Dear Collegiate Gymnastics Judges:

You are hereby invited to participate in the trial run of a new initiative, originated and funded by the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women (NACGC/W), intended to assist you in judging collegiate gymnastics nationwide.

While the ranking of gymnasts for placement within a particular competition is recognized, within the current collegiate gymnastics system it is the gymnast’s score that is critical. Individual and team scores attained throughout the season are used to qualify individual gymnasts and institutional teams to NCAA post-season competition. It is therefore of great importance that each gymnast receive essentially the same score for her similarly performed routine regardless of the venue in which that routine was completed, from California to New Hampshire.

Having judges “get on the same page” with their peers is nothing new; in the past, base scoring and video review were part of a competition’s protocol. With improved technology, however, a new tool has been created to assist judges from across the country to “see” a routine similarly. Your help is essential, though, for this new tool to be implemented.

The NACGC/W has established a website containing numerous collegiate gymnastics routines performed by now retired gymnasts who competed throughout the country and at all levels. We would like to ask you to log on to that website and judge a number of routines (please judge as you would in a competition setting). From the collective scores that are entered for each routine, a median score will be established.

The intent is to create a data base of routines from which judges will voluntarily judge routines prior to each collegiate competition this coming season. At that time, judges will have the opportunity to compare their score with the established median score while viewing the routine’s start value and accompanying deductions. A second review of the routine will be encouraged. It is believed this new tool will greatly assist all judges by providing the opportunity to know how judges nationwide scored that same routine.

This exciting new initiative cannot begin without your assistance. Therefore, we graciously ask you to volunteer your time by accessing the following website; you will need to register and log in before you can begin to judge the routines provided.

http://ncaa.boldwebservices.com/users/register

Thank you so very much for time and for ensuring this initiative is able to move forward. We truly believe this will be a great tool for you as judges and for the entire collegiate gymnastics community.

The NACGC/W, your partners in Collegiate Gymnastics