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To Whom It May Concern: **MEADOWRIDGE SCHOOL**

I am the Athletic Director at Meadowridge School and am pleased to write this reference letter for Igor Gantsevich.

I have known Igor as a coach since September when he joined our Meadowridge fencing club. Igor comes to our club with a wealth of experience. He is heavily involved with the BC Fencing Association and Canada's National Fencing team. He is experienced organizing large scale provincial and national tournaments. He is currently involved in bringing high level international fencing tournaments such, as the Men's Epee Grand Prix, to Canada. Igor's own competitive fencing background is notable. He has competed at the international level and was one of our province's elite fencers.

Igor is a passionate coach that has created interest and motivated students to higher levels of fencing ability at Meadowridge. I have seen Igor use a variety of techniques to keep students involved and interested. His lessons have a good balance, they vary from technical to more game-like, however he always stresses the reason behind what they are doing and the outcome he is looking for. He has kept younger students interested and focused.

On a professional level, I have found Igor to be a very punctual coach, arriving early and eager to engage with students on a personal level in lessons at our school. Igor has been very motivated to do what he can to help our club grow and our fencers become stronger. He is self-motivated in wanting to grow the sport of fencing. Our fencers are from the ages of 9 to 18, but Igor has worked with children of all ages at his Dynamo Club. Currently, he is teaching epee and saber to our students as we have another coach doing foil. Igor is well versed in all three fencing weapons.

Through Igor's teaching and a Dynamo Fencing Club guest instructor he has brought to assist, we have been aided in attending tournaments, finishing with noteworthy results (in the medals) and also supplied with some additional equipment at times.

I have no doubt that Igor Gantsevich can motivate and improve fencers in any club setting. I recommend him to any organization looking for a fencing coach with energy, knowledge and passion. Attached is my contact information should you require any further information.

Yours truly,

Scott Spurgeon