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An Open Letter – #GOLFISCALLING

The game of golf is played in communities across Canada and it is the strength of a community representing nearly 6M enthusiasts that makes golf the most participated sport in our country. Canada's nearly 2,300 golf courses are a place where friends, families and new acquaintances share a passion for the game.

Golf courses and facilities need to be safe and inclusive spaces—free from harassment, abuse, and discrimination of any kind. Golf Canada strives to become an organization of impact in this important space with an organization-wide commitment to developing a more inclusive and inviting culture within our sport.

Golf Canada's newly formed Diversity & Inclusion Alliance is supporting the organization's effort to break down barriers in attracting new participants to the game and connecting with people who share similar values.

This is an open letter inviting all golfers, associations and enthusiasts of all abilities along with racialized, equity seeking or gender-expression groups, leagues, or circles of friends (collectively and hereinafter, "Community Groups") to connect with one another through a new Community Portal on the Golf Canada Diversity & Inclusion resource page. We also invite these Community Groups to engage with Golf Canada, allow us to connect with a wider audience of golf enthusiasts and expand our learning to ensure that golf is safe and inclusive for everyone, everywhere in Canada.

As we continue to build out our Diversity and Inclusion resource page, Community Groups will be featured on Golf Canada's Community Portal webpage by simply submitting background and key details to **Golf Canada's new Director for Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Safe Sport, Laura Wilson** (lwilson@golfcanada.ca):

- Community Group Represented (i.e.. Indigenous, Black, 2SLGBTQIA+, All-Abilities, Mandarin, etc.):
- Name of Association/Group:
- Website:
- Primary Operating Region(s):
- Contact (name, email, and phone number)

Golf Canada and our Diversity and Inclusion Alliance is excited to connect golfers and Community Groups in the organization's continued effort to make the game a welcoming space for all Canadians.

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