

ROWONTARIO ANTI-DOPING POLICY

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I. POSITION STATEMENT

- A. ROWONTARIO is unequivocally opposed to the practice of doping in sport. It is strictly forbidden under the RCA Rules of Racing. It is an attempt to gain an advantage by cheating and brings dishonour to the individual, to the sport of rowing and to sport in general.
- B. ROWONTARIO, like Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) 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:
 - Recognizes the role of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in setting Global standards and coordinating anti-doping worldwide; and
 - 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 ROWONTARIO respects the designated authority of the CCES on all anti-doping matters.

- C. ROWONTARIO has adopted the anti-doping rules contained in FISA's Rules of Racing and those anti-doping rules are hereby incorporated into this Doping Control Policy.

II. SCOPE OF THE POLICY

- A. This policy applies to all members of ROWONTARIO. 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 ROWONTARIO organized or sanctioned activity, whether or not they are members of ROWONTARIO. This policy also applies to members on a retroactive basis with respect to any period prior to their becoming a member of ROWONTARIO.
- B. Athletes who participate in Canada Games or certain other national level regattas (e.g., National Rowing Championships) are subject to in-competition testing by the CCES.
- C. 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.

III. DEFINITIONS

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/>

The anti-doping rule violations include:

- The presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in an athlete's bodily specimen, even if inadvertent;
- The use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method;
- Refusing, or failing without compelling justification, to submit to sample collection or otherwise evading sample collection;
- Missed tests which are declared based on reasonable rules;
- Tampering, or attempting to tamper, with any part of doping control;
- Possession of prohibited substances and methods by an athlete or support personnel;
- Trafficking in any prohibited substance or prohibited method; and
- 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.

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.

IV. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND METHODS

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>

V. ANTI-DOPING INITIATIVES

- A. In support of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program ROWONTARIO will:
- Provide education programs to athletes and support personnel who are attending the Canada Games or other designated national level regattas e.g., the National Rowing Championships, on anti-doping policy in conjunction with the CCES;
 - Assist in identifying the pool of athletes subject to testing;
 - Provide the CCES with accurate and reliable information on

- athletes' whereabouts when requested; and
 - Provide information to athletes attending the Canada Games or other designated national level regattas e.g., the National Rowing Championships, on doping-free sport, testing, anti-doping rule violations and consequences and appeal rules.
- B. CCES conducts in-competition testing at events it is requested to attend by Rowing Canada Aviron. This will include the Canada Games and National Rowing Championships at a minimum.

VI. ADVERSE ANALYTICAL FINDINGS

- A. ROWONTARIO'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 ROWONTARIO 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.
- B. All individuals must be aware of the need for strict confidentiality with respect to any adverse analytical findings.
- C. If the CCES notifies ROWONTARIO of an adverse analytical finding the Executive Director shall:
- 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;
 - Inform the ROWONTARIO 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.
 - Brief the ROWONTARIO President with such details of the matter as are available from the CCES and the athlete.
- D. The President will confer with the ROWONTARIO 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, Rowing Canada Aviron, the Doping Tribunal and the CCES
- E. If the athlete elects to proceed to a hearing before the Doping Tribunal, ROWONTARIO will consult with Rowing Canada Aviron about the appointment of a representative to attend the hearing, normally the Executive Director.

VII. SANCTIONS

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