



Declaration of Commitment

Erase Bullying in Sport Throughout B.C.

We, the Province of British Columbia and B.C. sport leaders, believe that:

Sport can provide British Columbians of all ages, abilities and backgrounds with life-long opportunities to enjoy physical, social and emotional health benefits.

A sport environment that is positive, respectful, engaging and accessible for all participants encourages individuals to join and stay in sport throughout their lives. Conversely, a sport environment in which participants are exposed to negative experiences, such as bullying, can be harmful and cause individuals to quit sport.

Bullying is unwelcome or aggressive behaviour that involves a real or perceived power imbalance and can take many forms including physical, verbal, emotional or other types of intimidating or humiliating behaviours. The behaviour is often repeated and can occur on or away from the playing field, court or arena. Children, youth and adults can all be vulnerable to experiences of bullying.

We will:

Through the signing of this document, demonstrate our commitment to fostering a positive sport environment with mechanisms in place to effectively prevent and address bullying in sport.

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We call on all those involved in sport — participants, athletes, coaches, parents, caregivers, officials, organizations, partners, volunteers and others — to join us in this commitment and help ensure a safe, welcoming and positive sport culture and environment for all British Columbians of every background, gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity, age, ability and aspiration.

Respectfully,

Honourable Peter Fassbender

Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Sport Organization or Partner