

In the matter of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program;

And in the matter of the admitted anti-doping rule violation by Earle Connor to the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport;

File Outcome Summary

Summary

1. Following the determination of a violation for the Presence of a prohibited substance (Nandrolone) and the imposition of a four-year sanction, Mr. Connor agreed to meet with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).
2. During the meeting Mr. Connor disclosed to the CCES his prior use of prohibited substances, peptides and growth hormone, dating back to May, 2012.
3. In accordance with Canadian Anti-Doping Program Rule 10.7.4.2, when, following the confirmation of a first anti-doping rule violation, the CCES discovers facts pertaining to a second violation which occurred before the first violation, the two violations are to be treated as a single violation with an additional sanction being imposed, if warranted. CCES has the authority to impose an additional sanction based on what could have resulted if the two violations were adjudicated together. This rule also requires the disqualification of all results from the time of the earlier violation.

Jurisdiction

4. The CCES is an independent, not-for-profit organization incorporated under the federal laws of Canada that promotes ethical conduct in all aspects of sport in Canada. The CCES also maintains and carries out the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP), including providing anti-doping services to national sport organizations and their members.
5. As Canada's national anti-doping organization, the CCES is in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) and its mandatory International Standards. The CCES has implemented the Code and its mandatory International Standards through the CADP, the domestic rules which govern this proceeding. The purpose of the Code and of the CADP is to protect the rights of athletes to fair competition.
6. The athlete is a member of Athletics Canada and participates in the sport of Track and Field at Athletics Canada sanctioned events. According to Part C, Rule 1.3 of the CADP, the CADP provisions apply to all members of, and participants in the activities of, sport organizations adopting it. The CADP was issued for adoption by Canadian sport organizations on October 1, 2014, to be operational on January 1, 2015. Athletics Canada adopted the CADP on December 16, 2014. Therefore, as a member of Athletics Canada and/or as a participant in Athletics Canada sport activities, the athlete is subject to the Rules of the CADP.

Confirmed Anti-Doping Rule Violation

7. On March 4, 2016 a Doping Tribunal (Tribunal) from the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) confirmed that Mr. Connor had committed an anti-doping rule violation for the Presence of a prohibited substance, Nandrolone, in his urine sample. In confirming the Presence violation against Mr. Connor the Tribunal imposed a 4-year period of ineligibility which ends on July 29, 2019.

Subsequent Disclosure of an Earlier Violation

8. On March 28, 2016, following the confirmation of his Presence violation, a meeting was held between Mr. Connor and the CCES during which Mr. Connor disclosed his prior use of prohibited substances.
9. Mr. Connor formally admitted to representatives of CCES at an in-person interview in Calgary, Alberta that he had used both peptides and growth hormone dating back to May of 2012. This use of prohibited substances continued through the 2012 London Paralympic Games.

Outcome

10. In accordance with CADP RULE 10.7.4.2, the information provided to the CCES by Mr. Connor after the imposition of a sanction for the first violation (Presence) will not be treated as a second anti-doping rule violation as the events admitted to occurred before Mr. Connor was notified regarding the first violation. If the facts subsequently admitted to were, in fact, adjudicated at the same time as the Presence violation in 2016 no additional sanction would be imposed as the sanction for both Presence and Use is identical (four-years). Accordingly, no additional sanction period will be imposed on Mr. Connor for his admitted earlier use of peptides and growth hormone. However, Rule 10.7.4.2 also provides that any results obtained by Mr. Connor since the time of his earlier admission of Use (May, 2012) will be disqualified in accordance with CADP Rule 10.8. The CCES will cooperate with all relevant sport organizations, International Federations and Major Games organizers to give full effect to CADP Rule 10.8.
11. The CCES now considers this matter closed.

Dated at Ottawa, Ontario this 19th day of May, 2016.



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