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| TO | WAG Community | DATE | August 11 th 2009 |
| FROM | Natalie Gabites, Performance Coordinator | CC | HPAG, WAG CSC |
| RE | WAG Commonwealth Games | | |

Dear Colleagues,

Clarification is required on the selection and nomination process for the Women's Artistic Team in their attempt to gain qualification to the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India.

The guidelines for selection are governed by the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) and for 2010 the minimum standard for team qualification to Commonwealth Games is a proven ability to place in the top six teams.

As discussed and agreed at the recent WAG High Performance Coaches Sub Committee meeting the best opportunity for demonstrating this capability is to compete at the South African Gymnastics Cup in South Africa where current indications are South Africa, Scotland, Namibia, Great Britain and Luxembourg will be attending. Based on results from the previous Commonwealth Games we agreed that beating South Africa and Scotland in this competition would be a good start for our submission to the NZOC.

The cut off for CWG qualification has been pushed out to August 2010 so based on results at South African Gymnastics Cup we may plan other events through to Pacific Championships to help build a credible record of results. However, if we fail to beat South Africa and Scotland then we will not pursue other opportunities to qualify a WAG team for the Commonwealth Games this cycle and will channel our focus and investment into our talent development activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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