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6.2 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

Policy Statement

1. OCPSA is unequivocally opposed to the practice of doping in sport. It is strictly forbidden under OCPSA's Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy. It is an attempt to gain an advantage by cheating and brings dishonour to the individual, to the sports of boccia and para-athletics and to sport in general.
2. OCPSA has adopted the Canadian Anti-Doping Program that is governed by the Canadian Policy Against Doping in Sport, approved by federal, provincial and territorial governments. This program:
 - a) Recognizes the role of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in setting Global standards and coordinating anti-doping worldwide; and
 - b) Implements mandatory and other portions of the World Anti-Doping Program, including the World Anti-Doping Code, the Mandatory International Standards and the Models of Best Practice. The Canadian Anti-Doping Program is administered by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) and OCPSA respects the designated authority of the CCES on all anti-doping matters.

Definitions

3. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
 - a) "*Individuals*" - OCPSA Representative, parents/guardians of OCPSA Representatives, other participants in OCPSA programs and activities, and spectators at OCPSA events.
 - b) "*OCPSA*" – Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sport Association.
 - c) "*OCPSA Representative OR Member*" - Any director, officer, committee member, employee, volunteer, coach, athlete, official, referee, manager and member within OCPSA.

Scope of the Policy

4. This Policy applies to all OCPSA Members and Representatives. Individuals in positions of leadership also have a role to play in eradicating the use of prohibited substances and methods in amateur sport. Therefore, this Policy applies not only to athletes but also to coaches, medical practitioners, sport scientists and administrators who are engaged in any OCPSA organized or sanctioned activity, whether or not they are Members or Representatives of OCPSA. This Policy also applies to Members and Representatives on a retroactive basis with respect to any period prior to their becoming a Member or Representative of OCPSA.

5. Athletes who participate in Canada Games or certain other national level events are subject to in-competition testing by the CCES.
6. The CCES Rules apply when management of the results of doping tests is the responsibility of the CCES and anti-doping rule violations and consequences are to be determined according to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program.

Violations

7. Anti-doping rule violations are those defined by CCES. They can be found in and downloaded from the CCES web site: <http://www.cces.ca/>
8. The anti-doping rule violations include:
 - a) The presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in an athlete's bodily specimen, even if inadvertent;
 - b) The use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method;
 - c) Refusing, or failing without compelling justification, to submit to sample collection or otherwise evading sample collection;
 - d) Missed tests which are declared based on reasonable rules;
 - e) Tampering, or attempting to tamper, with any part of doping control;
 - f) Possession of prohibited substances and methods by an athlete or support personnel;
 - g) Trafficking in any prohibited substance or prohibited method; and
 - h) Administration or attempted administration of a prohibited substance or prohibited method to any athlete, or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up or any other type of complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation or any attempted violation.
9. Exceptions are allowed where a therapeutic use exemption has been granted. The conditions to meet to obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) are defined by WADA in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions and are contained in the CCES rules.

Prohibited Substances and Methods

10. Prohibited substances and methods are those on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List - International Standard, as it may exist from time-to-time. The current version of this document can be downloaded at: <http://www.cces.ca/en/prohibitedlist>

Anti-Doping Initiatives

11. In support of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program OCPSA will:
 - a) Provide education programs to athletes and support personnel who are attending the Canada Games or other designated national level events on anti-doping policy in conjunction with the CCES;
 - b) Assist in identifying the pool of athletes subject to testing;
 - c) Provide the CCES with accurate and reliable information on athletes' whereabouts when requested; and

- d) Provide information to athletes attending the Canada Games or other designated national level events e.g. National Championships, on doping-free sport, testing, anti-doping rule violations and consequences and appeal rules.
12. CCES conducts in-competition testing at events it is requested to attend by OCPSA. This will include the Canada Games and National Championships.

Adverse Analytical Findings

13. OCPSA's Executive Director shall be the contact person for the Association to receive the reports of any test results from the CCES. In the event that the OCPSA Executive Director is going to be unavailable for a period of time when test results are outstanding, he/she or the President shall designate another staff person to receive the results and so inform the CCES.
14. All individuals must be aware of the need for strict confidentiality with respect to any adverse analytical findings.
15. If the CCES notifies OCPSA of an adverse analytical finding the Executive Director shall:
- a) Inform the athlete of the positive result and ensure that the athlete is fully briefed on his or her rights, the procedures for testing the "B" sample and the options available to the athlete;
 - b) Inform the OCPSA President, the V-P Athlete Development (if applicable), the President of the athlete's Club and the coach responsible for the athlete, reminding all that confidentiality is important; and
 - c) Brief the OCPSA President with such details of the matter as are available from the CCES and the athlete.
16. The President will confer with the OCPSA Board and decide, in the particular circumstances of the adverse analytical finding and the explanation provided by the athlete, whether or not to impose a provisional suspension. The general policy shall be to impose a provisional suspension when an adverse analytical finding is reported. If the Board decides to impose a provisional suspension the Executive Director will inform the athlete, the President of the athlete's Club, the athlete's coach, OCPSA, the Doping Tribunal and the CCES.
17. If the athlete elects to proceed to a hearing before the Doping Tribunal, OCPSA will consult with OCPSA about the appointment of a representative to attend the hearing, normally the Executive Director.

Sanctions

18. OCPSA will uphold and impose those penalties determined by the Doping Tribunal for an anti-doping rule infraction.
19. The Board will decide whether it should take any further action.