



LETTER OF INFORMATION FOR CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Title of Study: **Women's Involvement in Highland Games Heavy Events**

You are asked to participate in a research study conducted by **Celine Freeman-Gibb**, from the **Faculty of Human Kinetics** at the University of Windsor **for a Master's Thesis**.

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel to contact **Celine Freeman-Gibb at 519-999-7977** or by email at freeman1@uwindsor.ca. You are also free to contact the faculty supervisor **Victoria Paraschak 519-253-3000 (2445)** or parasch@uwindsor.ca.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

To investigate women's involvement in Highland Games Heavy Events in North America.

PROCEDURES

If you volunteer to participate in this study, you will be asked to:

You will be asked to set up a date and time for an interview to take place over the phone.

You will participate in a one hour telephone interview.

You will be asked questions about your experiences as an (Athlete/Athletic Director) who participates in Highland Games Heavy Events.

You will be emailed the interview questions one week prior to your scheduled interview. This will allow you adequate time to review the interview questions and become comfortable with the material.

You will be emailed a transcript to review for accuracy of the information transcribed.

POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS

Specifically to Athletes:

You will be asked to come up with a pseudonym to be used during the write up of the study. You may experience backlash (no receiving invitations to certain games or being ignored at competitions) from the HGHE community and your reputation within that community might be altered (if this information were to become public knowledge). During the write up of my thesis pseudonyms will be used at all times and I will limit the amount of identifiable information that could tie you to this study. Information collected will be generalized as a group. Some interview questions may stimulate uncomfortable past experiences. If at any time you do not feel comfortable you are able to skip or withdraw from the study altogether. It should be mentioned that once you have approved your interview transcript, you will no longer have the ability to withdraw from the study.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS AND/OR TO SOCIETY

You will gain useful information about yourself and the HGHE community such as your personal strengths and how the HGHE community has helped you grow as an athlete and individual. You will gain this information through the interview process.

This study will add to research in the field of strong women, women's participation in male dominated sports, Hope and Strengths Perspective, Duality of Structure, and the history of women's involvement in HGHE.

COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION

No compensation will be provided.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission.

Upon completion of the study information will be kept for 3 months. All information collected will be stored on the researcher's password protected laptop computer. This information will not be released to any other parties for any reason.

Only two people (Celine Freeman-Gibb and Victoria Paraschak) will have access to the audio recordings. You will receive a transcript of the interview via email for review and editing as needed.

PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL

You have the right to withdraw from the study at any time. The investigator may withdraw you from this research if circumstances arise which warrant doing so. **Once you have approved your interview transcript, you will no longer have the ability to withdraw from the study.**

FEEDBACK OF THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY TO THE PARTICIPANTS

A summary of the research findings will be available on:

Web address: <http://www1.uwindsor.ca/reb/study-results>

Date when results are available: July 31, 2016

SUBSEQUENT USE OF DATA

These data may be used in publications and in presentations.

RIGHTS OF RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact: Research Ethics Coordinator, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario N9B 3P4; Telephone: 519-253-3000, ext. 3948; e-mail: ethics@uwindsor.ca

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR

These are the terms under which I will conduct research.

Signature of Investigator

Date