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To: Stephane Harbour Chairperson The Montreal Urban Agglomeration Committee

Subject: Elite Sport

The QANF is pleased to participate in this Public Review. The Montreal Urban Conglomeration should be commended for taking this step. If the Commission could implement some of the following suggestions, netball could attract more elite participants.

- 1) Measures that should be implemented to support developing athletes and to help them reach their goal of excellence
  - Financial aid should be given to sports' clubs' to assist their elite athletes and coaches. (The elite are defined as those members who are on the Quebec Team.)
    - When this aid becomes available, athletes and coaches will be able to use the time, they now spend fundraising, to train and prepare for their sport
    - Coaches could attend National Workshops/Training
    - Athletes need to participate in camps and competitions, as these bring the best athletes together
    - Our netball clubs will be able to select elite players with the most ability, whether than being forced to select members of a team based on their ability to contribute
- 3) The main priority that the Montreal Urban Agglomeration Council should implement is:
  - To provide the funds to allow teams to practice and play in proper facilities
    - Netball National Tournaments and Special Events require, at least, three fullsized courts which are not found in the West End

Yours in Netball,

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