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## 2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM SCHEDULE 3 - ANTI-DOPING POLICY

### 1. Commitment to Clean Sport

Commonwealth Sport Canada (CSC) is committed to protecting the integrity of sport and the health and rights of athletes through a strong and transparent commitment to clean sport.

Federal, provincial and territorial governments in Canada adopted the Canadian Policy Against Doping in Sport (CPADS), which reflects Canada's commitment to the principles and rules of the World Anti-Doping Code (the Code). In Canada, the Code is implemented through the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP), administered by Sport Integrity Canada.

CSC fully adopts and supports CPADS, the CADP, and the Code, including all applicable International Standards. CSC recognizes doping as fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport and is committed to prevention, education, compliance, and enforcement.

### 2. Application and Scope

#### 2.1 Persons Subject to this Policy

This Policy applies to all individuals who have executed a Team Member Agreement with CSC, including but not limited to:

- Athletes
- Coaches
- Athlete Support Personnel
- Integrated Support Team members
- Mission Staff
- Board members and designated officials, where applicable

#### 2.2 Duration of Application

This Policy applies during the period in which the Team Member Agreement is in effect, including pre-Games preparation, the Games period, and any post-Games processes directly connected to Games participation.

Outside this period, individuals remain subject to the anti-doping policies of their respective National Sport Organization (NSO) and the CADP.

#### 2.3 Applicable Anti-Doping Rules During the Games

During the Games period, all individuals subject to this Policy are additionally bound by the anti-doping rules of:

- The Franchise Holder
- The Host Organizing Committee
- The applicable International Federation (IF), where relevant

All individuals must comply fully with testing, investigation, results management, and hearing procedures in force for the Games.

## 2.4 Hierarchy of Rules

In the event of a conflict between this Policy and the anti-doping rules of the Franchise Holder, Host Organizing Committee, or applicable International Federation, the latter rules shall prevail.

## 3. Notification of a Possible Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV)

### 3.1 Internal Notification

Upon receipt of official notification of a possible Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV), CSC shall promptly notify:

- CSC President, Chef de Mission and Team Canada Director 2026
- Chief Medical Officer (CMO) or designate
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designate
- The individual alleged to have committed the ADRV

Where appropriate, the Chef de Mission shall also notify:

- CSC legal counsel
- Team Ombudsperson or Athlete Support Liaison
- President/CEO of the individual's NSO (for athletes and coaches)

### 3.2 Confidentiality

All information relating to a possible ADRV shall be treated as strictly confidential and handled in accordance with:

- The Code and applicable International Standards
- Canadian privacy legislation
- CSC confidentiality and safe sport policies

No public disclosure shall occur prior to official confirmation of a violation, except as permitted under Section 5 of this Policy.

Access to information shall be limited to individuals who require such information to fulfill their responsibilities.

## 4. Rights, Obligations and Procedural Fairness

### 4.1 Immediate Support and Information

As soon as reasonably practicable following notification of a possible ADRV, the Chef de Mission (or designate) shall meet with the individual, together with the Team Ombudsperson or Athlete Support Liaison, to:

- Explain the allegation and applicable process
- Outline the individual's rights and responsibilities
- Provide information about procedural timelines
- Explain Games-related consequences (e.g., accreditation, participation status)
- Provide access to support services

### 4.2 Right to Representation

The individual:

- Has the right to independent legal counsel at their own expense;
- May consult with an advisor of their choosing;
- Has the right to a fair and impartial hearing conducted by the relevant authority.

CSC shall not interfere with results management, investigation, or adjudication processes conducted under the Code.

#### **4.3 Participation in Hearings During the Games**

If a hearing is convened during the Games period:

- The Chef de Mission (or designate) and Team Ombudsperson may attend in a supportive or observational capacity, where permitted.
- CSC's role shall be limited to protecting Team interests and ensuring Games operations are properly managed.

#### **4.4 Post-Games Proceedings**

If a matter proceeds to a hearing following the Games:

- CSC may appoint a representative to participate where CSC's interests are directly engaged.
- CSC will cooperate fully with relevant anti-doping authorities.

### **5. Public Disclosure and Communications**

CSC recognizes that confirmed anti-doping rule violations are matters of public interest and are governed by the public disclosure requirements of the Code.

#### **5.1 Confirmed Violations**

Following official confirmation of an ADRV in accordance with applicable anti-doping rules, CSC may issue a public statement that:

- Accurately reflects the decision rendered;
- Respects privacy obligations;
- Is consistent with the Code and applicable International Standards.

#### **5.2 Provisional Suspensions**

CSC may issue a public statement prior to final adjudication where:

- An athlete is rendered ineligible to participate due to a provisional suspension; and
- Public clarification is necessary to explain withdrawal, removal, or ineligibility from competition.

Any such communication shall avoid speculation and shall respect due process.

#### **5.3 Media Management**

All media inquiries shall be directed to CSC's designated spokesperson. Team members shall not make public statements regarding a pending ADRV without authorization.

### **6. Sanctions**

CSC recognizes and shall enforce all sanctions imposed pursuant to:

- The World Anti-Doping Code;
- The Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP);
- The Franchise Holder and Host Organizing Committee rules;
- Decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) or other competent tribunals.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Ineligibility from competition
- Removal from the Team
- Withdrawal of accreditation
- Disqualification of results
- Financial consequences consistent with Team agreements

CSC reserves the right to impose additional administrative consequences under the Team Member Agreement where appropriate and consistent with the Code.

## **7. Education and Prevention**

CSC is committed to proactive clean sport education and will:

- Require athletes and athlete support personnel to complete Sport Integrity Canada-approved anti-doping education prior to Games participation;
- Promote awareness of rights and responsibilities under the Code;
- Support a culture of ethical decision-making and athlete health;
- Encourage early disclosure and therapeutic use exemption (TUE) compliance.

## **8. Review and Amendments**

This Policy shall be reviewed periodically to ensure alignment with:

- The current World Anti-Doping Code;
- Updates to the CADP;
- Safe Sport and governance best practices;
- Applicable Canadian legislation.

CSC reserves the right to amend this Policy as required to maintain compliance.