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Cc: - Court of Arbitration for Sport

Lausanne, 28 September 2009

IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, 2010

Dear Sir, Madam,

A. IOC Anti-Doping Rules

Please note that the IOC has finalised the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, 2010* ("**IOC Anti-Doping Rules**") which will be in force in relation to the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, 2010 ("**Olympic Games**"). A copy of these IOC Anti-Doping Rules, as well as the World Anti-Doping Code, can be found, in English and French, on both the IOC website <http://www.olympic.org/medical> and the WADA website www.wada-ama.org.

Please note that all defined terms contained in this letter shall have the same meaning as in the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*.

Although it is your responsibility to study the contents of such document, we wish to bring the following points to your specific attention:

1. During the *Period of the Olympic Games*, all *Doping Controls* initiated by the IOC shall include *Testing for all Prohibited Substances* and all *Prohibited Methods* referred to in the *Prohibited List*.

The *Period of the Olympic Games* is defined as "the period commencing on the date of the opening of the Olympic village for the Olympic Games, namely, 4 February 2010 up until and including the day of the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games, namely, 28 February 2010".

The "*In-Competition Period*" is defined as "*the Period of the Olympic Games*". In other words, the *Period of the Olympic Games* shall be treated as an "in-competition" period.

National Olympic Committees are responsible to inform all their *Athletes* that they will be subject to *Doping Controls* at any time during the *Period of the*



Olympic Games for all *Prohibited Substances* and all *Prohibited Methods* referred to in the *Prohibited List*.

2. All *Athletes* shall be subject, during the *Period of the Olympic Games*, to *Doping Controls* initiated by the IOC at any time or place with no advance warning required to be given to the *Athletes*.
3. The IOC has authorised WADA to carry out *Doping Controls*, on behalf of the IOC, during the *Period of the Olympic Games*, outside of Canada and at non-Olympic venues inside of Canada.
4. Pursuant to Article 15.1 of the *World Anti-Doping Code*, the IOC hereby authorises all *Anti-Doping Organisations* to carry out *Doping Controls* on the *Athletes* within their authority during the *Period of the Olympic Games*, prior to the *Athlete* having validated his Olympic identity and accreditation card for the *Olympic Games* and/or subsequent to the *Athlete* having finished his or her final competition at the *Olympic Games*.
5. The disciplinary procedure with respect to anti-doping rule violations arising upon the occasion of the *Olympic Games* is contained in Article 6 of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*.
6. In view of the extended nature of the In-Competition Period, we remind you that an *Athlete* should request a therapeutic use exemption prior to taking any substance that is included in the *Prohibited List*. This procedure is explained in further detail in the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*.
7. To the extent that an *Athlete*, accused of having committed an anti-doping rule violation, is a member of a Team Sport, or is participating in a sport that is not a Team Sport but where awards are given to teams, the International Federation concerned shall be present at the hearing of the Disciplinary Commission in order to help ensure that the sanctions imposed by the IOC are as provided in the applicable rules of the relevant International Federation.
8. Please find attached, for your information, a non-exhaustive list of substantive amendments and adaptations of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules* applicable to the *XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, 2010*, compared to the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules* applicable to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

B. Whereabouts Information

With respect to whereabouts information, the IOC encourages the National Olympic Committees to have the relevant International Federations and National Anti-Doping Agencies include the National Olympic Committees' athletes in an International Registered Testing Pool ("IRTP") or a National Registered Testing Pool ("NRTP") during the *Period of the Olympic Games* (to the extent that such athletes are not already included in an IRTP or an NRTP).

The IOC will provide, by separate communication, a short summary as well as further information for NOCs, to assist them in complying with their obligations in this respect. In the meantime, NOCs are invited to take contact with their respective NADO and the relevant IFs to discuss and agree on the way to move forward.



C. **The 2010 Prohibited List**

The *Prohibited List* is the *List* to be published by WADA as on 1 October 2009 which will enter in force on 1 January 2010 and which will be available on both the IOC and WADA websites as soon as it is published.

D. **Technical Procedures relating to Doping Control**

A document entitled "*Technical Procedures for Doping Control for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games*" comprises Appendix 3 of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*. This document complements the main body of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*.

E. **Resolving pending cases involving possible violations of anti-doping rules**

The IOC would appreciate every effort made by the *National Anti-Doping Organisations*, the *International Federations* and the *National Olympic Committees* to ensure that pending cases involving possible violations of anti-doping rules committed by athletes, who are intended to compete in the *Olympic Games*, are resolved before the athletes take part in their first competitions at the *Olympic Games*.

Please ensure that the documentation and information referred to above is forwarded to all persons linked to your organization who have a need to know such documentation, in particular to the *Athletes*, coaches and medical personnel.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General

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Howard STUPP
Director of Legal Affairs

Encl. List of main changes

**List of substantive amendments and adaptations of the
IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver,
2010**

(28 September 2009)

Please find below a non-exhaustive list of substantive changes made to the "IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver 2010" ("Vancouver ADR") as compared to the "IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games" ("Beijing ADR").

1. **Change in the structure of the Vancouver ADR:** The Vancouver ADR incorporates by reference the provisions of the revised World Anti-Doping Code, which helps ensure coherence with such newly adopted World Anti-Doping Code. As a result of this incorporation by reference, the length of the Vancouver ADR has been reduced vis-à-vis the Beijing ADR.

For example, Article 1 of the Vancouver ADR now refers explicitly to the application of the World Anti-Doping Code, and Article 2 lists only those additional anti-doping rule violations specifically drafted for the Olympic Games.

2. **Whereabouts Information:** The Vancouver ADR adopts the whereabouts information system provided by the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards for Testing (that is normally applicable to all IFs and ADOs). Information must be provided and testing may occur on a 24/7 basis during the period of the Olympic Games. In addition, information will have to be provided stipulating precisely where the athletes can be found during one hour each day. For the sake of clarity, the athletes will still have to provide information regarding where they will be during the other 23 hours of each day. Missed tests and Filing Failures will be decided in accordance with the International Standards for Testing.
3. **Procedural Aspects.** The previous rule on confidentiality is amended to the extent that it now refers to the relevant rule of the World Anti-Doping Code. In particular, although, for moral reasons, the IOC may wish to keep the name of an athlete confidential until the decision has been pronounced by the IOC Disciplinary Commission or the IOC Executive Board, the IOC will no longer be bound (as was the case in relation to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games) to keep confidentiality after the athlete has been informed that his/her sample has given rise to an adverse analytical finding.
4. **Definitions.** Only those definitions that vary from the definitions of the World Anti-Doping Code or which are specific to the Olympic Games are now mentioned in Appendix 1. This does not, however, materially change the definitions from the Beijing ADR.