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Mike Hutton
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Dear Mr. Hutton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Athletics Manitoba. Athletics Manitoba recently conducted a review of all operating policies and added the requirement that all Athletics Manitoba club and provincial team coaches must complete a screening process (i.e. an enhanced police information check - EPIC).

Any competitive event that Athletics Manitoba offers includes the provision of emergency medical care onsite. We contract onsite medical services through MATA. As part of our screening review we checked with partners to insure that those with close contact with athletes also completed a screening process. We were surprised to learn that MATA does not require proof of a clear EPIC screen as part of the application process for Athletic Therapists who work for MATA. Given the close interaction Athletics Therapists often have with athletes, Athletics Manitoba wants to clarify what, if any, screening for MATA Athletic Therapists is carried out. If no screens are currently required, are there plans to add this requirement in the future?

At this time Athletics Manitoba will continue to use MATA services, but may need to look for alternative medical services if the MATA Athletic Therapists are not screened.

I can be reached at execdiretor@athleticsmanitoba.com or 204 925 5744.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Donna Harris'.

Donna Harris
Executive Director