



### Press Release: 20 September 2010

The NAPA Board have been deliberating long and hard over recent weeks and have unanimously agreed to focus our attentions for all Northern Academy & NAPA Nippers Colourguards on the UK Circuit alone. This means that plans to compete at the WGI World Championships will be put on hold for the 2011 season, effective immediately.

Speaking of the decision, NAPA Chairman Paul Morgan states "after announcing our intention to compete again for the second year running at the WGI World Championships, a number of important factors have emerged. The Board have dealt with these challenges in the most appropriate way in order to ensure that our focus and resources are shared among all Northern Academy & NAPA Nippers Colourguards. This was not a purely financial decision, however, the costs for the project would have exceeded last year's which was a burden that we were not prepared to pass onto our members. Not a dissimilar situation to our US friends who were considering coming to the UK but have elected not to for now. This decision perhaps may not be popular in some quarters, however, I would like to reassure everyone that as an organization, we strive to develop our talent base to be the best that they can possibly be, and this will ultimately mean that we will be returning to WGI at some later stage, but for now, this is the right decision given all the recent developments for the organization and we will do what is right to protect that at all costs. NAPA would like to extend our sincere best wishes for all UK and Dutch groups who will be making the trip for the 2011 WGI World Championships and hope that they continue to represent Europe as strongly as possible going forwards."

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