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Dear Eugene,

Recognition status of parkour and Parkour UK in the UK

I am writing further to our meeting on 18 May 2017 to confirm UK Sport's position regarding the recognition status of the sport of parkour and Parkour UK in the UK.

As affirmed in the letter of 20 October 2016 from Sport England to you, your application for recognition of parkour and Parkour UK was assessed and unanimously approved by the four Home Country Sports Councils (Sport England, Sport Wales, **sportscotland** and Sport NI). UK Sport was not part of that formal decision-making process because parkour is not an Olympic or Paralympic Sport, however UK Sport recognises the right of the Home Country Sports Council to take that decision under the Recognition Policy and, by extension, **we therefore recognise parkour as a sport and Parkour UK as the NGB for the sport in the UK.**

At the meeting, you asked for confirmation of the criteria which applications for recognition must meet and that your application for parkour and Parkour UK was assessed against.

As stated in the Sports Councils' Recognition Policy, the UK Recognition Panel comprises **nominated officers from each of the five Sports Councils (UK Sport, Sport England, Sport Wales, Sport Northern Ireland and **sportscotland**).**

Full applications that involve the recognition of a UK wide NGB require unanimous decision by all four Sports Councils. With regard to decisions on NGB recognition, the UK Sport representative will only vote in respect of applications that concern Olympic or Paralympic NGB/sporting activity.

For non-Olympic/Paralympic sports, UK Sport may observe and offer a view during the application process, however we do not take decisions regarding the recognition of these sports. These decisions are taken in line with the Recognition Policy, which each of the Sports Council Boards (**including UK Sport**) have collectively agreed.

The Recognition Policy also details the criteria which a sport and its respective NGB must meet in order to be granted recognition status.

As part of the full application process, the criteria which the panel consider are:

- Governing body jurisdiction
- Governing body influence
- **Sporting uniqueness**
- Sporting rules
- Competition structure
- Sporting vision and development
- Governing body vision and development
- Sporting injury risk
- Ethical and legal issues

In the view of the four Home Country Sports Councils, parkour and Parkour UK met the above criteria and voted unanimously to recognise the sport and the NGB.

I hope is the above clarifies the recognition process and UK Sport's position.

Yours sincerely



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