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An Open Letter to Alberta Artistic Swimming Members

As with many within our provincial and national artistic swimming community, we were deeply saddened to learn of the recent allegations that Canada Artistic Swimming failed to provide a safe training environment for our athletes.

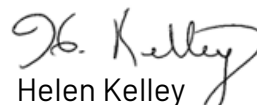
In the last week Alberta Artistic Swimming has been working on a number of urgent matters related to these allegations. We are committed to supporting athletes and all of our members to foster positive and safe training environments within Alberta.

For several months, our association has been working on plans to change our culture, as part of a national effort to ensure a safe sport for all our athletes and members. In December we offered an introductory webinar on diversity and inclusion to all our club head coaches, Presidents, AAS staff, national level officials, AAS Board members and committee members. Prior to the pandemic we had launched an awareness campaign on concussions to be at all our provincial events. We have added pages to our website on both concussions and Safe Sport to ensure access to resources.

At a recent meeting of the Board we have committed further significant funds to our 2020-2021 budget in order to advance additional Safe Sport initiatives with more details on the specifics to come at a later date.

We know that sport, including our sport, has work to do and we are committed to doing so. We are confident that our entire community and particularly our club partners, coaches, athletes and members will join us in leading this sport to be a positive example that fosters respect and well-being for all.


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