Drug Education Policy

WHEREAS:   Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton is committed to the prevention of doping and drug use by athletes participating in the sports of bobsleigh and skeleton.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton has developed a Drug Education Policy:

1. To protect and ensure an athlete’s fundamental right to participate in a doping free sport;
2. To promote health, safety and sense of fair play for all athletes within its programs;
3. To compliment the existing Athlete Agreement;

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

1. The responsibility of the Drug Education Policy rests with Chief Executive Officer through the respective Program Managers, coaching staff and team physicians;
2. The Drug Education Policy and the World Anti-Doping Code List of Prohibited Substances will be provided to all athletes, participating in Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton programs, as an addendum to the athlete’s handbook;
3. The implementation of the Drug Education Policy will improve communication between Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton and support agencies;

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

1. Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton will adopt and abide by the most recent Canadian Anti-Doping Program as distributed by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport. Most recent edition adopted December 9, 2009: CCES-POLICY-CADP2009-E also found at www.cces.ca/CADP2009
2. Each athlete participating in Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton talent identification camp and/or training camp will be provided with a copy of the Drug Education Policy and World Anti-Doping Code List of Prohibited Substances;
3. Each year all National Team and Development Team athletes, coaches and support staff will attend a formal drug education presentation as coordinated by Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton. This presentation will include drug testing procedures and sanctions;
4. The administration of fair and consistent disciplinary action in response to positive drug tests, as outlined by the World Anti-Doping Association, the International Federation and Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton;
5. In the event of a positive drug test, Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton will immediately notify all its sponsors, the International Federation and appropriate National agencies. A formal news release will be developed in a timely fashion upon the athlete being informed of the appropriate disciplinary action that will be enforced;

RESPONSE TO POSITIVE TESTS
As Canada is strong supporter of the World Anti-Doping Agency, Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton will follow the sanctions as outlined within the Code. This however, does not prevent Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton from invoking additional sanctions, if deemed appropriate by the Bobsleigh CANADA Discipline Committee.

During the period of ineligibility, no individual who has been declared ineligible may participate in any capacity in a competition or activity under the jurisdiction of Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton or member provincial associations.

REINSTATEMENT

1. As a condition to regaining eligibility at the specified period of eligibility the athlete must make him or herself available for Out-of-Competition testing by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport;
2. If the athlete subject to a period of ineligibility is removed from Out-of-Competition Testing pools and later seeks re-instatement, the athlete shall not be eligible for re-instatement until the athlete notifies the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport;
3. Upon re-instatement, the athlete will be required to undergo a random drug test at a time determined by Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton. All expenses incurred for this test will be the responsibility of the athlete.