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To whom it may concern,

My name is Randy Balram, I am one of the lead coaches at Jump Basketball. I am writing this letter in support of Nolan Russell, who is applying for admission to your Teacher's College.

I have had the pleasure of supervising Nolan as a coach for all six of his seasons with Jump Basketball and have seen him grow as a leader and motivator. His work ethic, passion, and attitude have made him a coach I happily bring back to my gym each season. I have seen him showcase many qualities that make him both an outstanding coach and an exceptional candidate for your Teacher's College.

Each season, he is placed in charge of a new group of players, comprising teams from Grade 1 to Grade 8. He has shown a strong ability to identify each player's strengths and weaknesses and tailors his coaching to maximize their potential. He is also very good at making sure everyone is involved and understand the lessons being taught. Many of the players in our Jump family are beginners or novices but under Nolan's guidance, they experience consistent improvement every week. Each season, Nolan receives numerous requests from returning players asking to be on his team again. For example, last season a parent approached me asking to have her son moved to Nolan's team for the upcoming season because she was so impressed with how engaged he was with each player.

As a colleague, Nolan is a joy to work with. He is full of positivity and shows great character and integrity. He is well regarded by the other coaches and the kids respect and listen to him. He is a positive role model for our players, promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, and discipline. His communication skills and ability to motivate always stood out. I am confident that his future teaching will be approached with the same passion and work ethic that he brought to his coaching. Nolan is welcome back anytime he is available to support the children in our program.

In conclusion, it is without reservation that I recommend Nolan for admission to your teacher's college. His leadership skills and character should translate perfectly to a future in teaching.

If you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at randy.dbalram@gmail.com or 647-297-2303.

Sincerely,

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