

Welcome to the ABCD Special Bulletin for Anti-Doping Science and Education. This is a vehicle for discussing relevant topics on Anti-doping, commented by invited experts or scholars in this field.

 In this edition we are honored to have the participation from an illustrious guest, the lawyer Ana Paula Provenza, from Switzerland. She presents us an article on sports ethics, intrinsicly related to Anti-doping. Dr. Provenza is a consultant to the AMA-WADA Ethics Committee. She specialized in sport and Anti-doping standards at the Universities of Geneva and Neuchâtel. Dr. Provenza is a member of the sport ethics and doping panel of the International Association of World Games – IWGA, as well as the World Flying Disk Federation – WFDF. She participates and contributes to the WADA Congresses, and she is involved with brazilian Institutions as well, since she is Brazilian. Her relation with sports started in her youth in Brazil, as a swimmer.

The Ethics theme was chosen since it is the core for the anti-doping policy. I usually say that Anti-doping is a synonym of Ethics. A brazilian popular expression states that ethics is what we do right regardless of whether others are watching or controlling us. We assuming that what is fair and what is right are the standard attitudes expected from all athletes, family members, athlete support personnel, managers and lawyers. The deviations to that Ethics Standard are the exceptions and we pursue the eradication of these deviations in sports as established in the in the fight against doping in sport discussed at the UNESCO Convention.

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Sports Ethics and Anti-doping

Currently, the new international anti-doping code is being structured and the focus is education, mainly for athletes. In the education for athletes it's necessary to know essential values of sport, that is ethical values.

Sport ethics, directly referring to the Olympic spirit, are basic conduct rules

which every sportsman, sportswoman, athlete, coach, sport club and federation should respect during training and competition, off and on the field. They are based on universally accepted social values like respect, no discrimination or racism, justice for all, no violence, no match-fixing etc.

As in other areas and as in recent sports experiences, more sophisticated scien-

tific and medical testing will lead to the increase of tests to be performed and

more products will be placed on the anti-doping list. Therefore, only punishment for misbehaviour and doping will not stop such practices. The best measure to obtain a clean sport, without doping, is to emphasize the importance of ethical values and translate them into a program of education in

sport, integrating these values in civil and criminal laws.

tions in the form of ethics panels and committees. However, in many cases, they are not structured with educators, scientists, jurists and lawyers. Therefore, the activities don't focus on education and prevention of doping and, consequently, the punishment of the athlete is the most frequent solution in the fight against doping. The implementation of the new International Anti-Doping Code should be

focused on the education of athletes as a means of preventing doping through

ethics in sport. Thus, the first experience of an athlete with anti-doping should

Government bodies linked to Sport Ethics already exist in clubs and federa-

be by education integrated to ethical values before submitting to doping tests.

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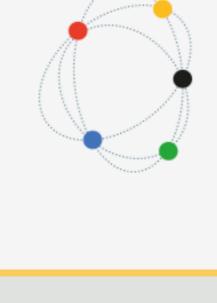
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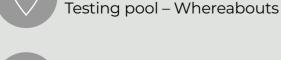
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