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Dear Judges,

In working with the NACGC/W a certain level of communication between our organizations has developed.

This has been very positive and allows us as judges to develop a dialogue to support the collegiate program and try to meet their needs. It has also allowed us to learn more about the issues of compliance with the numerous rules and regulations they as coaches are bound by. One of the issues that put coaches in an uncomfortable place is when a judge requests something from a coach that they are not allowed to supply. This extends to tickets for a friend or family member. If you will have a friend or family member accompany you to a competition it may be possible for the host team to reserve a ticket for you and hold it at will call but they cannot give you the ticket. You must pick it up and pay for it yourself. If you have done this in the past we need to do our best to stop this practice. I was not aware of this, as I am sure many of us were not. Lets do our best to keep contact with the coaching staff down to the only necessary, travel plans, etc.

We also need to be signing score sheets off the floor. This is in the NCAA rules document. As in the past, watching warm-ups in not permitted. Finally, I would like to share some comments from Mike Lorenzen, President of the NACGC/W.

“I would still like you to send a broader message/update to all the judges and, if you think it appropriate, a reminder to not relax and let scores go crazy down the home stretch. I've watched two meets the last two weeks and I was really pleased overall with the separation and evaluation of routines. I continue to hear some concerns about consistency and elevated scoring in XXXXXXXX but I think we're in pretty good shape overall. “ML

The end of the season is most important. Do your best to follow the rules consistently, but know that you can follow the premise of giving the athlete the benefit of the doubt. If you make an error it is most important to correct it if it is brought to your attention. Ultimately, remember we are there to do a good job.

Best Regards,
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