

Ontario Weightlifting Association Anti-Doping Policy

The Ontario Weightlifting Association (OWA) acknowledges; supports; and, promotes the Canadian Weightlifting Federation Haltérophile Canadienne (CWFHC) Policy on Doping in Sport as it applies to its member associations.

Position Statement

The Ontario Weightlifting Association is unequivocally opposed, on ethical, medical and legal grounds, to the practice of doping in sport, and fully supports the policies of the International Olympic Committee, World Anti-Doping Agency, International Weightlifting Federation, Canadian Weightlifting Federation Haltérophile Canadienne, Sport Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport prohibiting the use of banned substances and methods.

The OWA unanimously endorses the most recent principles of the Canadian Policy Against Doping in Sport – 2011 (CPADS-2011), as implemented by the CWFHC, under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) and the Canadian Anti-Doping Program.

Selection of Athletes for Testing

The OWA will consult with both the CWFHC and the CCES regarding the selection of athletes, if applicable for testing, based upon the following of principles:

- Random testing of OWA athletes selected to Team Canada prior to International events.
- Random testing will be administered at Junior and Senior Provincial Championships.
- Random testing of Quest for Gold (Q4G) funded athletes, or those that are part of the OWA High Performance Program (HPP). Testing will be subject to unannounced doping control in accordance with the *Canadian Policy on Doping in Sport* throughout their prescribed funding/program placement.

Selection of Competitions for Testing

The OWA will register competitions under its jurisdiction with the CWFHC as directed by its policies and procedures based upon the following principles:

- The OWA host club submits the required OWA **Competition Sanction Request Form** indicting the competition is subject to doping controls, complete with applicable fees to the VP Technical and VP Finance.
- The OWA VP Technical submits the CWFHC Registration of Anti-Doping Tests 45 days in advance of the requested competition to the CWFHC VP Administration.

- All Junior and Senior Provincial Championships must be submitted for registration to the CWFHC for doping control.
- All qualification competitions for Q4G, HPP and international events, both junior and senior organized by the OWA will be subject to doping control.

Disclosure

Doping infractions are a matter of public record; however, any adverse analytical findings will not be disclosed by the OWA until after all appropriate parties, including the affected athlete, are first informed. Nonetheless, the OWA recognize that the CCES has the right to disclose information concerning an infraction, if reasonable attempts to notify the athlete have been unsuccessful and such disclosure is in the interests of drug-free sport.

Education Program

- On a regular basis, the OWA will provide information on provincial, national and international anti-doping policies and programs to its members.
- When and where possible, the OWA will organize presentations on drug-free sport to athletes and coaches at competitions and training camps.
- The OWA will provide online information to its membership by way of the OWA website and social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- For ease of information gathering, the OWA will link its website with the CCES and WADA websites.
- The OWA will advise members, if applicable, who are sanctioned for the use of banned substances or methods of organizations that provide supportive and rehabilitative measures.
- The OWA will continually message the True Sport principles to its membership with particular focus on Play Fair and Stay Healthy for the purpose this policy.

Approval

The CWFHC Anti-Doping Policy was approved by the CWFHC on May 18, 2001; the OWA adopted the Policy with revisions on March 11, 2013.