

In the matter of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program;

And in the matter of an anti-doping rule violation by Jérémie Cloutier-Vilhuber asserted by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport;

File Outcome Summary

Summary

1. The CCES conducted an In-Competition Sample collection on May 17, 2024, in Montreal, QC, during which Jérémie Cloutier-Vilhuber (the “Athlete”) was selected for Doping Control. The Sample (7176983) provided by the Athlete returned an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for Cannabis: Carboxy-THC (“Cannabis”), a Specified Substance and a Substance of Abuse.
2. Following receipt of the CCES’s Notice of Charge asserting an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) for the presence and Use of Cannabis, the Athlete waived his right to a hearing, admitted the violation and accepted the proposed period of Ineligibility and all other applicable Consequences.

Jurisdiction

3. 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 the country. The CCES also maintains and implements the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP), including providing anti-doping services to national Sport Organizations and their members.
4. As Canada’s National Anti-Doping Organization, the CCES is compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code (“the Code”) and its mandatory International Standards. The CCES has implemented the Code and the 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.
5. The CADP was issued for adoption by Canadian Sport Organizations on October 26, 2020, to be operational on January 1, 2021. The Canadian Team Handball Federation adopted the CADP on November 26, 2020; therefore, the CADP applies to all members, registrants, license-holders, or Participants of the Canadian Team Handball Federation. The Athlete is a member of and participates in the activities of Canadian Team Handball Federation; therefore, as a Participant in the Canadian Team Handball Federation activities, the Athlete is subject to the CADP.

Results Management

6. On May 17, 2024, the Athlete’s Sample was received for analysis by the INRS Centre Armand-Frappier Santé Biotechnologie (“the INRS”), a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratory in Laval, QC.
7. The AAF was reported by the INRS on June 7, 2024. The Certificate of Analysis indicated the presence of Cannabis.
8. Cannabis is classified as a Specified Substance and as a Substance of Abuse on WADA’s 2024 Prohibited List.

9. The CCES commenced an initial review into the Athlete's AAF and issued a notification of a potential ADRV on June 19, 2024.
10. On July 1, 2024, the Athlete responded to the CCES's Notification letter with his explanation.
11. On July 29, 2024, the CCES formally issued a Notice of Charge asserting an ADRV against the Athlete for the presence and Use of a Prohibited Substance.
12. Based on the Athlete's explanations and WADA's Guidance Note for Anti-Doping Organizations regarding Substances of Abuse under the World Anti-Doping Code, proposed a three (3) month period of Ineligibility in accordance with CADP Rule 10.2.4.1. The CCES further indicated that the proposed three (3) month period of Ineligibility may be further reduced to one (1) month, if the Athlete completed a Substance of Abuse treatment program approved by the CCES.

Confirmation of Violation and Sanction

13. On August 5, 2024, in accordance with CADP Rule 8.4.1, the Athlete waived his right to a hearing thereby accepting both the asserted violation and the proposed period of Ineligibility and all other applicable Consequences outlined in the July 29, 2024, Notice of Charge.
14. Accordingly, effective August 6, 2024, an ADRV was confirmed against the Athlete for the presence and Use of Cannabis. In accordance with CADP Rule 10.2.4.1, the sanction for this violation is a three (3) month period of Ineligibility, which was further reduced to a one (1) month period of Ineligibility because the Athlete satisfactorily completed the necessary elements of a Substance of Abuse treatment program approved by the CCES. The period of Ineligibility commenced on August 5, 2024, (the date the Athlete signed a Waiver of Hearing Form) and concluded on September 4, 2024.
15. Further, in accordance with CADP Rules 9, and 10.1, any competitive results obtained by the Athlete, from date of Sample collection, shall be Disqualified.
16. The CCES now considers this case closed.

Dated at Ottawa, Ontario this 13th day of September 2024.



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