each local association will make the final decision on how to conduct their course. The majority of the associations are planning for courses held in Zoom type formats to reduce physical interaction for now. Testing will still occur online and may be supplemented with event presentations.
  - b. The USAG men's program is experimenting with virtual competitions – committees have been formed with NGJA participation and they have been charged with determining how to best conduct virtual competitions.
3. **NGJA survey** – earlier this month I sent out the results of our NGJA survey. The results can also be found in the Latest NGJA News box at NGJA.org. As we get closer to the competitive season, we may be sending out more surveys to understand our member's thoughts.
4. **Annual NGJA Governing Board Meeting** – the annual NGJA Governing Board meeting was held on Aug. 8. NGJA members can find the minutes (should be posted by Aug. 20) from the meeting and a link to listen to the meeting at NGJA.org. I have also included the audio link at the end of this newsletter. Many items from the meeting are discussed in this update.
5. **NCAA Program and Initiatives for 2020** –
  - a. The NCAA Men's Gymnastics Program faces the biggest battle this coming year. If NCAA institutions do not have football revenue in the fall, or if the revenue is reduced substantially, then the outlook for Men's Gymnastics is dim. We will closely monitor any developments here and share the information as we receive it.
  - b. The NGJA is working with the NCAA on possible virtual competitions. The NCAA has been resistant to this, but the NCAA coaches are pressing hard to make this happen. I'll update everyone as I hear more.



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- c. The 2020 NCAA Initiatives will continue as planned. As an organization, our challenge is to find consistency in our officiating across the US! This can only be accomplished by continuing our initiatives and evaluating our progress. As a result, I am asking everyone to again embrace the objectives established last year:
  - i. Emphasis on applying FIG rules at NCAA competitions
  - ii. NCAA Judges Challenge in December – 4 week competition with awards
  - iii. NCAA NALs to align NCAA judging with FIG rules
  - iv. Evaluated NCAA routines on NGJA.org for education and comparison
6. **New NGJA Hall of Fame Members** – The NGJA would like to congratulate its two newest members of the Frank J. Cumiskey Hall of Fame. Voting for this prestigious award was completed in July and it gives me great pleasure to announce the newest members:
  - a. Roy Davis
  - b. Dean Schott
7. **Attention All Members** – SafeSport certification is only good for 2 years. Recertification is no charge and only takes 15-20 minutes. Check your certification status at [usagym.org](http://usagym.org) in the membership section and take care of this immediately if you have not done so already.
8. **NGJA Dues** – the NGJA will move forward with member registration in August. The NGJA Governing Board decided to keep it \$25 yearly membership fee the same at its recent board meeting. This fee will be due by August 31 and you will receive a notice to renew your membership.
9. **Harry Bjerke passes away** – Harry Bjerke, past NGJA President, passed away August 11. Our condolences to Maureen Bjerke and any of our colleagues who were close to Harry.

I hope you and your families are all safe and you enjoy the final days of your summer!

### Mike Juszczuk

NGJA President

### Topic: Annual NGJA Governing Board Meeting - August 8, 2020

Start Time : Aug 8, 2020 12:48 PM

Meeting Recording:

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