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Abuse-Free Sport Announcement

Sarah-Ève Pelletier, Canada's inaugural Sport Integrity Commissioner, will be stepping down from the role in early 2024.

Commissioner Pelletier's difficult but personal decision follows a successful launch and first 18 operational months of Abuse-Free Sport, Canada's first-ever independent safe sport program. "As Sport Integrity Commissioner, I have been driven by a deep motivation to act as an agent of positive change for the Canadian sport community – with athletes at the very heart of it," shared Commissioner Pelletier. "Since taking on this role, my passion for this mission has never wavered. I am proud of the groundwork accomplished within the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC). I am certain that it will serve as a springboard for the Abuse-Free Sport program's evolution, one that can only be beneficial to the advancement of safe sport for all."

"Sarah-Ève has been instrumental in these early days of Abuse-Free Sport. She and the team she has built have laid impressive foundations for the future of the program," stated Marie-Claude Asselin, Chief Executive Officer of the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), the organization mandated by the Government of Canada to establish the program. "On behalf of the SDRCC and of the OSIC team especially, I would like to thank her for her leadership and tireless efforts, and for the immense contribution she has made in the establishment of a national framework to prevent and address maltreatment in sport in Canada."

The search for the next commissioner will begin in the new year. Commissioner Pelletier will remain in her current role through the first few months of 2024, in order to support and help with the transition for both the team and her successor.

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