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Attention: Jacinta Calverley

On behalf of Crusaders Sports Club, we wish to express our enthusiastic support for Netball America and the outstanding job they have done within the past 18 months, very commendable. For so long Netball has been under-promoted in the USA. Very few are aware that the sport of "Netball" even exist. This lack of knowledge, takes the sport of Netball completely out of the equation for young athletes, who currently have the options of such sports as Basketball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Tennis, etc.

We have been very impressed by their work as an organization in the netball arena. Since their inception, Netball America has worked tirelessly to promote the sport of Netball all over the entire country. This is essential for the continued growth and development of Netball in the USA. We appreciate them constantly reaching out to us as a club for input and involvements in their projects. In addition, they have extended a hand to our club on many occasions to provide us with their guidance and assistance.

The biggest Netball event of the year, by far, was the successful LA Sparks/Netball at the Staples Center Event. Netball was highlighted and showcased to millions around the country and billions across the internet through short clips on YouTube. A reach that can only be attained by ongoing communication, participation & involvement, and the assistance of professional, well respected organizations such as the WNBA. The collaboration with the WNBA was genius! A great way to get the younger generation involved and excited about the sport at an early age. The National Championships at the LALA weekend was also a great event; we were pleasantly surprised to see the amount of Netball teams that turned out to play. A well organized two full days of high-level Netball, we had and blast!

We look forward with great excitement to the tournaments, events, and training they have planned for Netball in 2010. Should anyone have questions regarding our relationship with the Netball America Organization, they are welcome to contact us -- we will be more than happy to inform them of our experiences thus far.

Sincerely,

Colleen Ellis
Secretary
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