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Cc: - Court of Arbitration for Sport

Lausanne, 7 May 2008

## **IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, Beijing 2008**

Dear Sir, Madam,

### **A. IOC Anti-Doping Rules**

Please find attached a copy of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, Beijing 2008* ("*IOC Anti-Doping Rules*") which will be in force in relation to the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, Beijing 2008 ("*Olympic Games*"). Although it is your responsibility to study the contents of such document, we wish to bring the following points to your specific attention. Please note that all defined terms contained in this letter shall have the same meaning as in the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*.

1. During the *Period of the Olympic Games*, all *Doping Controls* initiated by the IOC shall include *Testing for all Prohibited Substances* and all *Prohibited Methods* referred to in the *Prohibited List*.

The *Period of the Olympic Games* is defined as "the period commencing on the date of the opening of the Olympic village for the Olympic Games", namely, 27 July 2008 up until and including the day of the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games, namely, 24 August 2008.

The "*In-Competition Period*" is defined as "the *Period of the Olympic Games*". In other words, the *Period of the Olympic Games* shall be treated as an "in-competition" period.

*National Olympic Committees* are responsible to inform all their *Athletes* that they will be subject to *Doping Controls* at any time during the *Period of the Olympic Games* for all *Prohibited Substances* and all *Prohibited Methods* referred to in the *Prohibited List*.

2. All *Athletes* shall be subject, during the *Period of the Olympic Games*, to *Doping Controls* initiated by the IOC at any time or place with no advance warning required to be given to the *Athletes*.



3. The IOC has authorised WADA to carry out *Doping Controls*, on behalf of the IOC, during the *Period of the Olympic Games*, outside of China and at non-Olympic venues inside of China.
4. Pursuant to Article 15.1 of the *World Anti-Doping Code*, the IOC hereby authorises all *Anti-Doping Organisations* to carry out *Doping Controls* on the *Athletes* within their authority during the *Period of the Olympic Games*, prior to the *Athlete* having validated his Olympic identity and accreditation card for the *Olympic Games* and/or subsequent to the *Athlete* having finished his or her final competition at the *Olympic Games*.
5. The disciplinary procedure with respect to anti-doping rule violations arising upon the occasion of the *Olympic Games* is contained in Article 7 of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*.
6. In view of the extended nature of the *In-Competition Period*, we remind you that an *Athlete* should request a therapeutic use exemption prior to taking any substance that is included in the *Prohibited List*. This procedure is explained in further detail in the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*.
7. To the extent that an *Athlete*, accused of having committed an anti-doping rule violation, is a member of a *Team Sport*, or is participating in a sport that is not a *Team Sport* but where awards are given to teams, the *International Federation* concerned shall be present at the hearing of the Disciplinary Commission in order to help ensure that the sanctions imposed by the IOC are as provided in the applicable rules of the relevant *International Federation*.
8. Please find attached, for your information, a list of substantive amendments and adaptations of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, Beijing 2008*, compared to the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the 2006 Turin Olympic Winter Games*.

The *IOC Anti-Doping Rules* as well as the *World Anti-Doping Code* can be seen on both the IOC website <http://www.olympic.org/medical> and the WADA website [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org).

**B. The 2008 Prohibited List**

Please find attached a copy of the *Prohibited List*, as referred to in the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*. This document is also referred to as *The 2008 Prohibited List International Standard*. A copy of this document can also be seen on the websites of the IOC and WADA referred to above.

**C. Technical Procedures relating to Doping Control**

A document entitled "*Technical Procedures relating to Doping Control*" comprises Appendix 3 of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*. This document complements the main body of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules*.

**D. Resolving pending cases involving possible violations of anti-doping rules**

The IOC would appreciate every effort made by the *National Anti-Doping Organisations*, the *International Federations* and the *National Olympic Committees* to ensure that pending cases involving possible violations of anti-doping rules committed by athletes, who are intended to compete in the *Olympic Games*, are resolved before the athletes take part in their first competitions at the *Olympic Games*.



Please ensure that the documentation and information referred to above is forwarded to all persons linked to your organization who have a need to know such documentation, in particular to the *Athletes*, coaches and medical personnel.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Urs LACOTTE', written in a cursive style.

Urs LACOTTE

Encl. Rules

**List of substantive amendments and adaptations of the IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, Beijing 2008, compared to the IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the XX Olympic Winter Games in Turin, 2006\***

1. Definition of "*Possession*": language was included to reflect the principles confirmed in the recent Court of Arbitration for Sport decisions in the Austrian Torino Affair in relation to the possession of a *Prohibited Method*.
2. Article 2.6 now prohibits the possession of all prohibited substances, while the previous version did not include the following substances: S6 "Stimulants", S7 "Narcotics", S8 "Canabinoids" and S9 "Glucocorticosteroids" of the WADA Prohibited List.
3. Whereabouts Requirements and consequences in case of failure to comply with such requirements (Article 5.5): in particular, it is stated that one missed test during the *Period of the Games*, combined with two missed tests in the previous 18 months, constitutes a violation of the Anti-Doping Rules.
4. Selection criteria for post competition testing: in particular, the word "random" has been deleted as a criteria of selection (Article 5.6.1.2).
5. Members of the Disciplinary Commission: the two persons (in addition to the President) may be chosen from either the IOC Executive Board or the IOC Juridical Commission (Article 7.2.4).
6. The 24 hour time limit to close a Disciplinary Commission Procedure now starts, for all violations of the Anti-Doping Rules, as of the time the *Athlete* or other *Person* has been informed of the violation of the Anti-Doping Rules (Article 7.2.13). Previously, for adverse analytical findings, the 24 hour period started as of the conclusion of the sample analysis on the A sample.
7. Precision of the relation with FEI Equine Anti-Doping Rules (Article 15), for the rules adopted in relation to horses and to be implemented by FEI during the Games.
8. Precision that an *Athlete* may be notified and tested more than once during the same day (Section 5.2 of Appendix 3 to the Rules).

\* Please note that this list is only for informational purposes to assist you in identifying changes made in the IOC Anti-Doping Rules from the XX Olympic Winter Games in Turin, 2006 to the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, Beijing 2008. This list is not necessarily an exhaustive list of changes.