
TO: ALL IPF NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS
FROM: IPF ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION
RE: NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE IPF ANTI-DOPING RULES AS OF 1 JANUARY 2021
DATE: December 1, 2020

With only a month remaining before the implementation of new 2021 World Anti-Doping Code ("Code") and the new 2021 IPF Anti-Doping Rules, this communication serves as a reminder to all National Member Federations ("National Federations" under the IPF Anti-Doping Rules) regarding national-level testing.

One significant change to the 2021 Code is **Article 18.4** which requires all International Federations to require as a condition of membership that their National Federations comply with the Code.

Roles and Responsibilities of International Federations (IPF):

To require, as a condition of membership, that the policies, rules and programs of their National Federations and other members are in compliance with the Code and the International Standards, and to take appropriate action to enforce such compliance; areas of compliance shall include but not be limited to:

- (i) requiring that their National Federations conduct Testing only under the documented authority of their International Federation and use their National Anti-Doping Organization or other Sample collection authority to collect Samples in compliance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.*
- (ii) requiring that their National Federations recognize the authority of the National Anti-Doping Organization in their country in accordance with Article 5.2.1 and assist as appropriate with the National Anti-Doping Organization's implementation of the national Testing program for their sport.*
- (iii) requiring that their National Federations analyse all Samples collected using a WADA-accredited or WADA-approved laboratory in accordance with Article 6.1; and*
- (iv) requiring that any national level anti-doping rule violation cases discovered by their National Federations are adjudicated by an Operationally Independent hearing panel in accordance with Article 8.1 and the International Standard for Results Management.*

Article 18.4 of the IPF Anti-Doping Rules therefore echoes the same Code requirements from all IPF National Federations as a condition of their membership to the IPF.

As of January 1 2021, any IPF National Federation that does not comply with the above will be deemed to be violating its compliance obligation under the IPF Anti-Doping Rules and will be subject to fines and/or sanctions pursuant to Article 12.1 and 12.2 of the IPF Anti-Doping Rules. Those same provisions also outline a fair process by which IPF will deal with cases of non-compliance with the IPF Anti-Doping Rules to ensure that its National Federations are given the opportunity to be advised of their non-compliance and rectify any such non-compliance in a timely manner to avoid the imposition of fines and/or sanctions.

You are hereby advised once again that for the IPF to remain compliant with the Code and for each of its National Federations to maintain (compliant) membership status with the IPF, **effective January 1, 2021**, National Federations **will not be allowed to run their own national-level testing program.**

If a National Federation wishes to continue national-level testing, two options are available:

1. Outsource your program to your local National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) - PREFERRED
2. Outsource your program under the authority of the IPF

You are hereby notified that as of January 1 2021, IPF will have to enforce these requirements strictly and uniformly in order to maintain both its status as a Signatory to the Code and its Tier 1 Compliance Status with WADA.

Among others, the IPF will be monitoring all doping control forms entered in ADAMS and confirming that samples were collected under its authority (the IPF will decline samples collected without its knowledge), and WADA-accredited laboratories will no longer be able to upload analysis results in ADAMS unless the Testing Authority is clearly a Signatory of the Code (i.e., the IPF or a NADO). As always, samples shall only be analyzed in WADA-accredited laboratories or laboratories otherwise approved by WADA and testing shall only be conducted by certified doping control officers.

These beneficial changes will ensure that national level anti-doping programs are administered in a harmonized way in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the IPF Anti-Doping Rules.

We therefore urge you to contact the IPF through the CCES (ipfantidoping@cces.ca) or your NADO to have this implemented by January 1, 2021. Should you need assistance finding contact information for your NADO, we will gladly assist.

We take this opportunity to invite you to view the 2021 IPF Anti-Doping Rules on the IPF website as well as all the new content developed to reflect these updated rules and IPF's new partnership with the CCES.

Kind regards,



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