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Dear Member,

As you may be aware, the Kitchener Waterloo Gymnastics Club (KWGC) and Cambridge Kips Gymnastic Club (Kips) have been working together during the 2020-2021 gymnastics season to support the delivery of quality gymnastics programming in both clubs. Both KWGC and Kips have benefited from the strength of the other during what has been an extraordinary year in youth sport.

There are ongoing discussions about the future unification of the two clubs. We are writing to you to share the exciting news and to outline how the possible unification will evolve.

Unification would ensure strong not-for-profit delivery of recreational and competitive gymnastics for Waterloo Region families and athletes. A priority of the unification is to make every effort to offer all disciplines and maximize the space and staff available, while continuing to offer affordable and inclusive programs for all athletes.

The clubs share the same vision and strategic direction under the guidance of the Board of Directors of each organization. With the support of our collective memberships, there is opportunity to unify and expand programs, striving for seamless and parallel programming at both clubs.

The sense of community and collaboration has been central to the success of the KWGC and Kips over our combined 106 year history. Working together, the clubs will be positioned to build on our strong relationships, while remaining grounded in our core activity servicing the communities of Waterloo Region.

We invite you to explore the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document posted on the websites of each club, and welcome your comments and questions. Your input will help ensure that KWGC and Kips are considering the voice of the membership as the unification conversation continues.

There is a need to ensure that the clubs take the time necessary to plan a path forward. The complexities of Covid-19 operations means that there is no absolute timeline for the unification, however, the goal is to work toward member approval in the Fall 2021. You can expect that we will be consulting our members before a formal unification proposal is put forward for your consideration. We want to ensure the proposal is reflective of your input and answers your questions.

Warm regards,

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