



## BRITISH COLUMBIA TARGET SPORTS ASSOCIATION

# DRUG- FREE SPORTS ENVIRONMENT POLICY

The BCTSA will not tolerate the use of any illegal or banned substances by any of its athletes. Any persons knowing of such use must report it immediately to the Board of Directors so that the appropriate action can be initiated. The BCTSA follows the guidelines used by the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC) in determining what constitutes an illegal or banned substance. Routine testing of athletes is practiced at national competitions and Coaches would be well advised to educate athletes that may be using substances that could be considered a banned substance.

The ***Course of Action*** when a report of this nature is brought forward will be as follows:

- The participant will be notified and educated to the correct course of action
- Should non-compliance be observed, a Jury of three persons will be formed to review the report. The Jury should be composed of the Match Director, Head Official and one additional Official for instances where reports are made during a competition. For reports given outside of competitions, the Jury will consist of three members of the Board of Directors, one of which should be the President or Vice President.
- The Jury will make every effort to obtain any pertinent information relating to the claim
- Participation on any BCTSA sponsored Teams and/or programs will be revoked if a warning was given and use of the substance continues
- The offender will be notified of the jury's decision verbally and in writing

***Recourse*** for the offender shall include the following:

- Petitioning the Board of Directors for a new assessment in the case of a notification given during a competition
- Clarification on the implications of a positive test

It should be noted that the BCTSA takes a **FIRM** stance on the use of illegal drugs and banned or controlled substances, therefore decisions that are made by the Board of Directors will be binding.