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Dear Andrew

In February this year, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority and the Australian Olympic Committee entered in a partnership to implement a Pure Performance Program to ensure that the 2008 Australian Olympic Team (2008 Team) has been subject to the most robust anti-doping program ever. I have attached a copy of the Executive Summary of the Pure Performance Program for your information.

Following the successful launch of the Pure Performance Program and two months of operation, I feel that it is timely to provide you with a progress report.

The comprehensive testing program is well advanced and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) is on track to deliver its commitment of testing every member of the 2008 Team. As of the 25 March 2008, ASADA has collected samples from 74% of the athletes listed on the prospective team list supplied by the AOC. Samples collected from the athletes in medal contention are also now being stored in 'the Tank' (ASADA's long term storage facility).

The success of the testing program to date means that a significant number of elite Australian Athletes that are not selected for the 2008 Team will have faced the same scrutiny – an excellent outcome for Australian Sport.

Athletes are being advised of opportunities to attend ASADA education sessions and plans are developing to deliver additional targeted education sessions for the 2008 team (based on the information being provided by the AOC). ASADA is also in the process of endorsing the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Anti-Doping Education Plan – which all scholarship holders are required to attend as a condition of funding. As you would be aware, many AIS scholarship holders are also prospective Olympians.

In the coming months, specific advice will be communicated to athletes on their responsibilities with regard to whereabouts information and arrangements for therapeutic use exemptions.

I will ensure that you are provided with regular updates through the usual ASADA communication channels.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Ings
Chairman

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INTRODUCTION

The information contained in this summary highlights the key elements of the Pure Performance Program (PPP) for the Australian Olympic Team in the period February 2007 through to the commencement of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The PPP has been designed to ensure that the Team at the Beijing Olympic Games will have been subject to the most robust anti-doping program ever conducted on an Australian Olympic Team.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

AOC	ASADA
1. ATHLETE ANTI-DOPING COMMITMENT	
All 2008 Australian Olympic Team (AOT) Athletes will sign the *AOT Membership Agreement – Athletes.	ASADA will assist the AOC with the development of the media announcement and to outline the anti-doping elements of the AOT Membership Agreement
2. COMPREHENSIVE TESTING PROGRAM	
The AOC will assist ASADA - where possible on the basis of information obtained from NFs - by providing information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Training camps including participants, venues and start/finish times;- Pre-Games travel of selected athletes and support personnel;- Processing camps, including participants, venues and start/finish times; and- Monthly updates of names of athletes and athlete support personnel who have been nominated for selection in the AOT. The AOC will also continue to encourage National Federations to meet their responsibilities to provide ASADA with relevant details.	ASADA will conduct up to 1000 tests on AOT athletes, with a minimum of 1 test per athlete in the preceding 12 months from the commencement of the 2008 Games. Inclusive in this strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expanding the ASADA Blood Sample collection program in the lead up to the 2008 Games;- Risk athletes subject to multiple test programs; and- Target testing high risk sports. In accordance with the Privacy Act and Section 7.2 of the AOT Membership Agreement, ASADA will provide information on Athlete Whereabouts to the AOC so that the AOC may meet its obligations to the International Olympic Committee.
3. THE TANK	
The AOC will co-operate with ASADA by providing a list of athletes that have received or are in receipt of 2008 Adidas Medal Incentive Funding.	ASADA will consign samples collected from athletes considered athletes at risk and those athletes in medal contention into long term storage (i.e. "The Tank") for up to 8 years.
4. ANTI-DOPING AWARENESS	
The AOC will encourage members of the Shadow Team and selected AOT athletes and athlete support personnel to attend an ASADA <i>Education Service Charter</i> deliverable. This may include attendance at: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASADA Pure Performance Seminar;- ASADA Anti-Doping Workshop; or- WADA Doping Prevention Workshop. The AOC will also <ul style="list-style-type: none">- facilitate the distribution of Anti-Doping materials and educational information to athletes via regular AOT Athlete mail-outs.- Invite ASADA to present relevant anti-doping information at the Team Management Meeting (February 2008); and- Continue to encourage NFs to meet their anti-doping obligations.	ASADA will conduct sufficient numbers of AOT relevant ASADA Education Seminars/Workshops in the preceding 12 months from the commencement of the 2008 Games. This will ensure that one hundred percent of selected athletes and athlete support personnel have a reasonable opportunity to attend an ASADA <i>Education Service Charter</i> deliverable. This may include attendance at: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASADA Pure Performance Seminar;- ASADA Anti-Doping Workshop; or- WADA Doping Prevention Workshop. ASADA will also provide all AOT athletes and athlete support personnel with adequate resources to aim to prevent inadvertent doping. This will take the form of a wallet information card with relevant information on the 2008 Prohibited List, Therapeutic Use Exemptions, risk of taking supplements and the Stamp-out Doping Hotline and the Anti-Doping Hotline.
5. ADDITIONAL SCRUTINY FOR SPORTS AND ATHLETES AT RISK	
The AOC recognises ASADA's expertise in designing an effective Doping Control Program to ensure that risk athletes are the subject of additional scrutiny in the lead up to the 2008 Olympic Games.	On the basis of a risk assessment, ASADA will subject athletes and athlete support personnel from the following sports to additional scrutiny in the lead up to the 2008 Olympic Games: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Athletics;- Baseball;- Canoeing;- Cycling;- Rowing;- Swimming;- Triathlon; and- Weightlifting.
6. INTELLIGENCE GATHERING	
To the maximum extent permitted under the AOT Membership Agreement and Anti-Doping By-Law, the AOC will provide ASADA with any intelligence gathered regarding alleged doping behaviour pertaining to selected AOT athletes or athlete support personnel.	ASADA will track selected persons of interest by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Collaborating with partner Australian Government and international Law Enforcement organisations to gather tactical intelligence on alleged doping behaviour;- Tracking athlete performances as a method of determining target testing sample collection; and- Infiltrating internet blogs and other web based mediums to gather tactical intelligence.
7. MECHANISMS TO REPORT ALLEGED BREACHES	
The AOC will enforce when appropriate clause 15.4 of the AOT Membership Agreement and, to the maximum extent permitted, provide information to ASADA regarding potential doping behaviour involving athletes or support personnel considered members of the AOT.	ASADA will co-operate with the AOC with any relevant investigation conducted by the AOC in relation to Clause 15.4 of the AOC 2008 AOT Membership Agreement – Athletes.
8. SUPPLY CHAIN INVESTIGATIONS	
To the maximum extent permitted under the AOT Membership Agreement and Anti-Doping By-Law, the AOC will co-operate with ASADA with any follow up investigation of athletes or athlete support personnel with relation to the supply chains of World Anti-Doping Code Prohibited substances or methods.	ASADA will interview athletes and athlete support personnel who record an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) at the completion of the ADRV process to investigate prohibited substance supply chains.