

Dear Louisville City Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep disappointment regarding recent structural and staffing changes at the Coal Creek Golf Course youth golf camps. For the past two summers, my son has participated in the PGA Junior camps.

While we initially intended to enroll our son in the afternoon camp sessions for the entirety of this summer, the recent schedule changes forced us to reconsider. Ultimately, this schedule shift became a secondary concern after we discovered that Coach Brandon Shupick ('Coach B') has been removed from the youth camp staff.

Coach B has built an exceptional, safe, and highly engaging community program. A major highlight of his leadership was his successful mentorship program, which brought in local high school players to help coach the younger children. This initiative provided invaluable mentorship opportunities for the teenagers while deeply inspiring and motivating younger golfers like my son. It is entirely because of Coach B's dedication that my son developed a genuine love for the game of golf. Replacing a skilled, versatile professional like Coach B is a significant loss for Louisville families.

I was even more disheartened to learn that Coach B has had to raise his lesson prices by \$25.00 because Coal Creek is charging him to bring students on the golf course. Several great golf course employees have already left because of the new management, let's not lose Coach B!

As our elected officials, I urge you to investigate these operational changes at Coal Creek Golf Course. Please take the necessary steps to restore this public asset into a family-friendly, community-centered space that values its impactful employees and the relationships they build with our youth.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and dedication to our community's families. Louisville is the best!!

Sincerely,

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