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To whom it may concern:

Re Reference for Igor Gantsevich

Igor Gantsevich is a coach at the Dynamo Fencing Club, a member of the Canadian National Fencing Team, and the athlete representative on the Canadian Fencing Federation Board of Directors.

I have known Igor personally for several years, both in my capacity as a father of fencer who is coached by Igor, and as the President of the British Columbia Fencing Association (BCFA)

As a father, I can attest that Igor is an excellent coach with children of all ages – from beginners to serious competitive fencers who compete at the International level. He has the ability to connect directly with children, and they respond exceptionally well to his coaching style and personal demeanour.

As the president of the BCFA, I have a strong working relationship with Igor. He is integral to some of the successes of the BCFA, such as placing athletes on cadet national teams, developing programs and securing hosting rights to international tournaments. Igor is a pleasure to work with, and his drive and passion is exceptional.

The BCFA collaborates with Igor on many initiatives, including developing school programs, and Igor has the full support of the BCFA in these initiatives.

If you have any questions regarding this reference, please contact me directly at 604 992 3352

Sincerely

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