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ViaSport announces partnership with ePACT Network, helping to improve athlete safety in British Columbia
Online network provides immediate access to emergency information, improving response time and reducing risk

Vancouver, BC – ViaSport is thrilled to announce its partnership with ePACT Network, improving emergency communications and management of medical information for B.C.’s coaches, athletes and families in sport.

For decades, most sports organizations have had to rely on hand-written paper forms for athletes’ critical emergency information, such as contact details for parents, guardians and emergency contacts, and medical details necessary to help care for an athlete. The ePACT emergency network replaces these paper forms with a secure online system, accessible via web, phone and App.

By replacing difficult-to-manage paper emergency forms, ePACT helps reduce risks and improve player safety while providing a one-stop-shop for sports team administrators, coaches and safety personnel to access player medical details – even without an internet connection. The system also provides other communication tools like sending direct notifications to families and emergency contacts if a player is injured at practice, the bus is delayed from a game, or the rink, pool, or gym are evacuated due to a crisis.

“Every sport presents unique challenges when it comes to safety and our sport leaders play an important role in both knowing what they are, and mitigating risk as much as possible,” says Cathy Priestner Allinger, ViaSport CEO. “Effective communication is critical to any emergency and we hope that coaches, families and sport administrators will consider using ePACT to support them in their important role of keeping kids safe both on and off the field of play.”

ViaSport’s partnership with ePACT was formed in the effort to connect B.C. sport partners to a more comprehensive emergency support technology, in turn reducing the time, costs and administration required to maintain traditional paper emergency forms and binders.

“ePACT is proud to be an official partner of ViaSport. We’ve heard from countless sports leagues that the paper emergency forms are a pain point each and every season, and we are thrilled that our online system is a solution for this. We look forward to supporting the local athletic community and helping provide safe sport for all,” says Christine Sommers, ePACT Co-Founder and CEO.

ePACT is the Official Sports Safety Software of ViaSport British Columbia. For more information on ePACT’s service offerings, visit www.epactnetwork.com

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About ViaSport British Columbia:

ViaSport British Columbia is a not-for-profit organization established in 2011, responsible for providing strategic leadership to BC sport in order to increase levels of physical activity at every stage of life, in every community.

Formed in partnership with the provincial sport sector and the Province of BC, ViaSport – along with sport partners – is shaping a more effective model for sport delivery and funding administration which drives sport for life, engages British Columbians, leverages new and existing partnerships, and creates a strong and sustainable sport system. Learn more at www.viasport.ca

About ePACT:

ePACT is changing the way the world prepares for life’s emergencies by replacing over 900,000,000 paper emergency forms used by organizations supporting families every year. As your emergency network, ePACT better connects and protects your family, organization and community through any crisis.

ePACT Network Ltd. is based in North Vancouver, British Columbia. The company was founded by Christine Sommers and Kirsten Koppang Telford in 2012 after speaking with friends who survived the 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami. The ePACT team is made up of emergency management specialists and web technology experts, committed to helping North American communities better manage any crisis, large or small.

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