

Anti-Doping Policy

Definitions

These terms will have these meanings in this Policy:

- “Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES)” - The CCES is an independent, national, not-for-profit organization responsible for administering Canada’s Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and the World Anti-Doping Code in Canada.
- “Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP)” - Set of rules that govern doping control in Canada. The full policy can be viewed [here](#).
- “*Individual*” – All categories of membership defined in the Alberta Basketball Association (ABA) Bylaws, as well as all Individuals engaged in activities with Alberta Basketball, including, but not limited to, National Participants, athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, team managers, team captains, medical and paramedical personnel, administrators, contractors and employees.
- “WADA” – World Anti-Doping Agency.

Background and Position Statement

The ABA is unequivocally opposed, on ethical, medical and legal grounds to the practice of doping in sport and fully supports the position of International Olympic Committee, the Canadian Olympic Committee, Canadian Paralympic Committee Sport Canada, the World Anti-Doping Agency, and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, against the use, possession and supply of banned substances and methods in basketball.

- The ABA will continue to promote this position and will encourage its international and provincial/territorial partners to work together in support of a drug-free environment.

Application

- This Policy applies to all Individuals.
- The ABA will respect any penalty enacted pursuant to a breach of the CADP, whether imposed by WADA or the CCES.

Policy Statement

- The ABA recognizes the role of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in setting global standards, coordinating anti-doping worldwide and implementing all portions of the World Anti-Doping Code, which can be viewed [here](#).
- The CADP is administered on behalf of WADA by the CCES and the ABA accepts and adopts the designated authority and policies of the CCES on all anti-doping matters.
- For further clarity, the ABA has adopted and agrees to abide by the CADP as the anti-doping policy and regulations of the ABA, as administered by the CCES, and as it may be amended from time to time.

Public Announcement of Results and Infractions

- The ABA will comply with the CADP guidelines with respect to public announcements of positive test results.



Sanctions

- All Individuals and persons sanctioned by virtue of the CADP will be ineligible to participate in any role and in any competition or activity organized, convened, held or sanctioned by the ABA or its Member associations as per the penalties imposed.
- The ABA may apply further sanctions or penalties in accordance with the ABA's policies.

Board Approval and Review –

- Policy reviewed by the ABA Staff in April 2020
- Policy approved by the ABA Board of Directors in June 2020
- Policy will be reviewed again in July 2021