



# Statement

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## CTUIR Condemns Violence at Recent Basketball Tournament

MISSION, OR – The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Board of Trustees (BOT) and Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) condemns violence at any level. Considering recent events at the annual Family Basketball Tournament held over the weekend, the BOT would like to remind the community that violent behavior is not acceptable and will not be tolerated at CTUIR events.

*“We believe that basketball, like all sports, should be about fun, teamwork, and respect for one another. Any form of violence goes against the spirit of the game, and we’re committed to making sure everyone involved — players and fans — can enjoy the game safely. The family tournament started with the goal of bringing families together to enjoy the game in a friendly and positive manner. Anything else is unacceptable.”*

A friendly reminder: Violence is never the answer. Let's keep the game safe, positive, and enjoyable for everyone involved, especially our children and elders. While the events are still under investigation, the BOT and CTUIR Management are reviewing policies to ensure the safety of all participants in future events. The CTUIR is committed to making necessary improvements to prevent such incidents moving forward.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes, formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

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