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To All NCAA Men's Gymnastics Coaches,

As we enter the final part of the 2023 competitive season, I wanted to address a couple of issues encountered in the early part of this season.

- Sting mat or 10cm mat on vault and floor – the use of a sting mat is permitted on vault and floor. The issue is the sting mat (or 10 cm mat on FX) covers the lines on the base mat or floor and the judges are left to make a determination if the gymnast performed and completed their vault or tumbling skill within the landing area with/without line violations. This is extremely difficult and with competitions being determined by just a few tenths of a point, a meet outcome could hinge on this call.
- Resolution: The home team must provide additional matting with tape lines on the mat at vault/floor so they are visible to the judges. This mat must be placed so the lines coincide with the base mat/floor, so line violations can be identified. *Per the NCAA Rules Modification document, page 11 #11 A. The host's equipment must comply with specifications for warm-up as well as competition. If the host's equipment does not comply, a 2.00 deduction will be taken from the host team's score by the Technical Director unless the visiting coach has been notified, in writing, one week prior to the competition and mutual agreement has been reached.*

Be advised, effective March 2, 2023, the NGJA judges will be advised to apply the above, which will be in effect immediately.

Good luck to everyone as we begin the 2023 season,

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