

ADVISORY NOTE

Doping Control at the Beijing Games

TUEs, lung tests and whereabouts on checklist for Team Canada athletes

(Ottawa, Ontario – May 26, 2008) – The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) wishes to provide essential information concerning the anti-doping requirements that are anticipated for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. All Team Canada athletes and their support personnel must be aware of these requirements. Information for Paralympic athletes will follow shortly. Please contact the CCES if there are questions concerning these important issues.

Anti-Doping Rules Released

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has published the doping control rules for Beijing. Increased testing will be a reality of these games; both blood and/or urine samples will be collected for doping control purposes. Testing will be in accordance with an “In Competition” protocol beginning July 27, the opening day of the athletes’ village, to August 24, the day of the closing ceremony. During this period athletes will be subject to testing anywhere and at any time, with no notice. Samples collected during the games period will be analyzed against the In-Competition Prohibited List, which includes stimulants and marijuana.

- IOC Announces More Stringent Measures in its Fight Against Doping
http://www.olympic.org/uk/news/olympic_news/full_story_uk.asp?id=2536

Athlete Whereabouts

Athletes are responsible for providing their whereabouts information to sport authorities for the purpose of no-notice testing. During the games period of the Beijing Olympics, Team Canada athletes must report their whereabouts during the entire 29-day period, or risk a “missed test” and a possible doping violation. The IOC requires whereabouts to be reported using ADAMS, an online system familiar to CCES registered testing pool athletes. Any Team Canada athlete that does not have an ADAMS account should request one immediately by

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emailing adams@cces.ca. As a backup, athletes should also keep their Team Leaders informed of their whereabouts at all times during the games period.

Athletes currently submitting whereabouts information to the CCES or to an IF must continue to do so.

Important Recommendations regarding Pulmonary Function Tests

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) is recommending that athletes in high-ventilation sports, or those with certain risk factors, undergo a pulmonary function test (PFT) to identify those who may need asthma medication in response to changing air quality conditions in Beijing. Risk factors include sensitivity to air pollution or smoke, family history of asthma, and personal history of allergies, reactive airways or asthma. Athletes should request this test through their Team Physician or the COC Medical Team. It is essential that athletes and their physicians understand that the use of certain medications for asthma and asthma-related conditions requires a therapeutic use exemption (TUE) supported by the results of an appropriate lung function test. See below for details regarding this process.

Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

Beijing-bound athletes who use substances on the WADA Prohibited List for treatment of a medically-justified condition must ensure they have a valid therapeutic use exemption (TUE) in advance of the games period. The TUE rules of the IOC are unique, and athletes should **NOT** assume that any current TUE is valid for Beijing. These athletes should immediately contact their Team Physician or the COC Medical Team to validate an existing TUE or apply for a new one. It is important to note this process applies for both standard and abbreviated TUEs.

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