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THE SKNOC'S COMMITMENT TO ANTI-DOPING

On 22nd July, 2008, the St Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee, Inc also known as the SKNOC has accepted the World Anti-Doping *Code* (the "*Code*"). These Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented as a result of the SKNOC'S commitment to the purposes of the World Anti-Doping Programme. They are in conformance with the SKNOC'S responsibilities under the *Code*, and are in furtherance of the SKNOC'S continuing efforts to eradicate doping in St.Kitts and Nevis.

Fundamental Rationale for the *Code* and the SKNOC'S Anti-Doping Rules

Anti-doping programs seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport"; it is the essence of Olympism; it is how we play true. The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind, and is characterized by the following values:

- 1 Ethics, fair play and honesty
- 2 Health
- 3 Excellence in performance
- 4 Character and education
- 5 Fun and joy
- 6 Teamwork
- 7 Dedication and commitment
- 8 Respect for rules and laws
- 9 Respect for self and other *Participants*
- 10 Courage
- 11 Community and solidarity

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.

1. THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE

- 1.1. The SKNOC is a *Signatory* to the *Code* and, as such, is responsible for assisting the NADO OF ST.KITTS AND NEVIS in initiating, implementing and enforcing the *Doping Control* process.
- 1.2. Under the *Code*, the SKNOC, as the National Olympic Committee for St. Kitts and Nevis, has roles and responsibilities including the following:
 - (1) To ensure its anti-doping policies and rules conform to the *Code*,
 - (2) To require as a condition of membership or recognition that *National Federations'* anti-doping policies and rules are in compliance with the applicable provisions of the *Code*,
 - (3) To require all *Athletes* who are not regular members of a *National Federation* to be available for *Sample* collection and provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis, if required, during the year before the Olympic Games as a condition of participation in the Olympic Games as a member of the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Team.
 - (4) To cooperate with NADO OF ST.KITTS AND NEVIS, the

- National Anti-Doping Organization of St. Kitts-Nevis.*
- (5) To withhold some or all funding, during any period of his or her *Ineligibility*, to any *Athlete* or *Athlete Support Personnel* who has violated anti-doping rules.
 - (6) To withhold some or all funding to the *National Federations* who are not in compliance with the *Code*.

2. APPLICATION OF ANTI-DOPING RULES

- 2.1 These rules apply to:
 - (1) The SKNOC,
 - (2) *Athletes*,
 - (3) *Team Members*,
 - (4) *Athlete Support Personnel*, and
 - (5) *National Federations*.
- 2.2 Sanctions are applicable in the event of any *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* or *Doping Offence* or other breach of these rules.

3 OBLIGATIONS

- 3.1 All *Athletes* must:
 - (1) be knowledgeable of and comply with all anti-doping policies and rules applicable to them, namely the *Code*, these rules, and the policies and rules of *Anti-Doping Organizations* and their National or international *Federation*;
 - (2) take responsibility, in the context of anti-doping, for what they ingest and use; and
 - (3) inform medical personnel of their obligation not to *Use Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* and to take responsibility to make sure that any medical treatment received does not violate the anti-doping policies and rules applicable to them.
- 3.2 All *Athletes* who are not regular members of a *National Federation* must be available for *Sample* collection conducted according to the *Code* and provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis, if required, during the year before the Olympic Games as a condition of participation in the Olympic Games as a member of the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Team.
- 3.3 All *Athlete Support Personnel* must:
 - (1) be knowledgeable of and comply with all anti-doping policies and rules applicable to them or *Athletes* whom they support, namely the *Code*, these rules and the policies and rules of *Anti-Doping Organizations* and their *National Federation*;
 - (2) co-operate with the *Athlete Testing* programme; and
 - (3) use their influence on *Athlete* values and behaviour to foster anti-doping attitudes.

- 3.4 Each *National Federation* must:
- (1) comply with these rules;
 - (2) cooperate with and assist the NADO OF ST.KITTS AND NEVIS fulfil its obligations under the *Code*;
 - (3) adopt and implement an anti-doping policy that conforms with the *Code*;
 - (4) cooperate with and assist its International Federation conduct its day-to-day anti-doping programmes;
 - (5) require *Persons* who:
 - (a) participate in sport under its authority; or
 - (b) are registered as an *athlete* or competitor (however described) or as an *Athlete Support Personnel* with it or with a club recognized by it;to recognize and be bound by its anti-doping policy, the *Code* and these rules;
 - (6) require *Persons* who:
 - (c) participate as an *athlete* or competitor (however described) in a sport under its authority; or
 - (d) are registered as an *athlete* or competitor (however described) with it or with a club recognized by it;to be available for *Sample* collection and provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information;
 - (7) require as a condition of membership that the policies, rules and programmes of its members or clubs recognized by it are in compliance with the *Code*; and
 - (8) take appropriate action to discourage non-compliance with the *Code* and its Anti-Doping Policy.
- 3.5 Notwithstanding paragraph 3.4 a *National Federation* will also:
- (1) recognize and respect a finding of an *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* by its *International Federation* or other *Signatory* or other *National Federation* without the need for a hearing provided the finding is consistent with the *Code* and within the authority of the body concerned; and
 - (2) require *Athletes* who are not regular members to be available for *Sample* collection and provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis, if required, during the year before the Olympic Games as a condition of participation in the Olympic Games as a member of the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Team.
 - (3) promptly notify the SKNOC of the finding of any *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* or *Doping Offence* and the imposition of any sanction for an *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* or *Doping Offence* on:
 - (a) any *Person* under its anti-doping policy and rules; or
 - (b) Any *Athlete*, *Athlete Support Personnel* or other *Person* under its authority or control under the anti-doping policy and rules of its Inter St. Kitts and Nevis

Federation.

- (4) Provide assistance and information to the SKNOC as requested by the Secretary General to enable the SKNOC to properly implement these Rules.

4 TESTING

The SKNOC will recognize the results of accredited laboratory analysis of *Testing* conducted by *Anti-Doping Organizations* and the NADO OF ST.KITTS AND NEVIS conducted in accordance with the *Code*.

5 BREACHES OF THESE RULES

- 5.1 The commission of an *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* is a breach of these Rules.
- 5.2 Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 17 of the *Code* apply to determine whether any *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* has been committed.
- 5.3 It is an infraction of these rules for a *National Federation* to breach any of its obligations to the SKNOC pursuant to these rules.

6 RECOGNIZED ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS and DOPING OFFENCES

The SKNOC will recognize and respect all determinations by all anti-doping organizations that a *Person* has committed an *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* provided the finding is consistent with the *Code* and within the authority of the body concerned.

7 SKNOC IMPOSED SANCTIONS

- 7.1 Any *Person* who is found to have committed an *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* will be ineligible for membership or for selection in any *Team*, to receive funding from the SKNOC, or, to hold any position on the SKNOC.
- 7.2 The period or periods of any sanction will be determined according to Articles 10 and 11 of the *Code*.
- 7.3 The SKNOC will recognize previous sanctions imposed by any *Anti-Doping Organization* or *National Federation* to determine whether the breach is a first or second offence.
- 7.4 For *Doping Offences* recognized by the SKNOC pursuant to Article 6:
 - (1) Any *Person* found to have committed a *Doping Offence* will be ineligible for membership or selection in any *Team*, or to receive funding from or to hold any position on the SKNOC for the following periods:
 - (3 years in the first instance, a repeat violation should carry a 10 year ban)
 - (2) Where a *Person* is found to have committed a *Doping Offence* other than an *Anti-Doping Rule Violation*, the *Person* will be ineligible for membership or selection in any *Team*, or to receive funding from, or to hold any position on the SKNOC as follows:
 - (2 years in the first instance...a repeat violation should carry a 10 year ban)

- (3) The SKNOC will recognize previous sanctions imposed by any International Federation or National *Federation* to determine whether the breach is a first or second offence.

8 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 8.1 All instances of alleged *Anti-Doping Rule Violations* will be determined in conformity with the *Code* and must be established according to the provisions of the *Code*.
- 8.2 The SKNOC Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel shall have the power to regulate its procedures so long as they are in conformity with Article 8 of the *Code*.

9 NOTIFICATION

Upon the imposition of a sanction under these rules, the SKNOC will send details of the sanction imposed to:

- (1) the *IOC*;
- (2) those *Persons* entitled to notification under Article 14.1 of the *Code*;
- (3) the National *Federation* of the *Person* concerned;
- (4) the NADO OF ST.KITTS AND NEVIS;
- (5) WADA ; and
- (6) Any other *Person* or organization the SKNOC believes should be informed.

10 APPEALS

- 10.1 Except as provided in the *Code*, no *Person* may appeal or challenge any recognition by the SKNOC of an *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* unless that *Person* has first exhausted all his or her rights of appeal and other legal rights (if any) in respect of the hearing and finding of the *Anti-Doping Organization* or *National Federation* concerned (whether before any tribunal as provided for in the anti-doping policy of the *Anti-Doping Organization* or *National Federation* concerned or in a court of law). In the event that a *Person* challenges or appeals the hearing or finding of the *Anti-Doping Organization* or *National Federation* concerned, the SKNOC will defer recognition of the *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* pending the conclusion of the challenge or appeal and will abide by the decision of the tribunal or court concerned.
- 10.2 Decisions under these Anti-Doping Rules may be appealed in conformity with Art 13 of the *Code*. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise.

11 REVIEW OF ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION

If a *Person* recorded as having committed an *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* is subsequently found not to have committed that *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* or is otherwise cleared or pardoned of any relevant wrongdoing by *CAS* or any other *Anti-Doping Organization's* Appellate Body acting in conformity with the *Code*, the SKNOC will overturn the *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* and any sanction which had

been imposed as a result of that *Anti-Doping Rule Violation* and will report the decision to all those *Persons* notified of the initial imposition of the sanction pursuant to article 9.

12 INTERPRETATION

All the words utilised in these Rules shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to them in the World Anti-Doping Code.