

Marie-Claude Asselin

Marie-Claude Asselin is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada since April 2007. She holds bachelor and master's degrees in Physical Activity Sciences from Université Laval and pursued doctoral studies in Sociology. She possesses a multi-faceted perspective of amateur sport with 32 years of experience as athlete, coach, official, administrator, and volunteer.

Before joining the SDRCC, Marie-Claude was Manager of Education at the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), where she was responsible for developing doping prevention and education programs. From 1997 to 2002, while employed by the Canadian Olympic Committee, she held responsibilities in Games management, in high performance services and in athlete services.

In addition to having taught undergraduate courses at the university level, Marie-Claude is an experienced public speaker. She presented at numerous symposia, workshops and conferences in Canada, the United States, Australia, and Europe.

She coached ice hockey and basketball at different age categories from toddlers to elite, including three years as assistant coach of the women's basketball team at the University of Waterloo. Learning facilitator with the National Coaching Certification Program for 7 years, she now volunteers as a recreational soccer coach. Parallel to her coaching career, Marie-Claude was also a basketball referee for 13 years and acted as assignor, instructor, supervisor, and administrator in various local officiating organizations. She is, since October 2006, the leader of the Committee for the development of officials under the aegis of Sports-Québec.

She speaks French, English and Spanish, and resides in Saint- Hubert, Québec, with her husband and three children. ◆