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Dear All,

Yesterday several athletes accused me and my fellow coaches of violating the Code of Conduct in both the spirit and letter of the law. There is an investigation pending, but it is important to me to address these very serious charges.

A serious allegation in the main complaint against the US Speedskating organization is that of sexual misconduct. I and my fellow coaches have never behaved or said anything inappropriate in this regard. An objective observer can speak with all my current and former athletes and will never hear of any misconduct. In fact, the 7 page "CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS: JAE SU CHUN" which is a letter drafted by Ed Williams that goes into detail about potential coach misconduct has not a single mention of any sexual misconduct. This simply has not happened.

Another serious allegation is that of physical abuse, particularly that I "slammed an athlete up against a wall and repeatedly hit him" and with apparently such force that I caused "the athlete physical injury". I did push him and we had a disagreement. Later I apologized to him. We resolved the conflict amicably and certainly he was not injured. In fact, he won several medals the next day at the World Championships. We continue to have a good relationship. I will add that although approached, he is not one of the athletes who have brought the complaint against me. After the complaint was filed, this athlete stated, "He pushed me up against a wall and we had some words and that was it. He didn't hit me. He didn't hit me multiple times. He didn't cause me any physical harm whatsoever." I would prefer that we keep his privacy, but certainly any investigator can speak with him and confirm his statement and mine.

Another allegation is that I or my fellow coaches provided alcohol to minors. Again while in the broader complaint, he left out all mention of it in the CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS. This charge is simply not true. I am adamantly against drinking. My first action in 2007 when I became coach was to institute a no drinking rule with zero tolerance. It led to a tremendous amount of unpleasantness with several members of the team at the time.

Finally, I wanted to mention that though two of my colleagues, one of whom is an assistant National Team coach, Mr. Yeo and Mr. Jang, are embroiled in this argument, neither were mentioned in the CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS letter. I would ask that in your consideration of the events, that you remove their names.

In short, I have not abused athletes in any way and am confident I will be found innocent at the outcome of the investigation.

Best regards,



Jae Su Chun