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SDRCC Announces its New *Pro Bono* Program

Montréal (Québec) - The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) is pleased to announce the launch of its new *Pro Bono* Program, intended to facilitate the access to free legal advice and services to unrepresented parties involved in disputes before the SDRCC. The volunteer lawyers participating in this program have come forward to the SDRCC to offer the following services at no cost: summary advice; representation at mediation or arbitration; procedural information; and form completion assistance.

"One advantage of the alternative dispute resolution process is that it is timely and affordable," said SDRCC Chairperson Carla Qualtrough, "The introduction of these *pro bono* services contributes to this, ensuring that all parties have access to representation, regardless of their limited financial means, so that no party is put at a disadvantage, and thus enhancing the fairness of our sport system."

To access the list of volunteers who have accepted to provide such services and to learn more on the terms and conditions of the *Pro Bono* Program, please visit the SDRCC website (www.sdrcc.ca) or simply follow this link: <http://www.crdsc-sdrcc.ca/eng/dispute-resource-legal.jsp>

About 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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