

# **ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

## **ANTI DOPING POLICY AND DOPING CONTROL PROGRAM**

### **POSITION STATEMENT**

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) is unequivocally opposed to illegal drug usage. In its sport, ice hockey, The OWHA is similarly unequivocally opposed to the use of banned and restricted substances and methods by athletes for the purpose of performance enhancement. This position applies to all members/ participants of the game of hockey within the OWHA structure.

Those persons who counsel or assist an athlete in the use of banned and restricted substances and methods for the purpose of performance enhancement must be considered as much at fault as the athlete using the substance or method, and may, in some cases, be more so. In particular, the OWHA cannot and will not, tolerate any encouragement of the use of such substances or methods by those in positions of leadership or influence over athletes, such as administrators, coaches, trainers, managers, medical and paramedical practitioners, sport scientists, and indeed other athletes.

Fair and equal competition is an essential ingredient of sport. Doping control (testing for the use of banned and restricted substances and methods) is a means of attempting to ensure that such is the case.

With a view promulgating this aspect of fair play in athletic competition, the OWHA will ensure that all of its representatives, in a position to do so, will use their best efforts to see that effective national and international anti-doping education and doping control programs are in place.

The OWHA's Board of Directors has adopted the Doping and Control Policy as established by Hockey Canada and by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES). For further information, please see the CCES website at [www.cces.ca](http://www.cces.ca).

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