#### In the matter of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program;

## And in the matter of an anti-doping rule violation by Christopher MacLeod asserted by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport;

## File Outcome Summary

#### Summary

- The CCES conducted an Out-of-Competition Sample collection session on June 17, 2024, in Calgary, AB. Christopher MacLeod ("the Athlete") was selected for Doping Control. The Sample provided by the Athlete returned an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for SARM RAD140, a non-Specified Substance.
- Following receipt of the CCES's Notice of Charge asserting an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) for the presence and Use of SARM RAD140, the Athlete signed an Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction Form, thereby admitting the ADRV, waiving his right to a hearing and accepting all 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 Canada. 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 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 Athlete is a member of and participates in the activities of Football Canada. According to CADP Rule 1.3, the CADP provisions apply to all members of, and Participants in activities of Sport Organizations adopting it. The CADP was issued for adoption by Canadian Sport Organizations on October 26, 2020. Football Canada adopted the CADP on December 10, 2020. Therefore, as a Participant in Football Canada activities, the Athlete is subject to the CADP.

# **Doping Control**

- 6. On June 17, 2024, the CCES conducted an Out-of-Competition Sample collection session, in Calgary, AB. Testing was conducted as part of the CCES's domestic test distribution plan, all pursuant to the CADP.
- 7. The Athlete was notified that he had been selected for Doping Control and, together with the Doping Control Officer from the CCES, completed the Sample collection process. The Athlete's Sample code number was 7176047.

#### **Results Management**

- 8. On June 20, 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.
- 9. The AAF was reported by the INRS on July 10, 2024. The Certificate of Analysis indicated the presence of SARM RAD140.
- 10. SARM RAD140 is classified as a non-Specified Substance on the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) 2024 Prohibited List.
- 11. On September 3, 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. In accordance with CADP Rule 10.2.1.1, the sanction for an ADRV involving the presence and Use of a non-Specified Substance is a four (4) year period of Ineligibility. The CCES therefore asserted a four (4) year period of Ineligibility, in addition to all applicable Consequences in its Notice of Charge on September 3, 2024.

#### **Confirmation of Violation and Sanction**

- 13. In accordance with CADP Rule 10.8.1, the CCES informed the Athlete on September 3, 2024, that should the Athlete exercise their option to sign the Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction Form, the Athlete would receive a one (1) year reduction of the four (4) year period of Ineligibility asserted by the CCES.
- 14. On September 22, 2024, the Athlete signed and submitted the Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction Form to the CCES. Accordingly, effective September 22, 2024, an ADRV has been confirmed against the Athlete for the presence and Use of the identified Prohibited Substance. In accordance with CADP Rule 7.4.1, 10.2.1.1, 10.8.1, and 10.13.2.1, the sanction for this violation is a three (3) year period of Ineligibility which commenced on July 25, 2024, the date the Athlete was provisionally suspended, and concludes on July 24, 2027.
- 15. Further, in accordance with CADP Rule 10.10, any competitive results obtained by the Athlete from date of Sample collection to the date the Athlete was provisionally suspended, shall be Disqualified.
- 16. The CCES now considers this case closed.

Dated at Ottawa, Ontario this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

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