

**MEMORANDUM**

<b>DATE:</b>	3 April 2017	<b>STATUS</b>	High
<b>TO:</b>	All members	<b>FROM</b>	WAG Sport Development Committee
<b>RE:</b>	WAG Talent Identification and Performance Development Programme	<b>NOTE:</b>	

- Mary Wright has been appointed as the Performance Development Coordinator to the WAG SDC and has written a programme for the development of athletes towards the international stream.
- Applications have been called for the position of National Coach, who will lead/implement the programme. An appointment is expected in April 2017.
- The programme includes a strength and flexibility programme that gymnasts will be assessed on and a skill development programme against which gymnast's progress will be monitored.
- Gymnasts will need to meet a minimum standard of progress and performance to remain in the squad.
- Gymnasts who are not initially included in the squad can be considered for inclusion in the future if they demonstrate that they can meet the relevant skill development and performance criteria.
- An initial group of gymnasts have been named into the National Squad and the WAG SDC is now looking to extend the programme to younger gymnasts.
- Whilst the purpose of the programme is to put in place a programme to develop gymnasts, to achieve this we need to support the development of coaches so coaches are expected to be with their gymnasts at the training camps/squads. Any coach is able to attend the training camps to learn even if they don't have gymnasts in the squad.

At testing for younger gymnasts will be carried out on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April in Napier**, prior to the Central Zone clinic. Would those who wish to be test please fill in the attached Expression of Interest and return to Michele Hawke ([mhawke@ihug.co.nz](mailto:mhawke@ihug.co.nz)) by **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**.

Expressions of Interest are to be submitted from coaches or clubs.

Testing in other regions will be organised once the National Coach has been appointed.

WAG SDC