

Athletes CAN congratulates Biathlete Robin Clegg

Athletes CAN is delighted to congratulate biathlete Robin Clegg on his recent nomination to the Canadian Winter Olympic Team heading shortly to the 2002 Games in Salt Lake City. Robin successfully appealed his case through the new Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) process and was notified yesterday of the decision.

Athletes CAN, the organization representing Canada's national team athletes, fully supports the ADR system for sport and has confidence in the integrity and fairness of this system. We are committed to the tenet of procedural fairness and fully support the right of the athlete to pursue this course of action. It is also important to acknowledge and thank the Canadian Olympic Association for choosing to use the ADR process to deal with this appeal.

This decision represents the chance for an incredible Olympic experience for Robin and an opportunity for the sport of Biathlon to expose many more Canadians to this exciting Olympic winter sport. This is good for the athlete, for the sport of Biathlon and for the country, particularly as Canada's 2010 Olympic Winter Games bid is being prepared. Athletes CAN was pleased to offer its support to Robin in this process and we thank Biathlon Canada and the other supporting organizations for their efforts on his behalf. Best of luck to Robin and all of our Canadian Olympians in Salt Lake City!

Athletes CAN is the organization that represents Canada's national team athletes and works with partners in leadership, advocacy and education to ensure a fair, responsive and supportive sport system for Canadian athletes at all levels. For more information about Athletes CAN, please contact Thomas Jones, Executive Director at 1 888 832 4222 (toll free) or athletescan@sympatico.ca and visit our website at www.athletescan.com