

In the matter of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program;

**And in the matter of an anti-doping rule violation by Alexis Stevens 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 session on October 29, 2021, in Montreal, Quebec.
2. Mr. Alexis Stevens (“the athlete”) was selected for doping control. The sample provided by the athlete returned an adverse analytical finding for GW501516, a prohibited substance.
3. Following receipt of the CCES’ Notice of Charge, asserting an anti-doping rule violation for the presence and use of GW501516, the athlete signed an Early Admission and Acceptance Form thereby admitting the asserted violations, waiving his right to a hearing and accepting all proposed consequences.

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 carries out the 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 (Code) and its mandatory International Standards. The CCES has implemented the Code and its mandatory 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 U SPORTS and participates in the sport of soccer. According to Part C, Rule 1.3 of the CADP, the CADP provisions apply to all members of, and participants in the activities of, sport organizations adopting it. The CADP was adopted by U SPORTS on January 27, 2021. Therefore, as a member of U SPORTS and/or as a participant in U SPORTS sport activities, the athlete is subject to the Rules of the CADP.

Doping Control

7. On October 29, 2021, the CCES conducted an in-competition doping control session in Montreal, Quebec. Testing was conducted on U SPORTS athletes as part of the CCES’ domestic test distribution plan, all pursuant to the CADP.
8. The athlete was notified 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 4522363.
9. On November 1, 2021, the athlete’s sample was received by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratory, the INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier (INRS), in Laval, QC.

Results Management

10. The adverse analytical finding was received from the INRS on November 17, 2021. The Certificate of Analysis indicated the presence of GW501516.
11. GW501516 is classified as a prohibited substance on the 2021 WADA Prohibited List.
12. On November 18, 2021, in accordance with CADP Rule 7.2, the CCES issued a Notification regarding the athlete's adverse analytical finding. Additionally, the CCES imposed a Mandatory Provisional Suspension on the athlete in accordance with CADP Rule 7.4.1.
13. In response, the athlete requested a Provisional Hearing to contest the imposition of the Provisional Suspension. On November 20, 2021, a Provisional Hearing was convened, and Arbitrator Soublière confirmed that the Provisional Suspension was upheld.
14. On November 26, 2021, the CCES formally issued a Notice of Charge asserting a violation against the athlete for the presence and use of a prohibited substance.
15. In accordance with CADP Rule 10.2.1, the standard sanction for an anti-doping violation involving the presence and use of a prohibited substance, is a four (4) year period of ineligibility. The CCES proposed the standard four (4) year sanction within its Notice of Charge of November 26, 2021.

Confirmation of Violation and Sanction

16. In accordance with CADP Rule 10.8.1, which was specifically referenced within the Notice of Charge, the CCES informed the athlete on November 26, 2021, that should the athlete exercise his option to sign the Early Admission and Acceptance Form, the Athlete will receive a one (1) year reduction in the four (4) year period of ineligibility asserted by the CCES.
17. On December 15, 2021, the athlete signed and submitted the Early Admission and Acceptance Form to the SDRCC. Accordingly, effective December 15, 2021, an anti-doping rule violation has been confirmed against the athlete for the presence and use of the identified prohibited substance. In accordance with CADP Rules 10.2.1, 7.4.1 and 10.8.1, the sanction for this violation is a three (3) year period of ineligibility, which commenced on November 18, 2021 (the date the athlete was provisionally suspended), and concludes on November 17, 20, 2024.
18. The CCES now considers this case closed.

Dated at Ottawa, Ontario this 23rd day of December 2021.



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