

From
the **LONDON DECLARATION**

“Expectations for Fairness in Sport”

A Declaration, enacted by the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Sport Ministers
At their 2001 Conference, August 10, 2001, London, Ontario

*The Federal and Provincial/Territorial Sport Ministers believe that Canadians
share a vision that ethics and ethical behaviour are integral to sport.*

The Ministers endorse this vision, which requires that:

- PRINCIPLE** There be a firm and public commitment to the principle that lasting and meaningful athletic performance can only be achieved through fair means.
- PARTICIPANTS** Participants in sport and physical activity will do so in a manner that adheres to the highest ethical principles.
- RECIPROCITY** Those who participate in sport will receive from their fellow athletes, coaches and officials, and parents/guardians and spectators, fairness and ethical treatment in a safe and welcoming sport environment, free of harassment and abuse.
- BARRIERS** Their sport system will help to advance the widest array of athletic goals of all participants, with or without disability, without discrimination and in spite of barriers based on personal circumstances.
- SPECTATORS** Spectators to sport events can witness the activities without being subjected to abuse, interference or violence from others.
- COACHES** Coaches will be appropriately valued by their athletes, and their athletes' parents/guardians and supporters, that they will receive fair treatment and respect for their valuable contribution to sport, and that they will be free of harassment and threats of violence under any circumstance.
- OFFICIALS** Sport officials will not be interfered with in the execution of their duties and will be respected for their decisions by athletes, coaches, parents/guardians and spectators.
- VOLUNTEERS** Sport volunteers will be respected and recognized for their efforts to make sport participation possible and rewarding for athletes of all ages.
- PARENTS / GUARDIANS** Parents/guardians are assured that their children participating in sport will receive fair treatment from coaches, volunteers and spectators.
- DISPUTE RESOLUTION** The sport system will provide just treatment in cases of disputes in sport and that there are proper and accessible mechanisms that are available in a timely manner to resolve disputed issues through due process.
- BEHAVIOUR** Athletes, coaches and team officials representing Canada in the international sport arena will conduct themselves, in both victory and defeat, in a manner that brings pride to all.
- TRANSPARENCY** Sport organizations in receipt of public funding, will be fully accountable for the use of such resources and will be transparent and democratic in their organizational life.

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