

MEDIA RELEASE

Canadian Racquetball Athlete Commits Anti-Doping Rule Violation

(Ottawa, Ontario – July 14, 2006) – The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) announced today that Kane Waselenchuk, a Canadian racquetball athlete, committed an anti-doping rule violation. The violation occurred during an in-competition doping control conducted at the Canadian National Racquetball Championships in Edmonton, Alberta on May 27, 2006.

Mr. Waselenchuk's anti-doping rule violation was a result of his urine sample returning adverse analytical findings for Cannabis and Cocaine metabolite, both prohibited substances on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List.

In response to the CCES' notification of the adverse analytical findings, Mr. Waselenchuk waived his right to a hearing and acknowledged the anti-doping rule violation. The athlete has received a sanction of two years sport ineligibility and permanent ineligibility for federal sport funding.

In all his dealings with the CCES, Mr. Waselenchuk has been very cooperative and at this time wishes to make the following statement:

“Kane does not wish to go into detail regarding the presence of a substance which he cannot explain”, stated his spokesperson. Kane does state, "I did not ingest any cocaine knowingly; as for the cannabis I was honest about it from the start. I am very sorry about the whole situation and I apologize to my friends, family and fans. This also is not a reflection of my character.”

The CCES is an independent, national, non-profit organization. Our mission, to foster ethical sport in Canada, is carried out through research, promotion, education, detection and deterrence, as well as through programs and partnerships with other organizations.

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