

OPENING REMARKS

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JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOP

GOLF VIEW HOTEL, MANCHESTER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016

STUDENT ATHLETES, SUPPORT PERSONNEL..... TEACHERS, COACHES, PARENTS AND OTHERS, MEMBERS OF THE JADCO TEAM, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING.

IT IS SAID THAT THE BEST PREPARATION FOR TOMORROW IS DOING YOUR BEST TODAY. WE ARE ALL HERE BECAUSE WE SUPPORT ONE COMMON GOAL – THE CONTINUED PROTECTION OF OUR SPORTING PROGRAMME.

ATHLETES, WHILE YOU WORK TO DEVELOP YOURSELF AT YOUR SPORT OF CHOICE, REMEMBER THAT IT NOT ONLY INVOLVES HARD DAYS OF PHYSICAL TRAINING AND MENTAL CONDITIONING. EXCELLING AT SPORT IS ALSO ABOUT FAIR PLAY, RESPECTING OPPONENTS, RULES OF THE GAME AND STAYING CLEAR OF ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE ANTI-DOPING RULES AND YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY SHOWS YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE PROCESS. BOTH ATHLETES AND MEMBERS OF THEIR SUPPORT TEAM NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THEM SO THIS WORKSHOP IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF YOU. REMEMBER, WHILE THE STRICT LIABILITY RULE HOLDS ATHLETES ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR

ACTIONS AS IT RELATES TO THE ANTI-DOOPING RULES, SUPPORT PERSONNEL TOO CAN BE SANCTIONED.

IT MAKES SENSE TO DEVELOP GOOD HABITS FROM NOW SO I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL YOU WILL LEARN TODAY.

DURING LAST YEAR'S SERIES OF WORKSHOPS, WE AWARDED THE PARTICIPANTS IN OUR MASCOT COMPETITION AND REVEALED THE MASCOT THAT WAS CREATED BASED ON THE WINNING DESIGN.

THIS WAS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE WE FOSTER INTERESTING WAYS TO GET YOUNG PERSONS INVOLVED IN LEARNING ABOUT ANTI-DOPING, GIVEN ITS IMPORTANCE. THE MASCOT, LEO – THE DOPE PATROL OFFICER, WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PROMINENT FEATURE IN OUR OUTREACH AND PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS.

ADJAYNAE BILLINGS FROM ADRENNE HIGH SCHOOL, WHO SUBMITTED THE WINNING DESIGN, IS HERE WITH US TODAY AND HE WILL SHARE WITH YOU SHORTLY THE INSPIRATION FOR HIS CREATION AND HIS EXPERIENCE SINCE PLACING FIRST IN THE COMPETITION.

THIS WILL SERVE AS A LAUNCHING PAD FOR OUR POSTER COMPETITION WHICH WE WILL BE ROLLING OUT TODAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE ENTRIES THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE ONLY WAY WE CAN PROTECT SPORT IN JAMAICA IS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND I ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO PLAY YOUR PART.

I HOPE TODAY'S WORKSHOP WILL BE PRODUCTIVE AND YOU WILL LEAVE MORE COMMITTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING.

THANK YOU.