Dear B&G Coaches

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of the complaint made against you by Johns regarding the alleged separation of your division 1 team by more than 50 meters, contrary to rule 121 of the IB rules.

The complaint is **dismissed.**This means that no further action will be taken against your division 1 team.

Background

Rule 121 of the IB rules requires all members of a team to be within 50 meters of each other member of their team for the duration of the event. It was alleged by Johns Div 5 that that one member of the B&G division 1 team was approximately 300 meters from the the other members of their team at some point during the event. No further details were provided. The allegation was denied by B&G who stated that they were always within 50 meters of each other during the event.

Reasons

Rule 197 requires me to be satisfied on the balance of probabilities that an offence has been committed. I am unable to be so satisfied that a breach of rule 121 occurred. The evidence is essentially a case of one team’s words against another team’s denial. It is also notable that none of the electronic tracking occurring in the race would be able to provide relevant evidence as that only applies to each team, rather than individual members of that team. In the absence of any corroborating evidence from other witnesses or race officials, I am unable to be satisfied that it was more likely than not that the offence occurred. The complaint it consequently dismissed and no penalty is imposed under rule 121.

A copy of this decision has been sent to the Race Director. It will also be provided to the complainant and published on the IB website, consistent with rules 217 and 220.

Yours sincerely.

Jack Chenoweth