ATHLETICS IN CANADA ANTI-DOPING POLICY

1. Purpose

Athletics Canada (AC) and its Provincial/Territorial Branches (Henceforth referred to as "Governing Bodies") are committed to good governance, ethical conduct, and fostering a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment in athletics at all levels – National, Provincial/Territorial, and Club.

This Anti-Doping Policy outlines Athletics Canada and its Provincial/Territorial Member Branches commitment to a doping-free sport and reinforces their compliance with national and international anti-doping standards.

2. Scope and Application

This Policy applies to all members of the Governing Bodies, including but not limited to athletes, coaches, support personnel, officials, and administrators who participate in any Athletics Canada or Provincial/Territorial Member Branch sanctioned activities, programs, or events.

Participation in sanctioned activities constitutes an agreement to comply with this Policy, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP), and where applicable, the anti-doping rules of World Athletics, World Para Athletics, and World Masters Athletics.

3. Governing Framework

The Governing Bodies fully adopt and comply with the CADP, which is administered by Sport Integrity Canada.

The CADP is Canada's national framework for anti-doping and includes components such as:

- In- and out-of-competition testing
- Education and awareness initiatives
- Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)
- Results management and sanctions for anti-doping rule violations

The CADP is compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and all its associated International Standards. The 2021 version of the CADP is currently in effect.

4. International Compliance

In addition to the CADP, members of Athletics Canada and its Provincial/Territorial Member Branches are subject to the anti-doping rules and procedures of:

- World Athletics and the Athletics Integrity Unit

- World Para Athletics (for para athletes)
- World Masters Athletics

These international federations operate under the World Anti-Doping Code and enforce their own testing, results management, and sanctioning systems, particularly in international competition.

5. Athlete Responsibilities

Athletes have a personal duty to:

- Compete cleanly and uphold the values of fair play
- Understand and comply with anti-doping rules, including the CADP and international federation rules
- Submit to doping control when selected
- Complete required education and declare any medications or supplements that may contain prohibited substances

Failure to comply may result in sanctions, including disqualification, suspension, or permanent ineligibility.

6. Education and Awareness

The Governing Bodies support ongoing anti-doping education to empower athletes and support personnel. This includes Sport Integrity Canada's to SPORT INTEGRITY CANADA's education programs and resources to help individuals recognize and avoid the risks of doping.

7. Testing and Enforcement

The Governing Bodies support robust doping control measures administered by Sport Integrity Canada and relevant international bodies. Athletes may be tested in-competition and out-of-competition, with or without notice.

8. Consequences of Violations

Violations of the CADP or international anti-doping rules may result in sanctions as outlined in the respective code, including:

- Public disclosure of violations
- Temporary or permanent bans
- Loss of results, titles, and rankings

The Governing Bodies will enforce all sanctions imposed by Sport Integrity Canada, World Athletics, World Para Athletics, and World Masters Athletics.

9. Reporting and Whistleblower Protection

The Governing Bodies encourage anyone with knowledge of a doping violation or concern to report it to Sport Integrity Canada, World Athletics, World Para Athletics, or World Masters Athletics via their confidential reporting mechanisms. Retaliation against whistleblowers will not be tolerated.

10. Policy Review and Updates

This Policy is reviewed periodically and updated to ensure ongoing compliance with national and international anti-doping frameworks. The most current version of the CADP is available on the **sport Integrity Canada website**.

Contact Information:

- For additional resources and more information regarding the CADP, please contact the Sport Integrity Canada:
    - Email: info@Sport Integrity Canada.ca
    - Call toll-free: 1-800-672-7775
    - Online: www.SportIntegrityCanada.ca/athletezone
    - **Report doping**. You can send information or evidence about doping and/or competition manipulation to the SPORT INTEGRITY CANADA Integrity Hotline:
        - Text 1-888-441-SPORT INTEGRITY CANADA (2237)
        - Call 1-888-441-SPORT INTEGRITY CANADA (2237)
        - WhatsApp 1-888-441-SPORT INTEGRITY CANADA (2237)
        - Email integrity@Sport Integrity Canada.realresponse.com
- For World Athletics anti-doping resources: https://worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/anti-doping
- For Athletics Canada anti-doping inquiries: https://athletics.ca/contact-us/