



## 2024 CANADIAN CEREBRAL PALSY SPORTS ASSOCIATION (BOCCIA CANADA) AGREEMENT (Athletes Only)

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THIS AGREEMENT as of January 1, 2024

BETWEEN:

**Name of Athlete:** \_\_\_\_\_

residing at **Address:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**(the “Athlete”)**

AND:

**Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association (Boccia Canada)**, a registered Canadian amateur athletic association having its registered office at:

House of Sport, RA Centre 2451 Riverside Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1H 7X7

(the “National Sport Organization” or “NSO”)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- a) The NSO is recognized by The Boccia International Sports Federation (“IF”), Canadian Paralympic Committee (“CPC”), and the Government of Canada as the national governing body for the sport of boccia.
- b) The NSO strives to deliver a world-leading program and enter a National Team into competition that achieves the best international results it possibly can.
- c) The Athlete has exceptional and unique knowledge, skill and ability in the sport of boccia and wishes to compete for Canada as a member of the NSO’s National Team.
- d) Execution of this Agreement means that both parties understand the mutual obligations set out in this Agreement, including their mutual responsibility to comply with requirements of external sport governance bodies including the International Paralympic Committee (“IPC”), The Boccia International Sports Federation (“IF”), the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (“CCES”) and the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”).
- e) The Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (the “AAP”) requires these mutual obligations to be stated in a written agreement to be signed by the NSO and the Athlete who applies for assistance under the AAP.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

### **TERM AND SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT**

1. This Agreement is effective from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
2. The Athlete is a member of the National Team for the duration of this Agreement.

### **RELATED POLICIES AND AGREEMENTS**

3. The parties agree that the policies and agreements listed in section 3 are integral to the Athlete and NSO relationship and are available [online](#). The athlete agrees to follow these policies:
  - a) [Abuse Policy](#)
  - b) [Appeals Policy](#)
  - c) [Athlete Protection Policy \(Rule of Two\)](#)
  - d) [Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy](#)
  - e) [Discipline and Complaints Policy](#)
  - f) [Dispute Resolution Policy](#)
  - g) [Event Discipline Procedure](#)
  - h) [Performance Partner Policy](#)
  - i) [Screening Policy](#)
  - j) [Social Media Guidelines for Athletes and Coaches](#)
  - k) [Social Media Policy](#)
  - l) [Travel Policy](#)
  - m) [2024 Boccia National Training Squad Selection Criteria](#)
  - n) [2024 Boccia Carding Criteria](#)

From time to time, the NSO's existing policies may be updated or changed and the Board of Directors of the NSO may approve new policies. This Agreement contains the most recent policies at the time of signing. The NSO will inform the Athlete of any changes to its policies and agreements and will always have the most current version of its policies available through the usual communications of the NSO in accordance with section [14\(f\)](#) of this Agreement.

### **DEFINITIONS**

4. Unless otherwise stated, in this Agreement:

“AAP” means Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program; also referred to as “carding”;

“Agreed Upon Training Plan” means a schedule of mandatory training programs and competitions tailored to the individual needs of the Athlete to progress towards achieving agreed upon objectives and goals of the Athlete and National Team;

“Agreement” means this written agreement;

“Athlete” means one of the parties to the Agreement, listed above;

“Athlete Commercial Agreement” or “ACA” means a separate and optional contract entered into between the NSO and Athlete detailing obligations of the parties in furthering their commercial and non-commercial mutual interests;

“AthletesCAN” means the association of Canada’s National Team athletes;

“Athletes’ Council” means a group of Athlete Representatives, usually from diverse genders, disciplines and classifications, governed by written or unwritten terms and elected or selected to meet, discuss and communicate positions and feedback representing all athletes in the sport governed by the NSO;

“Athlete’s Emergency Contact” means a person designated by the Athlete to the NSO, such as a parent, close family member, close friend or spouse, who the NSO will contact in the event of an emergency;

“Athlete Representative” means the athlete or athletes elected or selected to act as a representative of all athletes within the sport governed by the NSO at decision-making bodies such as the NSO’s committees or the NSO’s Board of Directors, and may include Athletes’ Council members;

“Athlete Sponsor” means any entity, whether characterized by Athlete as a sponsor, supplier, licensee or otherwise, with whom the Athlete has a contract to use, market, advertise, or promote their products or services;

“Banned Substance” means those substances and methods listed in the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport’s list of “banned and restricted Doping Classes and Methods” with any such additional substances as may from time to time be added to the said list by the various governing bodies of the sport, the NSO, or such other recognized body having at the time jurisdiction over the sport;

“The Boccia International Sports Federation” means the International governing body for the sport of boccia;

“Business Day” means Monday through Friday, from 9am to 5pm Eastern Time, and excludes weekends and public holidays;

“CADP” means the Canadian Anti-Doping Program; “CCES” means the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport; “CPC” means the Canadian Paralympic Committee;

“Default Notice” means a written document given by one party to this Agreement to the other party that outlines particulars of an alleged default (failure to conform to obligations under this Agreement) and how the situation can be remedied. Providing Default Notice is the first step in the dispute resolution procedure (see the [Dispute Resolution Method](#) section);

“Designated Contact” means the individual designated by the NSO in section [14\(a\)](#) of this Agreement as the Athlete’s main contact for questions, concerns and communication regarding this Agreement;

“Fee Schedule” means the schedule of when an Athlete will have to pay any fees or costs associated with participation on the national team, and the amount;

“HPD” means High Performance Director;

“HPP” means High Performance Program;

“IF” means the International Federation, which is The Boccia International Sports Federation;

“IPC” means the International Paralympic Committee;

“IST” means Integrated Support Team and is a multi-disciplinary team of sport science, sport medicine and sport performance professionals including experts in exercise physiology, mental

performance, biomechanics, performance analysis, nutrition, strength, conditioning, medicine, physical therapy, massage therapy, and sport administration;

“Major Games National Team” means the athletes, coaches and necessary support staff selected to form a Canadian team for a Paralympic or Parapan American Games. This term is not limited to athletes receiving AAP;

“Marketing Rights” means promotional and advertising rights to photographs, video or film images, or other likenesses or images of the Athlete, Athlete’s image, voice, name, personality, likeness and fame gained in boccia as a member of the NSO National Team to promote the NSO and its high performance program and athletes, and includes all Athlete images whether captured in competition, training or other NSO Sanctioned Activities used in any media whatsoever (print, video, digital, social, etc.);

“National Team” means the athletes, coaches and necessary support staff selected to form a Canadian team for an international event. This term is not limited to athletes receiving AAP;

“Non-Commercial Use” means any use of Marketing Rights by the NSO solely for the purposes of promoting the NSO using NSO marks on a stand-alone basis, or in conjunction with non-commercial third parties such as World Boccia marks or NSO/IF event marks, but not affiliated or attached to any NSO partner promotion, activation or activity;

“NSO Sanctioned Activities” means all NSO training camps, competitions, fitness testing, NSO or IF technical meetings, press conferences, fundraising activities, meet and greets and personal appearances/promotional days;

“NSO Sponsor” means any entity, whether characterized by NSO as a sponsor, supplier, licensee or otherwise, with whom the NSO has a contract to use, market, advertise, or promote their products or services;

[“OSIC”](#) means the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner

“Personal Equipment” means equipment provided by the Athlete or the Athlete Sponsor;

“Personal Information” means information collected about an identifiable individual, which may include information concerning:

- a) the physical or mental health of an individual;
- b) any health service provided to an individual; or
- c) the donation by the individual of any body part or any bodily substance of the individual or information derived from the testing or examination of a body part or bodily substance of the individual.

“Privacy Officer” means the person responsible for privacy within the NSO;

“Team Uniform and Equipment” means uniform and equipment provided by the NSO or through an NSO Sponsor;

“SDRCC” means the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada;

[“UCCMS”](#) means [The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport](#)

“WADA” means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

## **TEAM SELECTION & ELIGIBILITY**

5. The NSO will:

- a) organize, select and operate teams of athletes, coaches and other necessary support staff as part of National Teams to represent Canada in the sport of boccia throughout the world;
- b) publish team selection and eligibility criteria for all National Teams at least three months before the selection of a particular National Team;
- c) publish team selection and eligibility criteria for all Major Games National Teams at least six months before the selection of a Major Games National Team;
- d) communicate the team selection and eligibility criteria by posting it [online](#) and publish this link in the usual communications of the NSO (for example, by e-mail, press release and social media) in accordance with section [14\(f\)](#) of this Agreement;
- e) post its [policies](#), rules and regulations on our [website](#);
- f) not make changes to any policies, rules and regulations regarding an athlete selection while the selection process is underway;
- g) publish any changes to its rules and regulations through the usual communications of the NSO (for example, by e-mail, press release and social media) in accordance with section [14\(f\)](#) of this Agreement;
- h) conduct selection of members to all National Teams in conformity with the published selection criteria, process and generally accepted principles of natural justice and procedural fairness;
- i) notify athletes individually of selection or non-selection and provide reasons;
- j) protect the Athlete's eligibility for national and international competition by educating the Athlete about applicable and potentially applicable eligibility requirements of the NSO, IF or other party and informing the Athlete if any proposed activity, communicated by the Athlete to the NSO, appears to be in violation of such eligibility rules; and
- k) within all applicable timelines, register the Athlete or perform all necessary tasks for the Athlete to compete at all IF or IPC sanctioned events that the Athlete is entitled to compete at, and agrees to compete at, subject to this Agreement and duly published NSO eligibility and selection criteria for National Teams or Major Games National Teams.

6. The Athlete:

- a) warrants that he or she is a Canadian citizen, or is otherwise eligible to compete representing the NSO and Canada. If the Athlete's status changes, the Athlete will immediately inform the NSO's High Performance Director or Designated Contact;
- b) will make best efforts to be aware of and comply with all [policies](#), rules and regulations of the NSO, which may change from time to time and are posted [online](#) and are further communicated to the Athlete with an obligation on the Athlete to provide receipt of the communication in accordance with section [14\(f\)](#) and [15\(b\)](#), respectively;
- c) will make best efforts to be aware of and comply with all NSO, IF or other applicable eligibility requirements; and
- d) will notify the Designated Contact immediately of any circumstance which may affect their eligibility, for example, an injury or other legitimate reason that will prevent the Athlete from attending an event for which they have been selected.

**UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

7. The NSO will:

- a) pay for and provide Team Uniform and Equipment for National Team events or designate such items to be provided by an NSO Sponsor;
- b) seek feedback from the Athlete Representatives and/or Athletes' Council and the Athlete regarding the Team Uniform and Equipment, including material and design at least two (2) weeks before such items are ordered by the NSO or NSO Sponsor;
- c) implement the Team Uniform and Equipment feedback subject to criteria appropriate in the circumstances including level of consensus among athletes, cost, available options and timelines; and
- d) pay for and modify Team Uniform and Equipment if the parties agree a modification is required to accommodate a reasonable need of the Athlete including a disability or performance need. A reasonable modification request will not be withheld.

8. The Athlete will:
  - a) wear and/or use the Team Uniform and Equipment;
  - b) provide feedback to the NSO regarding the Team Uniform and Equipment, including material and design at least one (1) week before such items are ordered by the NSO or NSO Sponsor; and
  - c) communicate any required modifications to the Designated Contact before or when the NSO seeks Team Uniform and Equipment feedback and provide evidence of such needs if requested by the NSO.

## **TRAINING AND COMPETITION**

9. The NSO will:
  - a) present a schedule of mandatory training programs and competitions tailored to the individual needs of the Athlete to progress towards achieving agreed upon objectives and goals of the Athlete and National Team (the “Agreed Upon Training Plan”). The plan will be developed in consultation with the Athlete and the Athlete’s coaches in accordance with section [10\(a\)](#);
  - b) manage the Agreed Upon Training Plan;
  - c) not unreasonably withhold its approval of proposals by the Athlete to make changes to the Agreed Upon Training Plan; and
  - d) provide the Athlete with agreed upon updates to training plans, monitoring, testing schedules and results, player evaluation feedback, anticipated financial costs and assessments, proposed changes to competition and training plans and a Progress Report Form as soon as the circumstances permit.
10. The Athlete will:
  - a) consult with the National Team coaches to develop the Agreed Upon Training Plan, and present to the NSO for the NSO’s approval, proposed changes to the Agreed Upon Training Plan, if any, as soon as the circumstances permit;
  - b) not unreasonably withhold his or her approval of proposals by the NSO to make changes to the Agreed Upon Training Plan;
  - c) demonstrate commitment to the Agreed Upon Training Plan and provide the National Team coaches with a Monthly training report, including a follow-up of physical, technical, tactical and psychological aspect; and
  - d) avoid participating in any competitions where federal government sport policy has determined that such participation is not permitted as communicated by the NSO.
11. If the Athlete has AAP status and fails to submit the Regular Training Report as and when required, the NSO may, per Sport Canada policy, make a recommendation to Sport Canada to have the Athlete’s AAP status withdrawn with reasons and appropriate due process.

## **INFORMATION AND PRIVACY**

12. The NSO will:
  - a) designate an employee who acts in the role of the NSO’s Privacy Officer and communicate that designation and any changes to the designation to the Athlete as soon as the circumstances permit;
  - b) collect Personal Information from the Athlete;
  - c) communicate to the Athlete which recordings, technology, tactics, methods, logistics or other information that the NSO deems confidential as soon as the circumstances permit;
  - d) protect all information gathered in relation to the Athlete; and
  - e) not disclose any information about the Athlete to outside parties without consent of the Athlete, unless required to do so by law.
13. The Athlete will:
  - a) provide the NSO with any Personal Information required to confirm the eligibility of the Athlete;

- b) provide the NSO with Personal Information required for the NSO to make sure that the Athlete receives proper medical attention or other necessary care that may be needed while under the supervision of the NSO; and
- c) not disclose NSO recordings, technology, tactics, methods, logistics or other information that the NSO deems confidential, unless required to do so by law.

## **COMMUNICATION**

### 14. The NSO will:

- a) assign Mario Delisle, High Performance Director as the [Designated Contact](#) for the Athlete;
- b) ensure that the Designated Contact or an alternate NSO staff person at the NSO office is available for communication each business day the NSO is open for business, and will respond within seven (7) days;
- c) communicate both orally and in writing in the official Canadian language of the Athlete's choice;
- d) communicate in a timely manner, using appropriate methods such as telephone, e-mail, SMS, text or video messaging, or other methods depending on the nature of the communication and the Athlete's expressed communication preferences;
- e) respond to the Athlete correspondence and communication as soon as the circumstances permit, depending on the nature of the communication and meet any deadlines for responding provided they have been mutually agreed upon by the parties, and given they do not exceed the timeframe in subsection [14\(b\)](#); and
- f) notify the Athlete forthwith by e-mail if there are any changes made to the NSO's policies or agreements listed in section 3, and post all new or updated NSO policies, agreements, or general updates on <http://bocciacanada.ca/en/>.

### 15. The Athlete will:

- a) provide the NSO with an up-to-date e-mail address that accepts file attachments and that the Athlete will make reasonable efforts to check at least once every seven (7) days;
- b) provide the NSO with the required information to communicate by some other reasonable method of communication should the Athlete so choose;
- c) respond to NSO correspondence and communication as soon as the circumstances permit, depending on the nature of the communication and meet any deadlines for responding provided they have been mutually agreed upon by the parties, and
- d) provide receipt by e-mail or electronic signature of notice from NSO within seven (7) business days. If the Athlete does not provide receipt of notice after seven (7) business days, the Athlete is deemed to have acknowledged and understood the policy or agreement changes.

## **MEDICAL AND INJURY**

### 16. In the event of an injury or illness of the Athlete, the NSO will:

- a) assist the Athlete in maintaining health or returning to health.
- b) make every effort to contact the Athlete's emergency contact prior to medical treatment being initiated in the event of a serious medical situation where the Athlete lacks legal capacity to make healthcare decisions arising while the Athlete is training or competing.

### 17. In the event of an injury or illness, the Athlete will:

- a) notify the National Coach and/or Designated Contact verbally within 24 hours, and the Designated Contact in writing within 48 hours, or as soon as possible thereafter, of becoming aware of any injury or illness that might prevent the Athlete from fulfilling any obligations under this Agreement;
- b) provide the NSO with a certificate from a health professional describing the nature and diagnosis of the injury or illness which states the:
  - i. date or estimated the injury or illness was incurred;
  - ii. nature of the injury or illness, and whether it is an overuse or chronic injury;
  - iii. rehabilitation protocol, if any;



- iv. amount and type of training the Athlete can do in the next 12 weeks and/or limitations thereto;
- v. expected date for return to full training and full recovery; and
- c) follow a recovery and rehabilitation program for the injury or illness that prevented the Athlete from fulfilling obligations under this Agreement, approved by the Athlete's personal physician and, at the NSO's discretion, an NSO designated medical doctor, to ensure his or her return to training and/or competition in a safe and timely manner.
- d) A list of eligible health professionals with the ability to provide the NSO with a certificate describing the injury or illness as outlined in section 17 (b) are:
  - i. Medical doctor
  - ii. Physiotherapist
  - iii. Massage therapist
  - iv. Athletic therapist
  - v. Psychiatrist
  - vi. Psychologist

## **ANTI-DOPING**

### 18. The NSO will:

- a) ensure that the Athlete receives communications from the IF, WADA, IPC, CCES or other bodies regarding interpretations of and changes to the anti-doping rules the Athlete is subject to;
- b) promote an environment and culture of clean sport;
- c) ensure procedural fairness, no unreasonable violations of the Athlete's rights to privacy or a just and fair process; and
- d) as soon as the circumstances permit, communicate to the Athlete the name of any athlete, coach, IST or other person known to be involved, likely to be involved, or desiring to be involved in the NSO's activity, and under sanction by the NSO or an anti-doping agency for a doping-related offence, or who the Athlete is prohibited from associating with by the CADP or WADA.

### 19. The Athlete will:

- a) comply with the anti-doping rules of the IF, IPC, CCES and NSO, including submitting to announced and unannounced doping control testing when required by the NSO, IF, CCES, WADA or any other agency authorized to conduct testing;
- b) complete the CCES online anti-doping courses, True Sport Clean 101 and Sport Canada - Athlete Assistance Program, at the beginning of each new carding cycle;
- c) participate, if asked by the NSO to do so, in any doping control and/or education program developed by the NSO in co-operation with Sport Canada and the CCES;
- d) abide by the CADP as administered by the CCES;
- e) refuse to enter into any relationship with a coach, IST or person who the Athlete knows is under sanction by the NSO or an anti-doping agency for a doping-related offence;
- f) not use banned substances that contravene the rules of the IPC, IF or the CADP; and
- g) not supply such substances to others directly or indirectly, nor encourage or condone their use by knowingly aiding in any effort to avoid detection.

## **FUNDING AND FINANCIALS**

### 20. The NSO will:

- a) provide an estimated Fee Schedule to the Athlete that the Athlete will be required to pay to the NSO during the term of the Agreement and will invoice the Athlete from time to time, with notice, for additional fees based on the actual costs incurred to the NSO;
- b) provide an estimated amount that the Athlete will be required to pay approximately to cover their own sport expenses during the term of this Agreement on mandatory events and optional events typically attended by National Team athletes; and
- c) inform the Athlete as soon as possible after the NSO has knowledge of any changes to the fees as set out in the Fee Schedule, and will give the Athlete additional time, as the circumstances require, to pay any new fees as invoiced by the NSO.

21. The Athlete will:

- a) review any Fee Schedule provided to them as soon as possible after it is received;
- b) pay the invoiced fees within 30 days of being provided an invoice by the NSO, except as set out in paragraph 20(c) or as the circumstances require; and
- c) reimburse additional expenses incurred by the NSO on behalf of the Athlete within 30 days of receiving an invoice for those expenses or as the circumstances require.

### **COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT**

22. The Athlete and NSO agree that:

- a) both parties have significant mutual interests in the promotion and independent commercial success of both the NSO and the Athlete;
- b) it is in the best interests of both parties to work together to promote the commercial and non-commercial interests of each party;
- c) the Athlete and NSO may enter into a separate Athlete Commercial Agreement (the "ACA"); and
- d) the NSO will only offer the separate ACA to the Athlete once this Agreement is executed.

23. If the Athlete and NSO do not enter into a separate ACA, the Athlete agrees and gives consent to the NSO to use the Athlete's Marketing Rights within the Term of this Agreement solely for Non-Commercial Use, and the NSO and Athlete agree that such consent does not extend to NSO Sponsors.

### **ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)**

24. The NSO will:

- a) publish criteria for the selection of athletes to the AAP by May 1, 2023; and
- b) nominate all eligible athletes for AAP and ensure those Athletes approved for carding receive all the benefits to which they are entitled under the AAP.

25. If receiving AAP, the Athlete will:

- a) participate in sport-related, non-commercial promotional activities on behalf of the Government of Canada for up to two working days per year as requested.
- b) comply with AAP policies and procedures, including Sport Canada and Federal government policies (e.g. Canadian Policy Against Doping in Sport, the Cannabis Act, The "UCCMS"), and those dealing with Sport Canada AAP Decisions as described in Section 13 of the AAP Policies and Procedures available online at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/athlete-assistance.html>
- c) actively participate in all Sport Canada program evaluation activities, including the Status of the Athlete Study. The Athlete will cooperate fully in any evaluation that may be conducted by the Minister or anyone authorized to act on the Minister's behalf. The Athlete will also provide such data as considered necessary for the proper conduct of the evaluation; and
- d) notify the Designated Contact, at the earliest possible date, of the Athlete's intention to retire so that the NSO may advise Sport Canada to cease AAP payments. The Athlete will refund any AAP payments to Sport Canada received after the Athlete has ceased training.

26. The NSO and Athlete agree that the procedure for withdrawal of AAP status of the Athlete is outlined in Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program Policy and Guidelines manual available [online](#).

### **DISPUTE RESOLUTION METHOD**

27. The NSO will provide a hearing and/or appeal procedure with respect to any dispute between the Athlete and the NSO that conforms with the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness, with respect to any dispute between the Athlete and the NSO which does not arise from the application of the UCCMS. This procedure shall include access to an internal appeal process, as well as a clearly outlined pathway to independent arbitration through the SDRCC,

including reasonable time limits to do so. The details of this procedure will be published by the NSO under its [NSO Appeals Policy](#)

28. Where one of the parties to this Agreement alleges that the other party has failed to conform to their obligations under this Agreement, the parties agree:
- a) the one party will notify the other party in writing of the particulars of the alleged default (the “Default Notice”);
  - b) to indicate in the Default Notice, the steps to be taken to remedy the situation, and set out a reasonable period of time within which steps may be taken; and
  - c) that if the party receiving the Default Notice remedies the situation within the specified period of time, the dispute will be considered resolved and neither party will have any recourse against the other concerning the matter alleged; and
  - d) that the party that gave the Default Notice alleges that the other party has not remedied the situation within the period of time set out and the party that gave the Default Notice still wishes recourse against the other concerning the matters alleged to comprise the default, that party will file an appeal through the process set out in the [NSO Appeals Policy](#).
29. The parties agree that the giving of the Default Notice by a party will not prevent that party from later asserting that the default was so fundamental as to amount to a repudiation of this Agreement.

#### **NOTICE**

30. Any notice required or permitted to be given to the Designated Contact by the Athlete under this Agreement will be done in accordance with section [14](#) of this Agreement. Notice will be executed by delivery by courier to the NSO at c/o House of Sport, RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, ON, K1H 7X7 or delivery by e-mail to [mdelisle@bocciacanada.ca](mailto:mdelisle@bocciacanada.ca).
31. Any notice required or permitted to be given to the Athlete by the NSO under this Agreement will be done in accordance with section [15](#) of this Agreement. Notice will be executed by delivery by courier to the Athlete at Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ or by delivery by e-mail to Athlete’s Email:  
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#### **ABUSE-FREE SPORT**

32. The NSO will:
- a) Join the Abuse-Free Sport program and act in accordance with the obligations of signatory organizations under this program (“Abuse-Free Sport”) (<https://sportintegritycommissioner.ca/signatories>);
  - b) Adopt the UCCMS and the policies and procedures of Abuse-Free Sport in the administration and enforcement of the UCCMS;
  - c) Ensure that all NSO policies, procedures or other actions, are consistent with the UCCMS and the administration and enforcement rules of Abuse-Free Sport;
  - d) Ensure that none of this Agreement, any other NSO policy, procedure or other action, are used by the NSO to restrict the Athlete’s ability to exercise their rights, protections or responsibilities under the UCCMS;
  - e) Obtain the informed consent of the Athlete to become subject to the UCCMS and its administration and enforcement processes through the Abuse-Free Sport program;
  - f) Refer to the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner all applicable matters relevant to the Abuse-Free Sport program so that they may be addressed in accordance with the administration and enforcement rules of Abuse-Free Sport;

- g) Provide periodic UCCMS-compliant training opportunities to the Athlete and everyone interacting with or making decisions affecting the Athlete, and track the completion of these training activities;
- h) Distribute and/or facilitate access, in a timely manner relevant information, tools, services and resources made available from time to time by Abuse-Free Sport for UCCMS participants, including the Athlete;
- i) Fully cooperate in good faith as part of any Abuse-Free Sport process related to the administration and enforcement of the UCCMS; and
- j) Ensure that any sanctions or measures which are imposed in accordance with policies and procedures of Abuse-Free Sport, are implemented, respected, and adhered to.

33. The Athlete will:

- a) Familiarize themselves with the UCCMS and the policies, procedures and services of Abuse-Free Sport in the administration and enforcement of the UCCMS, including their admissibility to Mental Health Referral and Legal Aid services of Abuse-Free Sport;
- b) Read, sign and comply with the terms of the [Informed Consent Form](#) to become subject to the UCCMS and its administration and enforcement processes through the Abuse-Free Sport program;
- c) Act in a manner consistent with the UCCMS, the Informed Consent Form and the administration and enforcement rules of Abuse-Free Sport;
- d) Complete any periodic UCCMS-compliant training required by the NSO and/or Abuse-Free Sport; and
- e) Fully cooperate in good faith as part of any relevant Abuse-Free Sport process for which Athlete participation is required in relation to the administration and enforcement of the UCCMS.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

34. The Athlete agrees that participation as a National Team member exposes the Athlete to substantial risk and danger. With the pursuit of excellence and the drive to achieve results being a common element motivating all competitive athletes, the likelihood of suffering personal injury on the part of the Athlete is both real and probable. By signing this Agreement, the Athlete voluntarily and freely acknowledges and fully assumes these risks and dangers (the “Assumed Risk”).

35. The NSO will reduce the Assumed Risk through risk management, including the implementation of an NSO Risk Management Policy and a risk registry.

**TERMINATION**

36. The Athlete:

- a) may terminate this Agreement at any time by providing written notice of termination to the NSO;
- b) understands and agrees that in terminating this Agreement, the Athlete loses all rights, benefits and privileges of participation on the National Team, including payments under the AAP, and the right to compete internationally at IF, or IPC sanctioned events.

37. The NSO may terminate this Agreement, subject to section 36 by providing written notice, prior to its scheduled expiry if the Athlete:

- a) has been found guilty by the CCES, WADA, or a designated body with the authority to conduct anti-doping testing of a doping control violation if:
  - i. the limitation period for an appeal has passed or the Athlete has appealed and the appeal has been decided; and
  - ii. the sanction against the Athlete was not reduced;
  - iii. has been convicted of a violent criminal offense; or
  - iv. has become ineligible to represent the NSO.

38. Any decision by the NSO to terminate this Agreement prior to its scheduled expiry may be appealed by the Athlete through the NSO's Appeal Policy.

**GOVERNING LAW**

39. This Agreement will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of ONTARIO and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

40. The NSO will conduct an annual review of its proposed Athlete Agreement in consultation with the designated Athlete Representative(s) prior to board approval and distribution of the draft to athletes.

41. If any provision of this Agreement is deemed invalid or unenforceable, then the remaining provisions will not be affected and every other provision will be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

42. This Agreement may not be amended, modified, or altered in any respect except in writing and signed by the parties.

43. The Athlete and NSO confirm that they are aware of their respective rights to obtain independent legal advice before signing this Agreement have signed this Agreement voluntarily and with full understanding of the nature and consequences of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

Signed by Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association (Boccia Canada)

in the presence of:

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Signature of Witness

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Name of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_ Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association (Boccia Canada)  
Mario Delisle – Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation of Witness

Signed by Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

in the presence of:

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Signature of Witness

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Name of Witness

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Athlete's Signature

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Occupation of Witness: