

In the matter of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program;

**And in the matter of an anti-doping rule violation by Jimmy Niro-Demers asserted
by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport;**

Reasoned Decision

Summary

1. The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) conducted an in-competition sample collection session at the 2015 Classique Haltérophile Québécoise.
2. Mr. Jimmy Niro-Demers (“the athlete”) was selected for doping control. The sample provided by the athlete returned an adverse finding for Dehydrochlormethyltestosterone, a prohibited anabolic agent.
3. Following receipt of the CCES’ assertion of an anti-doping rule violation for the presence of a prohibited substance, the athlete waived his right to a hearing and accepted the proposed consequences.

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 the Canadian Weightlifting Federation (CWFHC) and participates in the sport of Weightlifting at CWFHC 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. CWFHC adopted the CADP on December 26, 2014. Therefore, as a member of CWFHC and/or as a participant in CWFHC sport activities, the athlete is subject to the Rules of the CADP.

Doping Control

7. On March 28, 2015, the CCES conducted an in-competition doping control session at the Classique Haltérophile Québécoise competition in La Prairie, QC. Testing at this competition was conducted on CWFHC athletes as part of the CCES' domestic test distribution plan, all pursuant to the CADP.
8. The athlete was notified for doping control and, together with the Doping Control Officer (DCO) from the CCES, completed the sample collection process. The athlete's sample code number was 2951605.
9. On March 29, 2015, the athlete's sample was sent to a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratory, the INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier (INRS), in Laval, QC.

Results Management

10. On April 15, 2015, the CCES received a Certificate of Analysis for the athlete's sample (sample code 2951605) from the INRS which indicated the presence of Dehydrochlormethyltestosterone.
11. Dehydrochlormethyltestosterone is classified as a prohibited substance (Anabolic Agent) on the 2015 WADA Prohibited List.
12. On April 27, 2015, the athlete requested the analysis of his B Sample which was conducted on May 13, 2015. The Certificate of Analysis pertaining to the B Sample was received by the CCES on May 14, 2015, and confirmed the adverse finding for Dehydrochlormethyltestosterone.
13. On May 14, 2015, the CCES formally asserted a violation against the athlete for the presence of a prohibited substance (non-specified substance).
14. In accordance with CADP Rule 10.2.1, the standard sanction for an intentional doping violation involving the presence of a prohibited substance (non-specified substance) is a four (4) year period of ineligibility. The CCES proposed the standard four (4) year sanction within its assertion of May 14, 2015.

Confirmation of Violation and Sanction

15. On June 22, 2015, in response to the CCES' assertion, the athlete waived his right to a hearing thereby accepting the violation and the proposed four (4) year period of ineligibility which commenced on March 28, 2015 and concludes on March 28, 2019.
16. The CCES now considers this case closed.

Dated at Ottawa, Ontario this 26th day of June, 2015.



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