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## **Basketball BC's girl's provincial team finds new home in Burnaby**

***Fortius Sport & Health announced as new training site for Basketball BC***

**January 10, 2017 (Burnaby)** - Basketball BC is excited to announce Fortius Sport and Health in Burnaby as the new training site for the 2017 Basketball BC U16/U17 High Performance Girls' Provincial Team program.

Basketball BC's High Performance program is based on an integrated functional approach designed to develop higher level basketball skills coupled with increased athletic abilities. This year, the U16/17 Girl's Provincial Team will be representing BC at the 2017 Canada Summer Games and the 2017 National Championships.

"We look forward to bringing our elite athletes to a state-of-the-art facility where they can train, recover, fuel and stay under one roof," says Shaun McGuinness, Basketball BC's High Performance Director. "In addition to building athlete development, the centralized space provides athletes and coaches with access to on-site strength training and physiotherapy services."

Fortius Sport & Health is an integrated athlete development centre featuring a double-gymnasium lined for collegiate/FIBA/NBA level basketball, in addition to a 15,000 sq. ft Training Centre, Sport Medicine Institute, Lodge and Bistro. Home to many of B.C. and Canada's top athletes, Fortius has also hosted the Toronto Raptors pre-season training camp three years running and is the training ground for a local varsity preparatory school basketball program.

"We are proud to partner with Basketball BC to help support the growth of developing basketball athletes as well as broaden our investment in the sport of basketball across the province," says Craig Thompson, Fortius CEO. "Part of our vision at Fortius is to help grow a sport culture in BC where athletes of all ages and levels have the ability to achieve their full potential."

To learn more about Basketball BC's High Performance program or Fortius Sport & Health, visit [www.basketball.bc.ca](http://www.basketball.bc.ca) or [www.fortiusport.com](http://www.fortiusport.com).

### **ABOUT BASKETBALL BC:**

Basketball BC creates, guides and supports programs that build and protect the integrity of the game of basketball for all participants based on the Canadian Sport for Life Pathway (CS4L).

We are committed to growing the game by involving players at all stages of development, coaches at the community and institutional level, assisting in the development of officials and sustaining partnerships to assist in the provision of opportunities and developing an infrastructure that supports our game. Our values of accessibility, respect, excellence, celebration of people and transparency will be cornerstones of our activity.

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#### **ABOUT FORTIUS SPORT & HEALTH:**

Fortius Sport & Health is an integrated athlete development centre strengthened through philanthropy and focused on optimizing athlete performance for life. Situated in Burnaby, B.C., we are home to a state-of-the-art training centre, FIFA-standard turf pitch, NBA/FIBA/collegiate lined gymnasium, sport science lab, sport medicine institute, 50-room lodge and a chef-inspired bistro. Our integrated team of sport medicine and science practitioners share their complementary expertise to deliver precise, customized treatment and training plans for athletes of all ages and abilities, all under one roof. Learn more at [www.fortiusport.com](http://www.fortiusport.com)

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