



ANTI DOPING

Policy Section: Board of Directors

Policy Subsection: High Performance

Policy Title: Anti-Doping

Policy Statement

Swimming Canada does not support in any way, and strongly condemns the use, possession, and the supply of banned substances and practices in competitive swimming by all athletes, coaches, medical, paramedical, other team support personnel, administrators and officials. In partnership with Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Swimming Canada's efforts are focused on prevention through deterrence, supported by education.

Purpose

The purpose of this Anti-Doping Policy and the anti-doping programs, which it supports, are:

- To protect athletes' fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport and thus promote health, fairness and equality for athletes worldwide; and
- To ensure harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs at the international and national level with regard to detection, deterrence and prevention of doping.

Swimming Canada has a responsibility to encourage and promote competition free from Banned Substances and Methods, as defined by the CCES, and to prevent doping practices in sport. To facilitate this objective, Swimming Canada refers its anti-doping functions and powers to CCES. This includes all functions and powers relating to the issuing of an infraction notice, the convening of a hearing, the presentation of allegations of an anti-doping rule violation at a hearing and all matters incidental thereto.

Application

It is the intention of Swimming Canada to advocate and promote fair and safe practices that enhance swimming performance through the application of scientific methods and through the provision of education programs for all participants in Canadian swimming.

Swimming Canada will facilitate both announced and unannounced doping controls throughout Canada and elsewhere in conjunction with the CCES and World Aquatics, as defined in the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and World Anti-Doping Code. Swimming Canada will comply with the requirements of the CADP and WADA as administered by the CCES and the International Testing Agency (ITA) on behalf of World Aquatics.



Responsibilities

Body

Board - High Performance Committee

Action

Ensure that all revisions to the CADP are reflected in the Swimming Canada Anti Doping policy.

CEO

Play a positive role in raising the awareness and understanding of doping and anti-doping among Provincial Sections and member clubs, as well as the Canadian Swimming Coaches Association (CSCA) and Provincial Coaches Associations.

Limitations

The Board, High Performance Committee and the CEO cannot develop Policy or Doping Control Standard Operating Procedures that are not consistent with the policies, penalties and procedures included in the Canadian Policy against Doping in Sport, and the Canadian Anti-Doping Program.

References

[Canadian Policy Against Doping in Sport – 2011](#)

[Canadian Anti-Doping Program, Version 1.0 January 1, 2021](#)

[World Anti-Doping Code, January 1, 2021](#)

Review and Approval

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