

## **RICHARD W. "DICK" POUND**

Richard Pound has been part of the Olympic movement for more than 40 years as athlete, advocate, and Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). He continues to be an IOC member and is Chairman of the Olympic Games Study Commission. He has now turned his considerable energies to ensuring fairness in sports as Chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).



He was born in St. Catharines, ON and was a swimming competitor at the 1960 Summer Olympics where he finished 6th in the 100 metre freestyle and was also on Canada's 4th place relay team. He won a number of medals at the 1962 Commonwealth Games, including gold in the 110 yards free style, and silver in both the 440 yards free style relay and the 880 yards freestyle relay. Retiring from swimming, he accepted a role with the Canadian Olympic Committee and eventually became its President.

In 1978 he was elected to the IOC and was put in charge of negotiating television and sponsorship deals. Mr. Pound revolutionized the Olympics, building it into a multi-billion dollar enterprise by branding and marketing the Olympic rings, and negotiating shrewd deals for television rights around the world. He has been the IOC's top TV rights and sponsorship negotiator since the 1980s. Under Pound's leadership, the IOC has grown into one of the richest sports organizations in the world.

At the same time he became known as an outspoken critic of corruption within the IOC under the leadership of Juan Antonio Samaranch. His criticisms were given a wide airing after the scandals surrounding the Salt Lake City Olympics broke, and he was then appointed head of the inquiry into the corruption. He also campaigned strongly for stronger drug testing.

With the retirement of Samaranch in 2001 he ran for president of the IOC.

Pound left the IOC to become head of WADA. In that role he has overseen an unprecedented toughening of the drug-testing regimen. He has been an especially harsh critic of the Americans, arguing that there is widespread doping, especially amongst their track and field team. He has also tried to expand WADA beyond the Olympics, calling on the major sports leagues to agree to WADA scrutiny.

Pound is the Director of the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. He has also served as Chancellor of McGill University since 1999, is a member of the Advisory Council of Canada's National History Society, and is a partner in the law firm of Stikeman Elliott LLP in Montreal where he practises tax law. He is also the author of several books on legal history; and he edits "Pound's Tax Case Notes", a review of tax-law court cases for lawyers.

In 1992 he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada and in 1993 was made an Officer of the National Order of Quebec. He is listed on the Canadian Swimming Hall of Fame, and the Canadian Amateur Athletic Hall of Fame.

Recently, Time Magazine's 2005 list of the World's Most Influential People singled out Mr. Pound in the "Scientists and Thinkers" category, as head of the World Anti-Doping Agency for his relentless pursuit of cheaters in the Olympics and in professional sports.

Mr. Pound was educated at McGill University (Commerce 1962 and Law 1967) and Sir George Williams University – now Concordia (Arts 1963). He enjoys many sports such as swimming, squash, tennis and golf. He is married and has three children and two step-children.