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Dear Collegiate Judges,

In May at the collegiate coach's convention, the NACGC/W JAS committee recommended to the NACGC/W coaches group to provide a practice judging video for the 2011 season. The goal of the project is to provide practice footage with a script to assist with the consistency of judging throughout the season. In July at the National Judges Symposium, a number of judges got together during their lunch and dinner breaks to judge the routines. The scores have been compiled and provided to Kat Sgamba, who has put the shorthand and deductions onto her computerized program. Kathie Klages, along with a number of other judges, have proofed the script to try to ensure accuracy. Of course, we know that they still may be errors but we believe this is a step in the right direction. We would like to thank all of those who assisted with this project to make it possible! Many judges spent hours of volunteer time to make this happen. Thank you very much for your dedication to the collegiate gymnastics program.

As we reviewed the script, we would like to remind you of a few things. First and foremost, we know that judging a video is very different than judging live. As mentioned, this is an attempt to get us all on the same page. Secondly, errors are made all the time, after all, we are all human. Do not be afraid to admit an error when presented an inquiry form. Thirdly, the script is provided with ranges in the execution deductions and with the final scores. As you begin the 2011 judging season, please review your collegiate rules and make sure you have taken the written test provided at the JAS website. Please make sure to count all of your elements in the routines. Review your cast and landing deductions. Make sure to know your "A" mounts on beam as only those listed in the code can receive "A" credit. Remember that the dance series on balance beam must contain a "C". Be aware of "shapes" on beam and floor. Don't forget to look for the dance passage on floor exercise.

The script may be accessed on the NAWGJ.org site and the videos can be accessed on the JAS link at [NACGCW Judges YouTube](#) and we are working on a link from the [NAWGJ](#) webpage.

We are very excited about the upcoming 2011 collegiate gymnastics season. You are all such a huge portion of our programs. We thank you for your commitment to collegiate gymnastics. Enjoy as we begin yet another exciting journey in the collegiate gymnastics season!

Sincerely,

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