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To Ron Ensom
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Dear Ron,

We are writing to you today to inform you that Coaches of Canada has decided in favour of endorsing the Canadian Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth. The information you provided was put before our Board at a recent meeting and I am happy to inform you that we voted unanimously in favour of supporting this initiative.

As one of the most recognized sectors of society, coaches interface with children of all ages through sport. Coaches of Canada has set a baseline standard for its members that involves the submission of a current police record check and annual sign off that the member has read and will abide by our Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics.

We also recognize that in the sport environment, the use of the “drop and give me 10” mentality, or any form of physical punishment, is de-motivating and no longer an accepted coaching practice. Coaches are a positive role model for the sport community and society in general. The physical and mental well being of a child athlete is directly related to their desire to return to the sport they enjoy year after year as a result of great experiences led by their coach.

Coaches of Canada is pleased to endorse this initiative. Please keep us apprised of future developments!

Best Regards,

Wayne Parro
Executive Director

Steven Sugar
President

Coaches of Canada is the national organization that represents the profession of coaching in Canada. The organization's mission is to advance the profession of coaching; and to advance the contribution coaches make to individuals, teams, communities and society. We are a member driven organization, and our members are coaches who represent all sports, both professional and amateur. | Entraîneurs du Canada est l'organisme national qui représente les entraîneurs professionnels du Canada. Nous servons les intérêts de nos membres, des entraîneurs - hommes et femmes - qui proviennent de tous les milieux sportifs, tant professionnels qu'amateurs. Faire progresser la profession d'entraîneur et faire reconnaître la contribution qu'apportent les entraîneurs aux personnes, aux équipes, aux collectivités et à la société est dans son ensemble.