

In the matter of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program;

And in the matter of an anti-doping rule violation by Paul Dionne asserted by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport;

File Outcome Summary

Summary

1. The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) conducted an In-Competition Sample collection session on February 14, 2025, in Calgary, AB.
2. Paul Dionne ("the Athlete") was selected for Doping Control. The Sample provided by the Athlete returned an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for Cocaine and metabolites: benzoylecgonine ("Cocaine"), a non-Specified Substance, included on the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) 2025 Prohibited List.
3. Following receipt of the CCES's Notice of Charge letter asserting an ADRV for the presence and Use of Cocaine, the Athlete admitted the violation, waived his right to a hearing, and agreed to a three (3) month period of Ineligibility and all applicable Consequences by signing an Agreement on 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 and is responsible for handling the administration of 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 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.
6. The Athlete is a member of and participates in the activities of U SPORTS. According to CADP Rule 1.3, the CADP provisions apply to all members of and Participants in activities of adopting Sport Organizations. The CADP was issued for adoption by Canadian Sport Organizations on October 26, 2020 to be operational on January 1, 2021. U SPORTS adopted the CADP on January 27, 2021. Therefore, the Athlete is subject to the CADP.

Doping Control

7. On February 14, 2025, the CCES conducted an In-Competition Sample collection session in Calgary, AB. Testing was conducted as part of the CCES's domestic test distribution plan under the CADP.

8. 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 8074865.

Results Management

9. On February 20, 2025, the Athlete's Sample was received for analysis by the INRS Centre Armand-Frappier Santé Biotechnologie ("the INRS") in Laval, QC, a WADA-accredited laboratory.
10. The AAF was reported by the INRS on March 11, 2025. The Certificate of Analysis indicated the presence of Cocaine.
11. Cocaine is classified as a non-Specified Substance and as a Substance of Abuse on WADA's 2025 Prohibited List. Additionally, Cocaine is prohibited In-Competition only.
12. On March 31, 2025, the CCES issued a Notification to the Athlete regarding a potential ADRV for the presence and Use of the Prohibited Substance and imposed a Provisional Suspension on the Athlete.
13. On three separate occasions – April 6, April 15, and May 26, 2025 – the Athlete provided explanations concerning their use of Cocaine.
14. On June 20, 2025, the CCES formally issued a Notice of Charge and Agreement on Consequences, asserting an ADRV against the Athlete for the presence and Use of Cocaine.
15. After reviewing all information provided by the Athlete, the CCES asserted a three (3) month period of Ineligibility in accordance with CADP Rule 10.2.4.1.

Confirmation of Violation and Sanction

16. On July 10, 2025, an Agreement on Consequences was entered into between the Athlete and the CCES, pursuant to which an ADRV was confirmed against the Athlete for the presence and Use of Cocaine. In accordance with CADP Rule 10.2.4.1, the sanction for this violation is a three (3) month period of Ineligibility that came into effect on March 31, 2025 (the date the Athlete was provisionally suspended) and remained in force and effect until June 30, 2025.
17. Further, Pursuant to CADP Rules 9, 10.1 and 10.10, all competitive results of the Athlete obtained after the date of commission of the ADRV until the date the CCES imposed a Provisional Suspension against the Athlete shall be Disqualified, including the forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.
18. The CCES now considers this case closed.

Dated at Ottawa, Ontario this 24th day of July 2025.



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