

Dear Collegiate Judges:

Over the past 2 years a video project has been developed with the intent of improving collegiate gymnastics nationwide by helping to prepare the judging community for each weekend's assignment. The video review tool is designed to let a judge, judge a routine and then have her score compared with scores from judges across the country. The ultimate goal being that on any given day, in any venue in the country, the same collegiate routine would effectively be awarded the same score.

For those of you who kindly volunteered to participate in this project during the past two seasons by logging on to our website and judging a number of collegiate routines, thank you!

We recognize that there are several parts to consistent judging. One of them being all the education that goes on through the NAWGJ and USA Gymnastics in the off season. The second being the less formal part that takes place during the competition season, when you "get on the same page" as the other judges at any particular meet. This project is designed to only address the 2<sup>nd</sup> part; it gives you a chance to go online before a meet and judge routines that a random group of your fellow collegiate judges have judged. Then you can compare your score to the median score of the judges that judged that particular routine.

In order for this to work, we must have a large database of routines judged prior to the season, therefore we need your assistance. From now until the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, we are asking the collegiate judging community to log on to the website identified below and judge randomly provided routines on each event. We ask that you judge each routine as you would in a collegiate competition; you will have only one opportunity to view the routine before you submit your score and start value. A 'final' score will then be determined by the median of a total of at least 13 scores submitted for each routine.

The second part of this project begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Prior to each of your assigned competitions during the 2014 collegiate gymnastics season, we would like you to once again log on to the website and judge 3 randomly provided routines on the events that you have been assigned to judge at your next meet. When you submit your score for each routine, you will also be shown the routine's 'Median' score. At this time, you will also have the opportunity to view the routine a second time to identify where your deductions may have differed. We believe this video review tool will give judges an opportunity to "get on the same page" with their colleagues throughout the country before judging a collegiate event.

Please log on to the following website, register and begin your judging!

<http://naaa.boldwebservices.com/users/register>

Most of you have already registered; therefore you can just log in with your e-mail address and use the password "password". You can be able to change your password once you access your account.

We so appreciate your participation on this website as the more routines that are evaluated by January 1<sup>st</sup>, the more varied routines you will have the opportunity to judge in preparation for each competition during the upcoming gymnastics season. Thank you all for your time and your continued dedication to our sport!

Sincerely,

*Members of the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches for Women*

*Your partners in Collegiate Gymnastics*