



## Anti-Doping Policy

### Scope

This policy applies to all registered participants of Row Ontario. 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 Row Ontario organized or sanctioned activity, whether or not they are registered participants of Row Ontario. This policy also applies to registered participants who used prohibited substances prior to being registered with Row Ontario.

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 Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

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.

### 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 World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions and are contained in the CCES rules.

Prohibited substances and methods are those on the WADA's Prohibited List - International Standard, as it may exist from time-to-time. The current version of this document can be downloaded at:

<https://www.cces.ca/prohibited-list>

## **Policy**

Row Ontario is unequivocally opposed to the practice of doping in sport.

Row Ontario will support Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) policies and initiatives related to Anti-Doping. 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 and administered by the CCES. Row Ontario respects the designated authority of the CCES on all anti-doping matters

In partnership with RCA, Row Ontario has adopted the anti-doping rules contained in FISA's Rules of Racing and those anti-doping rules are hereby incorporated into this Policy.

Row Ontario will cooperate with any investigations into anti-doping being made by disciplinary bodies and will uphold and impose any penalties determined by the Doping Tribunal for an anti-doping rule infraction. The Board will decide whether it should take any further action on an individual basis.

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## **Operational Procedures**

### Prevention Procedures

Row Ontario commits to the following:

- Ensure that Provincial Team Athletes receive communications from FISA, WADA, International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (CPC), CCES or other bodies regarding interpretations of and changes to the anti-doping rules the Athlete is subject to;
- Promote an environment and culture of clean sport through our ongoing communication channels to all rowers.

### Adverse Analytical Findings

Row Ontario's Chief Executive Officer shall be the contact person for the Association and will work in partnership with RCA and the appropriate anti-doping bodies should adverse finding involve an Ontario based athlete.

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