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competing for the good in life

Sport changes people. Not just physically. It shapes who you become, what you believe about yourself and what you owe the people around you. If you have played, coached or raised an athlete, you have seen it. You have lived it. Yet no institution in sport has ever been held accountable for what it actually does to a human being.

The Council for Sport as Lived Practice exists to change that.

THE PROBLEM

Every year, athletes pour their bodies, identities and years of their lives into sports. Families sacrifice. Communities invest. And when the playing days are over, most of those athletes are left on their own. The system that developed them did not prepare them for what comes next, the families that raised them rarely see that investment returned, and the coaches and administrators who shaped them were never given a standard to meet.

That is the gap. Sports takes. It rarely gives back in proportion to what it takes.

WHO WE ARE

The Council for Sport as Lived Practice (CSLP) is an independent council, not a league and not an advocacy group. We name what sports does to athletes and families, set the standard for what it owes them and hold the field to it. Our conviction is simple: sport is not just a game. It is a lived experience that forms people, builds relationships and carries cultural identity across generations.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Sport forms people. What you experience on the field, in the gym or on the court does not stay there. It follows you into every room for the rest of your life.

Athletes deserve a return on what they gave. Years of discipline and identity investment are worth more than a jersey and a highlight reel. When the playing days end, you should leave with the tools, networks and preparation to build something.

Families and communities deserve a return too. Every dollar you put into youth sports, every drive to practice and every volunteer Saturday is an investment. Sports should reinvest in your community, not just extract talent from it.

Practitioners must meet a higher standard. Coaches, administrators and sport professionals shape young lives. That power requires not just competence. It requires conscience.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

For families and athletes

Plain-language frameworks, like the Six-P Pipeline, that show where your athlete stands, what the system will ask of you and what you are owed in return, from the first rec league to life after the last game. And a real voice in the conversations that shape your sport, not just a seat in the stands.

For practitioners

A clear standard for what it looks like to develop athletes, not just acquire them. Seminars, forums, policy briefs and white papers that give coaches, administrators and sport leaders the language and evidence to run programs that give back in proportion to what they take.

Sport is not just a game. It is a lived experience. It is time we treated it that way.

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