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University of Toronto Administrative Infraction (women's wrestling)

In accordance with Section 90.40 – Conduct and Enforcement: Complaints, Investigation and Discipline Policy of the 2007 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Policies and Procedures, I have considered a self-disclosure submitted by Steve Manchur, Executive Assistant to the Director of Athletics, University of Toronto. The self-disclosure details a breach of CIS Regulation 40.10.5.4.2 – Transfer Rule, specifically with respect to the participation of an ineligible student-athlete in five non-conference women's wrestling competitions during the 2007-08 academic year.

Upon reviewing the Record of this matter, I have determined that there are grounds for a formal charge. It is my view that the University of Toronto breached CIS regulations as detailed above, as a student-athlete was placed into competition within one year of having represented another CIS institution at the CIS National Championship in March 2007.

Pursuant to Policy 90.40.4.12, I consider the breach to be an inadvertent administrative infraction that is not regularly and consistently occurring at the institution. I am satisfied that the current self-disclosure is such that it does not warrant a discipline hearing otherwise specified to take place pursuant to Policy 90.40.5.

It is my opinion that the University of Toronto has a satisfactory eligibility monitoring and verification system, although as with any system, improvements can always be made. The Toronto infraction was the result of two administrative errors. The first error was with respect to a misapplication of the applicable CIS regulation during the preliminary review of the student-athlete's information that was submitted. Notwithstanding this first error, Toronto's prescribed process for verifying the athletic eligibility of transfer student-athletes involves communication with the student-athlete's previous school (to confirm the information provided by the student-athlete), which is then subject to a subsequent review by the Director of Athletics. In this instance however, as a result of human error, the student-athlete's form was not sent to her previous school, which in turn resulted in her transfer file being omitted from any subsequent review by the Director of Athletics. It is this error that ultimately contributed to the participation of an ineligible student-athlete.

In recognition of the facts and circumstances of this case, I have determined that the University of Toronto is to be fined \$1,000 for the administrative errors that led to the breach of CIS regulations, plus \$150 in costs to resolve this matter.

The above statements and determinations are made without prejudice and subject to change should subsequently discovered facts or evidence suggest otherwise.

Submitted by Aubrey Ferris, Designate of the President