

## Legal Corner

### Sport Integrity Canada: Recent Changes and Points of Interest

#### **Recent Changes**

Effective January 1, 2026, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (“**CCES**”) has changed its name to Sport Integrity Canada. This is only a name change; there is no change to its role, authority, or jurisdiction. They are still responsible for enforcing the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (“**UCCMS**”) through the Canadian Safe Sport Program (“**CSSP**”).

#### **Points of Interest: Did you Know?**

1. In certain circumstances, Sport Integrity Canada may not have jurisdiction to enforce the UCCMS. For example, where a report alleges prohibited behaviour that falls within the scope of the UCCMS but has already been addressed by a court or tribunal, the subject issues cannot be re-litigated through this process.
2. There is no limitation period for making a report. Sport Integrity Canada recognizes that individuals may need time before coming forward. However, as time passes, evidence may be lost or practical challenges may arise, which can affect Sport Integrity Canada’s ability to assess the allegations. In some cases, it may result in declining to assume jurisdiction.

Any individual may submit a report alleging prohibited behaviour to Sport Integrity Canada against those participating in a national-level, federally funded sport organization. This includes athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, agents, team staff, officials (judges, umpires, or referees), employees, volunteers, board members, and medical or paramedical personnel. Reports may also be submitted in the following ways:

1. **Anonymous reports.** Names and any identifying information are not shared with Sport Integrity Canada. Sport Integrity Canada will make reasonable efforts to proceed with anonymous reports based on the information provided.
2. **Reports by Minors.** A minor can also submit a report and may choose to have a parent/guardian, or other adult act as their representative. In some instances, Sport Integrity Canada may need to disclose to a parent/guardian that a report has been made. A minor may choose to withdraw their report, but Sport Integrity Canada may still proceed with it on an anonymous basis. If there is a legal requirement to report to child welfare or another authority, or if there is an overriding concern for the minor’s safety, Sport Integrity Canada will notify the appropriate authorities and/or the parent or guardian.



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