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Celebrating 10 Years of Excellence in Sport ADR in Canada



Montréal (Québec) - Today, January 18, 2012 marks the 10th anniversary of the official opening of the ADRsportRED program, an initiative created in partnership with Sport Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee, AthletesCAN and Commonwealth Games Canada under the auspices of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport in 2002. The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) is proud to celebrate this important milestone in Canadian sport history.

In their combined 10 years of operations, ADRsportRED and SDRCC assisted in the resolution of no less than 366 sports-related disputes. The financial impact on Canadian sport organizations of avoiding costly and lengthy civil court proceedings to resolve those disputes is immeasurable. The Ordinary Tribunal alone counts 199 disputes resolved, yielding a notable 53 consent settlements, and from June 2004 the SDRCC Doping Tribunal also managed 167 doping violation assertions.

The impressive sports law jurisprudence developed from those cases covers a wide range of sports-related disputes, including 45% of decisions on team selection and 26% relating to doping. Around the world, that is only surpassed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Switzerland which has been in operation since 1984. It is noteworthy that the SDRCC is the only sports tribunal worldwide that translates all of its decisions to make them available in both French and English.

The SDRCC endeavors to pursue its mandate for years to come by continuing to offer dispute prevention and resolution resources to members of the Canadian sport community as well as to provide timely, cost-efficient, and independent world-class alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services.

The SDRCC Board and staff members would like to thank all of those individuals and organizations that have contributed to the growth and success of sport ADR in Canada since 2002, most particularly Sport Canada for its continued support, as well as members of the inaugural Board of Directors and all of the SDRCC's dedicated arbitrators and mediators.

About the SDRCC

The SDRCC is a not-for-profit corporation created by federal legislation and funded by Sport Canada. The mission of the SDRCC is to provide the sport community with a national alternative dispute resolution service and strengthen the culture of fairness in Canadian sport by resolving disputes quickly and efficiently and to provide expertise and assistance regarding alternative dispute resolution.

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