



Canada Games Council and SDRCC Sign a Partnership Agreement

June 2009

Since its establishment in 2004, the SDRCC has provided dispute resolution services at the 2005 Canada Games in Regina and at the 2007 Canada Games in Whitehorse. Having learned from these experiences, delivered on a different set of terms, the two organizations have agreed to streamline the approach to offer more than just dispute resolution services at the Canada Games, but also to provide dispute prevention education to its members and participants.

The partnership will enable, and ensure more consistency in the type and the quality of services offered by the SDRCC from one Games experience to the next, and will ensure that those services meet the specific needs of Canada Games participants.

Tailored Dispute Resolution Services

As part of this agreement, the SDRCC will provide, free of charge, time-sensitive alternative dispute resolution services to the Canada Games delegations and participants, in accordance with the applicable rules, and as required for Games-related disputes arising prior to or during the Games, including but not limited to disputes regarding discipline and athlete eligibility.

Dispute Prevention Activities

Key mission staff from all delegations will benefit from a dispute prevention workshop during the pre-Games seminar. The workshop will cover various topics including dispute resolution options available through the SDRCC, and dispute prevention strategies and mechanisms. Once at the Games, all athlete and support staff will have access to information and education services through a kiosk manned by an SDRCC staff member.

At All Games - Winter and Summer

The partnership also means that the SDRCC dispute prevention and dispute resolution services will be offered at all Games, winter and summer alike, and that the Canada Games Council and the Host Society will collaborate with the SDRCC to enable the provision of such services.

The Canada Games participants, whether athletes, coaches, officials, managers, mission staff, technical staff, and volunteers represent the future of Canada's international level sport. By entering into this agreement together, the Canada Games Council and the SDRCC have made a commitment to creating a culture of fairness in the Canadian sport system, now and for generations to come.