

**The NCAA season is a month away and it is time to get ready!
The NCAA Judges Challenge will allow you to prepare for the
upcoming NCAA season and test your skills...**

NCAA Judges Challenge

December 34 – 31, 2018

General Information Sheet

Purpose: The NCAA Judge's Challenge is a team competition testing your knowledge of the new 2017 COP on NCAA level routines! This is an opportunity for you to form a team and compare your scores with other teams across the US! In addition, there are prizes for the winning teams.

How does it work?

1. This is a judging competition between teams of judges
 - a. A "team" consists of at least 2 – 4 judges, no more
 - b. Every judge in the US is encouraged to participate!
2. The competition will last 4 weeks starting Dec 4 and final results will be available after Dec 25th
3. Every Wednesday, six routines will be posted on the NGJA website (one routine on each event)
 - a. Teams can access the site and click on the links to judge routines at any time
 - b. Routines can be viewed as many times as you like and reviewed in slow motion
4. Each team has until the following Monday (3pm EST) to submit their routine scores
 - a. Any team member can submit team scores at Challenge.ngja.org by using the team login info
 - b. Teams will submit a D score and a final E score in an email
 - c. Teams can change scores anytime up until 3pm on Monday of each week
5. All scores will be compared to a US panel of judges –
 - a. The US panel of judges consists of Dan Bachman and Butch Zurich
6. "Team scores" will be given for D and E score accuracy – see scoring below
7. Weekly team scores will be tabulated and final team scores will be posted on the NGJA website
8. All routine evaluations from the NCAA panel will be posted on-line for everyone to review after scores are published

Official Judging Rules

1. The competition will last 4 weeks starting Dec 4 and final results will be available on Dec 31
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3. Teams can access the site and click on the links to judge routines at any time
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5. Each team has until the following Tuesday, (2pm EST) to submit their routine scores
6. Teams will submit a D score and a final E score
7. FIG Rules should be applied to all routines (except for NCAA Modifications and stick bonus)
 1. All neutral deductions should be deducted from the Start Value
 2. All stick bonus should be added to the Start Value
 3. DO NOT TAKE ANY LINE DEDUCTIONS
 4. All scores will be compared to a US panel of judges
8. The US panel of judges consists of Dan Bachman and Butch Zunich
9. "Team scores" will be given for D and E score accuracy – see scoring below
10. Weekly team scores will be tabulated, and final team scores will be viewable at Challenge.ngja.org
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Scoring System

1. D Panel points
 - a. 6 points - Match the NCAApanel Start Value exactly
 - b. 3 points – +/- 0.1 deviation from the NCAApanel Start Value
 - c. 0 points – for all deviations of +/- 0.2 from the NCAApanel Start Value
2. E Panel points
 - a. 6 points - Match the NCAApanel E score exactly
 - b. 5 points – +/- 0.1 deviation from the NCAApanel E score
 - c. 4 points – +/- 0.2 deviation from the NCAApanel E score
 - d. 3 points – +/- 0.3 deviation from the NCAApanel E score
 - e. 2 points – +/- 0.4 deviation from the NCAApanel E score
 - f. 1 points – +/- 0.5 deviation from the NCAApanel E score
 - g. 0 points – +/- 0.6 or more deviation from the NCAApanel E score
3. Both scores will be added together for final "Team Score"
4. Weekly scores and accumulative scores will be posted on the website

Entry Requirements

1. Two or more people can form a team (no more than 4)
2. At least one team member must be an NGJA member
3. Coaches, and interested parties can participate as team members with an NGJA judge
4. Teams must be entered no later than Dec 3
 - a. Email your Team at the bottom of these instructions to mtjusz@gmail.com
5. There is no entry fee

Awards

The NGJA will recognize and award the top 5 teams in the following manner:

1. The top 5 placing teams will all receive a NGJA embroidered polo shirt for each member of the team!

Registration has already begun and will close Dec 3. Registrations after Dec 3 will not be accepted to complete preparations for the Challenge!

Miscellaneous Questions:

Q: Can I audit the NCAAJudge's Challenge?

A: Anyone can audit as a passive team member

Q: Can gymnasts, coaches or parents participate?

A: Yes, if you register your team. Non registrants will not receive the emails with routines.

NGJA Disclaimers

1. All NCAA panel scores are final!
2. Awards are for NGJA members only
3. Final "accumulated results" that end in a tie will be broken in the following manner:
 - a. Highest total weekly score, if still tied then...
 - b. Most exact D panel scores, if still tied then...
 - c. Most exact E panel scores, if still tied then...
4. Any scores submitted after the deadline will entered as a "0"