

In the matter of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program;

**And in the matter of an anti-doping rule violation by Navid Zanganeh 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 on March 11, 2023, in Waterloo, Ontario, at the 2023 Canadian Wrestling Championships.
2. Mr. Navid Zanganeh (“the Athlete”) was selected for Doping Control. The Sample provided by the Athlete returned an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for Oxandrolone and metabolites (“Oxandrolone”), a non-specified Prohibited Substance.
3. Following receipt of the CCES’s Notice of Charge asserting an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) for the presence and Use of Oxandrolone, the Athlete failed to dispute the ADRV within the timelines specified in the CADP and the Notice of Charge, including a deadline to respond and request a hearing that was extended by the CCES on its own accord. As a result, the ADRV, the period of Ineligibility, plus all other applicable Consequences were thereby confirmed by way of a deemed waiver.

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 implements 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 (“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 Wrestling Canada Lutte. 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, to be operational on January 1, 2021. Wrestling Canada Lutte adopted the CADP on November 20, 2020. Therefore, as a participant in Wrestling Canada Lutte activities prior to the date that his Sample was collected on March 11, 2023, the Athlete is subject to the CADP.

Doping Control

7. On March 11, 2023, the CCES conducted an In-Competition Sample collection session in Waterloo, Ontario. Testing was conducted on Wrestling Canada Lutte athletes as part of the CCES's domestic test distribution plan, all pursuant to the CADP.
8. The Athlete was notified that he had been selected 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 7088151.
9. On March 14, 2023, the Athlete's Sample was received for analysis by the INRS Centre Armand-Frappier Santé Biotechnologie (INRS), a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratory in Laval, Quebec.

Results Management

10. The AAF was reported by the INRS on April 7, 2023. The certificate of analysis indicated the presence of Oxandrolone.
11. Oxandrolone is classified as a non-specified Prohibited Substance on the WADA's 2023 Prohibited List.
12. The CCES commenced an initial review into the Athlete's AAF and issued a notification of a potential ADRV on April 19, 2023.
13. Subsequently, on April 25, 2023, the CCES imposed a mandatory Provisional Suspension on the Athlete pursuant to CADP Rule 7.4.1.
14. On May 16, 2023, the CCES formally issued a Notice of Charge asserting an ADRV against the Athlete for the presence and Use of a Prohibited Substance.
15. In accordance with CADP Rule 10.2.1.1, the standard sanction for an ADRV involving the presence and Use of a Prohibited Substance is a four (4) year period of Ineligibility. The CCES asserted the standard four (4) year sanction within its Notice of Charge of May 16, 2023.

Confirmation of Violation and Sanction

16. The Athlete failed to dispute the ADRV within the timelines specified in the CADP and the Notice of Charge, including the above-mentioned extension granted by the CCES. Accordingly, effective June 12, 2023, the asserted ADRV was confirmed against the Athlete for the presence and Use of Oxandrolone in accordance with CADP Rule 8.4.2. Pursuant to CADP Rules 8.4.2, 10.2.1 and 10.13.2.1, the sanction for this ADRV is a four (4) year period of Ineligibility, in addition to all other applicable Consequences, which commenced on April 25, 2023 (the date the Athlete was provisionally suspended) and concludes on April 24, 2027.

17. Further, in accordance with CADP Rules 10.1 and 10.10, any competitive results obtained by the Athlete during the 2023 Canadian Wrestling Championships, and from any subsequent Event, must be Disqualified.

18. The CCES now considers this case closed.

Dated at Ottawa, Ontario this 4th day of July 2023.



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