

SPEAKING NOTES

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SPECIALLY INVITED GUESTS, DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF JADCO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL JAMAICA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION (JADCO) SYMPOSIUM. IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE TODAY, AS WE DISCUSS THE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP SPORT CLEAN IN JAMAICA.

OVER THE YEARS, JADCO HAS BEEN WORKING ASSIDUOUSLY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ANTI-DOPING TO BOTH ATHLETES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL, SO THEY CAN MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS. THIS SYMPOSIUM IS ONE SUCH EFFORT. WE HAVE BEEN HOSTING THIS EVENT ANNUALLY FOR ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL SINCE 2015 AND IT CONTINUES TO GROW FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU TOOK THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO JOIN US HERE TODAY, BECAUSE WE CANNOT ACHIEVE OUR MISSION WITHOUT YOUR HELP. THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT REQUIRES

COLLECTIVE EFFORT AND WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE EFFORT YOU DEVOTE TO THIS FIGHT.

DOPING CONTROL SHOULD BE OF GREAT CONCERN TO SPORTING ASSOCIATIONS. MOST OF THESE ORGANISATIONS ARE USUALLY UNINCORPORATED BODIES WITH SOMEWHAT WEAK INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES, AND MAY WELL NEED THE SUPPORT OF JADCO IN AIDING THEM TO SENSITIZE THEIR ATHLETES ON THEIR REQUIREMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DOPING CONTROL MEASURES.

GIVEN WHERE WE ARE IN THIS WORLD, AND THE CLOSE SCRUTINITY WE RECEIVE FROM WADA AND OTHER BODIES THAT MONITOR DOPING CONTROL, IT IS CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT FOR THOSE ORGANISATIONS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS LIKE THESE.

TODAY'S SYMPOSIUM IS BEING HELD UNDER THE THEME, **"THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION AND YOU."** THE THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION (TUE) IS A CERTIFICATE THAT ALLOWS AN ATHLETE TO USE A PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE OR METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF A LEGITIMATE MEDICAL CONDITION. THE TUE IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT. WE ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT ATHLETES EXPERIENCE ILLNESSES OCCASIONALLY AND

OBTAINING A TUE WILL REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF THEM RECEIVING A SANCTION FOR A LEGITIMATE MEDICAL CONDITION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MISSION OF THE JADCO TEAM TODAY IS TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH YOU OUR STAKEHOLDERS, TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANT ROLE YOU PLAY IN GUIDING THE ATHLETES WHEN THEY APPLY FOR A TUE. WHILE OUR ATHLETES ARE THE ONES DIRECTLY ON THE FRONT LINE, THEY RELY ON US FOR ASSISTANCE. AS COACHES, SPORT ADMINISTRATORS, MEMBERS OF SPORTING FEDERATIONS, MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE SUPPORT THEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER TODAY IS DR. KEVIN JONES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION COMMITTEE. HE WILL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THE STEPS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS WHEN AN ATHLETE APPLIES FOR A THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THROUGHOUT OUR DELIBERATIONS TODAY, I URGE YOU TO EVALUATE THE ROLE YOU PLAY IN SPORT IN JAMAICA AND THE WORLD. THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR ORGANISATION TO REMAIN COMPLIANT WITH

THE ANTI-DOPING RULES AND LET US KNOW HOW WE AT JADCO CAN BETTER
SERVE YOU AS WE SEEK TO HELP JAMAICAN ATHLETES REMAIN COMPLIANT.

THANK YOU.