



Section 8: Anti-Doping Policy

Policy Statement

The Canada Games Council strongly embraces the concept of fair play in sport, and unequivocally opposes cheating, which includes the use of substances and methods banned by National Sport Organizations and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.

The Canada Games Council will assist its partners in whatever manner possible in implementing Fair Play initiatives and an anti-doping campaign (including education). The roles and responsibilities of each partner will be defined in the Multi-Party Agreement or in separate bilateral or multilateral agreements.

Eligibility

The Canada Games Council recognizes and will apply the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (endorsed by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport and adopted by Sport Canada and National Sport Organizations) and will honour suspensions of athletes or others determined to have committed anti-doping rule violations. Therefore, any person under suspension by their national or provincial sport organization shall be ineligible to participate in the Canada Games until the suspension has been lifted by the NSO or PSO.

Doping Penalties

Should an athlete commit an anti-doping rule violation at the Games (as determined by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport), or should any other person found to have committed a anti-doping rule violation at the Games (as determined by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport), they will immediately be suspended from participating in the Canada Games.

Regardless of the period of suspension due to anti-doping rule violation, in no case will the participant be eligible to participate in the following Games of the same type (ie. if the infraction occurs at a Summer Games, the person would be ineligible for the following Summer Games). If the NSO or PSO suspension is for a longer period, the longer period will be recognized by the Canada Games Council. Violation determination and appeal processes shall be those described in the Canadian Anti-Doping Program.

The athlete's competition results from the date the positive sample is collected, and from any subsequent events, shall be invalidated. A team's results would also be invalidated if a team member commits an anti-doping rule violation.. Sport scoring and provincial/territorial ranking results will be adjusted accordingly, and placings or awards shall be re-awarded as required. These regulations will apply regardless of when the positive test is confirmed (ie. even post-Games).