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Gymnastics BC statement in response to the charges against Marcel Dubroy

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Gymnastics BC is aware that Marcel Dubroy, a gymnastics coach currently living in Smithers BC, has been charged by the Regina Police Service with multiple offences.

Through a national reciprocity agreement, Mr. Dubroy's membership was suspended nation-wide effective May 21, 2019. The suspension has now been extended, pending the outcome of the judicial process. He may not coach in any provincially-affiliated member club across Canada.

"We are deeply concerned about these allegations," said Gymnastics BC Interim CEO, Andrée Montreuil. "As the governing body for the sport of Gymnastics in BC, the safety of children participating in our member clubs is the primary concern of our association."

Individuals with concerns related to this coach or information related to the investigation are encouraged to contact the Regina Police Service at: <http://reginapolice.ca/contact/>.

Through its policies, procedures and practices, Gymnastics BC implements a variety of measures to promote participant safety, such as requiring that all coaches working in Gymnastics BC member clubs complete Respect in Sport and Make Ethical Decisions training, as well as enforcing a comprehensive [Criminal Record Reviews Policy](#). The association continually works with its sport partners to promote safe and positive gymnastics experiences for all participants.

Gymnastics BC is actively taking additional measures to ensure its members participate in safe environments, with the principal aim of empowering its member clubs with the tools, knowledge and resources to protect children and youth from abuse. Working collaboratively with Gymnastics Canada, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection and viaSport, Gymnastics BC is currently developing policies and province-wide initiatives that will be critical to driving change within the system.

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Based in Vancouver, Gymnastics BC is the provincial governing body for the sport of gymnastics in British Columbia. Its mission is to provide, promote and guide a positive lifelong gymnastics experience. For more information about Gymnastics BC and its programs, please visit Gymnastics BC online at www.gymbc.org.

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