

MEDIA RELEASE

Doping Control Statistics for 2007-2008

99.3% of Canadian athletes proved their commitment to clean sport

(Ottawa, Ontario – May 22, 2008) – The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) completed another record number of doping control tests over the fiscal year, a total of 3,551 from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 (see Table 1). The CCES also helped strengthen the impact of doping control across the board by helping other organizations implement doping control programs in their own jurisdictions. New anti-doping programs have been developed for a semi-professional league, a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) regional anti-doping organization, and Canada's own organizing committee for the Vancouver 2010 Games.

“Canadian athletes have an interest in the expansion of doping control into new territory, and in the reinforcement of existing programs,” said Paul Melia, CEO of the CCES. “Our stats prove that the vast majority are playing clean – and the CCES is committed to ensuring that they are competing on a level playing field.”

The CCES signed an agreement with the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) in 2006 to assist with the development and implementation of their new Drug Education and Anti-Doping Program. The focus this year was placed on education, with all players in the Western, Ontario, and Quebec leagues completing their education requirement. The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) continued its testing program which was initiated in 2005. It is anticipated that testing will go into full swing for all three leagues in the 2008-2009 CHL hockey season.

The CCES is committed to helping establish regional anti-doping organizations (RADO), which help nations pool their resources to conduct international-calibre doping control. Following the successful work done with the Caribbean RADO in 2006, the CCES helped train doping control officers (DCOs) for the new RADO in West Africa in 2007.

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CCES continues to work closely with the anti-doping team of the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC). An exciting landmark last quarter was the first of many VANOC test events that proved both the facility and the doping control process, completed in February at the alpine ski venue in Whistler.

Also in preparation for the games now less than two years away, the CCES has recruited 38 new DCOs, and in March ran a full re-certification workshop for its contingent of 88 DCOs, including training in new blood sample collection procedures that comply with Canadian Occupational Health and Safety legislation. The workshop was attended by delegates from anti-doping organizations in England, Bermuda, St. Kitts, Jamaica, and Chinese Taipei, a common practice that has the effect of standardizing the training of DCOs internationally.

Further contributing to WADA's efforts to harmonize anti-doping standards globally, the CCES commented on each stage of the revision of the World Anti-Doping Code, ensuring that Canadian interests were served in the final version adopted in November. To remain compliant with the Code, the CCES will be conducting extensive consultations with the sport community to revise the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP). All sports must adopt the new CADP by January 2009.

The CCES administers the Sport Canada-funded CADP on behalf of the sport community. From April 2007 to March 2008, 2,899 tests were conducted on Canadian athletes (see Table 3). Once again, the vast majority of Canadian athletes (99.3%) proved their commitment to ethical sport with only 20 anti-doping rule violations reported within the domestic program (see Table 2). "This is further evidence that Canadian athletes are among the cleanest in the world," said Mr. Melia.

In support of the international nature of competitive sport, the CCES also conducts doping control on a fee-for-service basis for various national and international sport organizations (see Table 4). At international events held in Canada, the CCES conducted 479 doping controls; highlights last quarter included the Viessmann FIS Cross Country World Cup in Canmore, AB, and the ISU Short Track Speed Skating World Cup in Quebec City. On behalf of national sport organizations, the CCES conducted 77 tests for sports such as equestrian, bodybuilding, and judo. The CCES also did testing on behalf of WADA (67 tests) and the Association of National Anti-Doping Organizations (ANADO) (39 tests).

To help athletes subject to doping control understand the requirements they face, the CCES provides a strong education service, equipping Canadian athletes at all levels of sport with accessible, easy-to-understand information in forms they can embrace, such as online learning and other web-based tools.

For example, a group of registered testing pool athletes are required to submit and update their whereabouts information. Online submission through the Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS) has increased from 32% to 45% of these athletes over the fiscal year, indicating that athletes find it convenient. Another online tool, the Global Drug Information Database (DID Global, at www.didglobal.com) gives athletes instant answers on whether a particular Canadian brand is prohibited in sport and remains very popular at approximately 30,000 inquiries per year.

In addition, doping control education has gone online. Over 11,000 university student-athletes completed and passed a course as part of their eligibility to play. Similar courses were rolled out to Pan-American and Parapanamerican Games athletes, college athletes, and CHL players, with over 17,000 athletes fulfilling their education requirement online. The new format allows for rapid course development, progress tracking, and a consistent and testable method of knowledge transfer.

The CCES is an independent, national, non-profit organization. Our mission, to foster ethical sport for all Canadians, is carried out through research, promotion, education, detection and deterrence, as well as through programs and partnerships with other organizations.

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TABLE 1 : 2007-2008 DOPING CONTROL TESTS BY PROGRAM

Test type	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Canadian Anti-Doping Program	696	806	662	735	2899
Fee-For-Service					
International Federations/ Major Games	140	119	107	113	479
Domestic Sport Organizations	42	6	19	0	67
World Anti-Doping Agency	0	5	44	18	67
Association of National Anti- Doping Organizations	23	5	11	0	39
Total tests	901	941	843	866	3551

TABLE 2: 2007-2008 ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

Athlete	Gender	Sport	Violation	Sanction
Adams, Jeff	M	Athletics	Cocaine metabolite	2 years ineligibility*
Baxter, Matt	M	CIS Football	Letrozol	2 years ineligibility
Bouchard, Jacques	M	Athletics	Ephedrine	3 months ineligibility
Bourassa, Marc	M	Boxing	Cannabis	2 years ineligibility
Boyle, Shari	F	Duathlon	Refusal	2 years ineligibility
Davis, Adrian	M	CIS Football	Cocaine metabolite	2 years ineligibility
Despres, Serge	M	Bobsleigh	Nandrolone	2 years ineligibility
Jarvis, Christopher	M	Rowing	Whereabouts Failure	3 months ineligibility
Turner, Don	M	Wheelchair Basketball	Cocaine metabolite	2 years ineligibility
Vertullo, Alessandro	M	Junior Football	Nandrolone	2 years ineligibility
Ware, Nathan	M	Junior Football	Methandienone	2 years ineligibility
Watson, Shawn	M	Wheelchair Basketball	Cocaine metabolite	2 years ineligibility
Westlake, Gregory	M	Sledge Hockey	Whereabouts Failure	3 months ineligibility
Undisclosed	N/A	Boxing	Cannabis	Warning & Reprimand
Undisclosed	N/A	Canoe-Kayak	Cannabis	Warning & Reprimand
Undisclosed	N/A	CCAA Football	Cannabis	Warning & Reprimand
Undisclosed	N/A	CCAA Football	Cannabis	Warning & Reprimand
Undisclosed	N/A	CIS Football	Cannabis	Warning & Reprimand
Undisclosed	N/A	Para-Alpine Ski	Cannabis	Warning & Reprimand
Undisclosed	N/A	Wheelchair Basketball	Cannabis	Warning & Reprimand

* In a May 16, 2008 decision, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) eliminated Mr. Adams' period of ineligibility.

TABLE 3: 2007-2008 DOMESTIC DOPING CONTROL STATISTICS

Sport	IC	OOO	Total	Sport	IC	OOO	Total
Alpine Skiing	5	44	49	Handball	0	6	6
Archery	12	0	12	Hockey	54	59	113
Athletics	136	169	305	Judo	24	30	54
Badminton	10	0	10	Junior football	19	15	34
Baseball	12	6	18	Karate	6	5	11
Basketball	1	43	44	Luge	10	26	36
Biathlon	16	11	27	Modern Pentathlon	6	0	6
Bobsleigh	16	50	66	Nordic Combined	4	1	5
Boccia	5	0	5	Racquetball	8	0	8
Bodybuilding	2	0	2	Ringette	8	0	8
Bowling	4	0	4	Roller Sports - Speed	0	4	4
Boxing	23	22	45	Rowing	26	75	101
Canoe / Kayak	59	108	167	Rugby	0	5	5
CCAA - Badminton	4	0	4	Rugby - 7-a-side	0	6	6
CCAA - Basketball	8	12	20	Sailing	6	0	6
CCAA - Football	23	41	64	Skeleton	9	27	36
CCAA - Soccer	12	0	12	Ski Jumping	6	0	6
CCAA - Volleyball	8	0	8	Skiing - IPC Nordic	11	11	22
CIS - Basketball	10	16	26	Sledge Hockey	0	24	24
CIS - Cross Country	3	0	3	Snowboard	8	17	25
CIS - Field Hockey	11	2	13	Soccer	0	27	27
CIS - Football	44	58	102	Softball	0	26	26
CIS - Hockey	27	25	52	Speed Skating	42	82	124
CIS - Rugby	11	0	11	Squash	12	0	12
CIS - Soccer	7	0	7	Swimming	52	128	180
CIS - Swimming	12	1	13	Synchronized Swimming	8	28	36
CIS - Track & field	15	0	15	Table Tennis	10	0	10
CIS - Volleyball	8	0	8	Taekwondo	12	7	19
CIS - Wrestling	10	0	10	Triathlon	14	38	52
Cross Country Skiing	21	40	61	Volleyball	0	41	41
Curling	8	0	8	Volleyball - Beach	4	11	15
Cycling	47	106	153	Water Polo	6	44	50
Diving	12	9	21	Water Skiing	6	0	6
Duathlon	4	0	4	Weightlifting	30	33	63
Equestrian	6	7	13	Wheelchair Basketball	8	48	56
Fencing	6	7	13	Wheelchair Curling	4	0	4
Field Hockey	12	32	44	Wheelchair Rugby	6	22	28
Figure Skating	8	4	12	Wheelchair Tennis	0	8	8
Freestyle Skiing	11	22	33	Wrestling	30	57	87
Gymnastics - Artistic	7	21	28		1120	1779	2899
Gymnastics - Rhythmic	10	0	10				
Gymnastics - Trampoline	5	12	17				

IC – In Competition

OOO – Out Of Competition

TABLE 4: 2007-2008 FEE-FOR-SERVICE DOPING CONTROL STATISTICS

Tests conducted for:	Sport	Tests
International Organizations /Major Games		479
Anti-Doping Norway	Sailing	10
Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association (CPISRA)	Boccia	10
Federation Internationale de Bobsleigh et Tobagganing (FIBT)	Bobsleigh	17
Federation Internationale de Bobsleigh et Tobagganing (FIBT)	Skeleton	13
Fédération Internationale de Lutte Amateur (FILA)	Wrestling	6
Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA)	Diving	5
Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA)	Swimming	12
Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA)	Water Polo	18
International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)	Athletics	19
International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU)	Athletics	6
International Canoe Federation (ICF)	Canoe / Kayak	10
International Equestrian Federation (FEI)	Equestrian	4
International Federation of Women's Lacrosse (IFWLA)	Lacrosse	4
International Fencing Federation (FIE)	Fencing	53
International Gymnastics Federation (FIG)	Gymnastics - Trampoline	16
International Gymnastics Federation (FIG)	Gymnastics - Tumbling	8
International Lacrosse Federation (ILF)	Lacrosse	10
International Luge Federation (FIL)	Luge	16
International Natural Bodybuilding Association (INBA)	Bodybuilding	4
International Rugby Board (IRB)	Rugby	16
International Skating Union (ISU)	Figure Skating	8
International Skating Union (ISU)	Speed Skating	78
International Ski Federation (FIS)	Alpine Skiing	17
International Ski Federation (FIS)	Cross Country Skiing	24
International Ski Federation (FIS)	Snowboard	10
International Triathlon Union (ITU)	Triathlon	28
International Volleyball Federation (FIVB)	Volleyball	8
Pan American Judo Union (PJU)	Judo	40
United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA)	Various	5
World Curling Federation (WCF)	Curling	4
Domestic Sport Organizations		67
Canadian Bodybuilding Federation (CBBF)	Bodybuilding	20
Canadian Cycling Association (CCA)	Cycling	3
Canadian Powerlifting Union (CPU)	Powerlifting	9
Centre de santé évason	Bodybuilding	2
Equine Canada	Equestrian	11
Judo Canada	Judo	10
Ligue de développement du hockey AAA du Québec	Hockey	2
Ligue de hockey junior majeur de Québec (LHJMQ)	Hockey	8
Neutron Sport and Fitness	Bodybuilding	2
World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)		67
Association of National Anti-Doping Organizations (ANADO)		39
	Total	652

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Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Violation Registry
Registre des violations du Programme canadien antidopage (PCA)

Sport organizations that have adopted the CADP are responsible for ensuring the above athletes are ineligible from participating or competing within the Canadian sport system. / Les organismes sportifs ayant adopté le PCA doivent s'assurer que les athlètes mentionnés ci haut sont inadmissibles de participer à toute compétition ou toute autre activité à l'intérieur du système sportif canadien.

Name/Nom	Gender/ Sexe	Sport	Violation	End of ineligibility period/ Fin de la période d'inadmissibilité
Adams, Jeff	M	Athletic / Athlétisme	Cocaine	17/08/08*
Baxter, Matt	M	CIS Football	Letrozol	30/08/09
Binet, Israel	M	Bodybuilding / Culturisme	Clenbuterol	life/vie
Blazanin, Ana	F	Bodybuilding / Culturisme	Ephedrine, Furosemide	24/06/08
Boyle, Shari	F	Duathlon	Ephedrine	03/09/09
Bouchard, Jacques	M	Athletic / Athlétisme	Ephedrine	12/04/08
Bourassa, Marc	M	Boxing / Boxe	Cannabis	16/02/09
Chevrier, Eric	M	Weightlifting / Haltérophilie	HCG, Testosterone	life/vie
Chhim, Chathou	F	Bodybuilding/ Culturisme	Ephedrine	28/04/08
D'Anjou, Gerald	M	Bodybuilding / Culturisme	Cannabis	22/04/08
Davis, Adrian	M	CIS Football / Football du SIC	Cocaine	06/10/09
Despres, Serge	M	Bobsleigh	Nandrolone	08/07/09
Flontek, Jen	F	Bodybuilding/ Culturisme	Clenbuterol	28/04/09
Fuss, Duane	M	Bodybuilding/ Culturisme	Stanozolol, Nandrolone, Testosterone	life/vie
Harmer, Rob	M	Junior Football / Football junior	Boldenone, Testosterone, Refusal	life/vie
Johnson, Ben	M	Athletics / Athlétisme	Testosterone, Hydrochlorothiazide	life/vie
Kelleher, James	M	CIS Football / Football du SIC	Refusal	06/11/08
Kukucka, Eric	M	Football	Stanozolol	17/08/08
Lenhardt, Len	M	Bodybuilding/ Culturisme	Fluoxymesterone, Nandrolone	28/04/09
Molnar, Steve	M	Bobsleigh	Cannabis, Methandienone, Oxymetholone	life/vie
Najeeb, Rashed	M	Football	Testosterone	13/02/09
Naugler, David	M	Bodybuilding / Culturisme	Ephedrine, Nandrolone, Clenbuterol, Boldenone, Stanozolol	life/vie

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Noble, Ronald	M	Bodybuilding/ Culturisme	Nandrolone, Drostanolone, Clenbuterol, Stanozolol, Tamoxifen	09/06/09
Paes, Christiano	M	Bobsleigh	T/E Ratio 15.9	05/03/09
Park, Jun Hyoun	M	Bodybuilding/ Culturisme	Nandrolone	09/06/09
Pierre, Jean-Joel	M	Bodybuilding / Culturisme	Stanozolol	life/vie
Rajaram, Peter	M	Bodybuilding / Culturisme	Anastrozole, Stanozolol	24/06/08
Rosenas, Hamed	M	Bodybuilding/ Culturisme	Stanozolol, Nandrolone	28/04/09
Sacchitiello, Stephen	M	CIS Football / Football du SIC	Nandrolone, Refusal	life/vie
Thibedeau, Cheryl	F	Athletics / Athlétisme	Nandrolone	life/vie
Turgeon, Pierre- Luc	M	Bodybuilding / Culturisme	D-methamphetamine, Cannabis	28/04/09
Turner, Donald	M	Wheelchair Basketball / Basketball en fauteuil roulant	Cocaine	20/05/09
Vertullo, Alessandro	M	Junior Football	Nandrolone	3/11/09
Walchuk, Michael	M	Boxing / Boxe	Cocaine, Refusal	life/vie
Ware, Nathan	M	Junior Football	Methandienone	10/11/09
Waselenchuk, Kane	M	Racquetball	Cocaine, Cannabis	27/05/08
Watson, Shawn	M	Wheelchair Basketball / Basketball en fauteuil roulant	Cocaine	20/05/09
White, Andrew	M	Bodybuilding / Culturisme	Clenbuterol, Stanozolol	23/06/09
Woodske, Derek	M	Athletics / Athlétisme	Refusal	06/11/08

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La décision du Tribunal arbitral du sport (TAS), publiée le 16 mai 2008, a éliminé la suspension de M. Adams.