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To whom it may concern

Re: Learning Life through Sport

I wish to recommend the 'Learning Life through Sport' program to any sporting league that is committed to creating a positive sporting environment for their players and members.

In junior sport throughout our country, it is acknowledged we have a problem with poor behaviour from many of our coaches, players, parents, and spectators. This general lack of respect often results in umpire/referee abuse and poor experiences for our participants. We know that we can be so much better but have struggled to find a consistent way to improve the experience for everyone involved.

The general way we have approached the problem is to introduce punitive measures. Whilst this will always be part of the solution, a more proactive approach is to create environments where everyone can thrive.

Over the many years I've been involved in sport as a coach, administrator, player and most importantly, as a parent, I haven't seen a program as positive and impactful as the 'Learning through Life' system. It is aimed at creating a healthy atmosphere for everyone in sporting environments. The methodology is simple to apply but creates a culture that is enjoyable to be involved in. It is a great coach education tool and a positive way of attracting and retaining umpires/referees. It is also a great way to assist in creating safe and inclusive environments for all children playing sport.

I wholeheartedly recommend the program to sporting organisations. The manager of the program, Rod Campbell, has a history of making a positive difference in our community and is a leader who is committed to improving sporting environments.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hamilton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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