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SPEAKERS

Jacob Glover

Managing Director, Scott McCain & Leslie McLean Centre for Sport, Business and Health

Jacob Glover is the Managing Director of The Scott McCain & Leslie McLean Centre for Sport, Business and Health at Saint Mary's University and an Associate of the Restorative Research, Innovation and Education Lab at the Schulich School of Law. He has a background in ancient philosophy, contemporary continental philosophy, law, and restorative justice. For the past few years, Jacob has focused on creating more meaningful justice experiences in sport as well as centering wellbeing in the delivery and governance of Canadian sport.

Elana Liberman

Safe Sport Lead, Sport Nova Scotia

Elana has a background as a competitive freestyle (ballet) skier. She is a lawyer and obtained her Master of Laws from Dalhousie University, and the focus of her thesis was child protection and constitutional law. Elana has experience as a conciliator, mediator, and educator as well as owning an award-winning business. Elana commenced working with Sport Nova Scotia as the Safe Sport Lead in January 2020. In that role, she has developed, implemented and managed comprehensive safe sport strategies for the province and has successfully launched many initiatives, through policies and education, to create safe, welcoming and inclusive sporting and recreation experiences. Elana was also a member of Hockey Nova Scotia's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force and the Coaching Association of Canada's Rule of Two Task Force. Elana is actively involved in the creation and implementation of Nova Scotia's independent complaints process to address maltreatment in sports and works collaboratively with the Restorative Lab to examine the utilization of a restorative approach to sporting issues and concerns. She is a newly appointed board member of SIRC as well. Elana has taught a Safe Sport and Ethics course at Dalhousie University for the past 3 years and she recently obtained her Restorative Justice Certificate from Simon Fraser University and her Safeguarding Officer in Sport Certificate from the International Olympic Committee.

Emma Spence

SDRCC Athlete Advisory Committee (gymnastics)

Emma is a decorated athlete in the sport of gymnastics and is currently an NCAA gymnast at the University of Nebraska. She was the Canadian flag bearer at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games where she took home a bronze medal. Emma was a three time bronze medalist at the 2022 Commonwealth Games (all around, beam, & Team Canada), as well as a bronze medalist at the 2022 World Championships, helping Team Canada qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympics. She served as an alternate on both the 2020 and 2024 Canadian Olympic Teams. Emma is also a two-time First Team All-Big 10 gymnast, and was also selected as the 2023 Regional Gymnast of the Year.

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