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Attention: Field Hockey Canada Board of Directors

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RE: RESPONSE TO NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETES' LETTER

Dear Members of the Field Hockey Canada Board,

On behalf of the Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey Club, one of the largest field hockey organizations in North America, we would like to share our concern and support in light of the recent letter from our national team athletes expressing their loss of confidence in Field Hockey Canada's leadership. Their call for transparency, accountability, and change is an important reminder of the responsibility we all share in supporting our sport.

Vancouver Hawks FHC strongly believe that the sport of field hockey in Canada is best served when there is trust, accountability and collaboration between National, Provincial and community organisations, and we are constantly striving to nurture these relationships through partnerships, flexibility and sharing of institutional resources and knowledge. These partnerships are built on trust - a trust that is easier maintained than regained.

Serious concerns were raised in the athletes' letter around Safe Sport, athlete welfare, international performance issues, funding and responsible governance. In order to maintain that trust between Field Hockey Canada and the rest of the community we strongly believe a public response to the open letter is warranted.

As such we call upon the Board of Field Hockey Canada to respond urgently, publicly, and with transparency. Our athletes deserve assurance that their voices are valued, and the wider field hockey community deserves clarity and accountability from those entrusted with leading our sport.

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This kind of response will provide Field Hockey Canada the opportunity to set a positive course, rebuild trust, and create the conditions needed for growth and long-term success for our men's and women's national teams as well as the entirety of the field hockey community in Canada.

This is a crucial moment for Canadian field hockey. We ask the Field Hockey Canada Board to guide our sport forward with integrity and vision, and we offer our support in that effort.

Sincerely,

Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey Club Board of Directors

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