

The Sub-Committee also recognizes that "fair competition is a fundamental premise of sport."⁽¹⁵⁾ Doping seriously affects fair play and goes against the essence of sport. All athletes should be aware of the implications of the concepts of fair play and ethics.

Having considered the comprehensive analysis on doping matters included in the Dubin Report and in the Discussion Paper, the Sub-Committee recommends:

- 18. That due process and consistent protocols for dope testing and determining doping violations be established. The Sub-Committee affirms that the laws of Canada, of the provinces and territories, and the rights, dignity and integrity of the individual must all be respected and the responsibilities of all must be defined.**

The members of the Sub-Committee acknowledge the leading role of the federal government in anti-doping at the international level. The Canadian government must maintain its international leadership in this area.

E. A Canadian Anti-Doping Agency

The implementation of doping control policies implies the presence of an arm's length mechanism that will ensure the coordination of the anti-doping campaign and, at the same time, exercise the following responsibilities: contracts with laboratories, advice and guidance to NSOs and other agencies, anti-doping technical information, linkage to other agencies with interests in anti-doping; at the same time, it would act as a clearing house for information, carry out research and investigation, present progress reports to the federal government and other agencies, and be a resource on international matters.

The Dubin Report believes that the Sport Medicine Council should become the central independent agency responsible for doping control of Canadian athletes. It should also coordinate Canada's anti-doping activities.

The Sub-Committee supports the views of Justice Dubin on that issue and therefore recommends:

- 19. That the Sport Medicine Council's present mandate be expanded so that the Council can become the central agency in policing and enforcing anti-doping policy. The Council should**

⁽¹⁵⁾ Ibid.