



IFF Registered Testing Pools Whereabouts Guidelines

The references to these *IFF Registered Testing Pools – Whereabouts Guidelines* are from the *WADA Regulations*. The “Code” refers to *WADA Anti-Doping Code*. The “IST” refers to *WADA’s International Standard for Testing*. Some of the text in this document is quoted from *WADA’s “Guidelines for implementing an effective athlete whereabouts program”*. All the above mentioned *WADA’s Regulations and Documents* are found on *WADA web pages* (www.wada-ama.org).

Introduction and Scope

The *Signatories (including IFF)* to the World Anti-Doping Code recognize that effective *Out-of-Competition Testing* programmes are essential to the fight against doping in sport and that effective *Out-of-Competition Testing* depends upon accurate and complete *Athlete* whereabouts information.

As a result, the *Code* requires *Athletes in Registered Testing Pools*: (a) to provide detailed information, on a quarterly basis, about their whereabouts in the following quarter; and (b) to be available at those whereabouts for *Out-of-Competition Testing*. If an *Athlete* in a *Registered Testing Pool* fails to meet those requirements three (3) or more times in any 18-month period, he/she commits an anti-doping rule violation under *Code* Article 2.4, and is liable to be banned from sport for a period of between 12 and 24 months (or more if it is a repeat offence). See *Code* Articles 10.3.3 and 10.7.

IFF’s and National Member Association’s responsibilities

It is International Federations (in Floorball: the IFF) that bear primary responsibility for administering these whereabouts requirements, first by designating *Athletes* under their jurisdiction for inclusion in (respectively) international *Registered Testing Pools*, and then by collecting whereabouts information from those *Athletes*, using that information to test those *Athletes Out-of-Competition*.

International Federations (IFF) then also have primary results management responsibility when *Athletes* in their respective *Registered Testing Pools* fail to file proper whereabouts information (Filing Failures) or are not present where they said they would be for *Testing* purposes (Missed Tests). (See generally IST clauses 11.7.1 and 11.7.3).

Other parties also have responsibilities in relation to whereabouts. National Member Associations (such as CFBU, LFS, SIBF, SSBL, SUVH, etc.) have a specific obligation to assist in obtaining whereabouts information from *Athletes* under their jurisdiction, and International Federations (IFF) may delegate further whereabouts responsibilities to them. (IST clauses 11.7.2, 11.7.4, 11.7.5).

Guidelines

Requirements for establishing the *Registered Testing Pool* (IST clause 11.2)

Each International Federation (IFF) is required to establish and maintain a pool of *Athletes* under its jurisdiction, to be known as its *Registered Testing Pool (RTP)*. (See *Code* Article 5.1.1; IST clause 11.7.1(a)).

The International Federation (IFF) uses the *Registered Testing Pool* to identify that sub-set of *Athletes* within its *Testing* program from whom it will collect whereabouts information to assist in locating them for purposes of *Out-of-Competition Testing*. *Athletes* in a *Registered Testing Pool* are therefore required to comply with the specific whereabouts requirements of Section 11 of the *International Standard for Testing*, by filing whereabouts information with the IFF and by being available at such declared whereabouts for *Out-of-Competition Testing*. (See IST clauses 11.1.2 and 11.1.3).

Criteria for inclusion in the *Registered Testing Pool*

According to the *IST*, the expectation is that an international *Registered Testing Pool* will include *Athletes* who compete regularly at the highest level of international competition (e.g. World Championships), as determined by rankings or other suitable criteria. (See comment to *IST* clause 11.2.1).

In *Team Sports*, *Registered Testing Pools* may be defined by reference to teams, i.e., so that the *Athletes* in the *Registered Testing Pool* are some or all of the *Athletes* who play for particular teams (identified by name, ranking or other suitable criteria) during the relevant period: *IST* clause 11.5.1.

The IFF Registered Testing Pool 1 (RTP 1)

The IFF will use the following criteria for the **IFF Registered Testing Pool 1 (IFF RTP 1)**: “Some members of the top ranked teams”. The **IFF RTP 1** will include *Athletes* from the National Associations of the three top ranked teams in previous Men’s and Women’s World Floorball Championships (WFC). There will be seven (7) men and seven (7) women included in the **IFF RTP 1**.

The **IFF RTP 1 Athletes** that are using any prohibited substance (including *Beta-2 agonists*), must send in a regular **Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)** application to the IFF. More information about TUE application process is available on the IFF web pages (www.floorball.org) under Anti-Doping.

The selection of *Athletes* to the **IFF RTP 1** will go as followed:

- National Associations of the Top 3 teams in previous Men’s and Women’s WFC will nominate ten (10) players to the IFF. The players must be active *Athletes* competing in the highest level of the nation. The National Associations should choose the *Athletes* from their Men’s/Women’s National Team’s 1st and 2nd line players.
- National Associations will send the nominations (10 players) to the IFF with the “**Nomination of Athletes to IFF RTP 1 Form**”.
- The IFF will randomly choose the *Athletes* from the nominated 30 men and 30 women to the IFF Registered Testing Pool 1 (**IFF RTP 1**) according to the following pattern:
 - 3 *Athletes* from the Men’s reigning World Champion nation
 - 3 *Athletes* from the Women’s reigning World Champion nation
 - 2 *Athletes* from the Men’s 2nd ranked nation
 - 2 *Athletes* from the Women’s 2nd ranked nation
 - 2 *Athletes* from the Men’s 3rd ranked nation
 - 2 *Athletes* from the Women’s 3rd ranked nation
- The inclusion of *Athletes* in the **IFF RTP 1** will last one year. The selection of new *Athletes* is always done on 1st of March every year. Each athlete in the **IFF RTP 1** will submit his/her whereabouts information for four quarters and after that new *Athletes* will be selected. Every *Athlete* will send his/her information as followed:
 - First information **Quarter 2**: 1. April-30. June (deadline to submit March 15th)
 - Second information **Quarter 3**: 1. July.-30. September (deadline to submit June 15th)
 - Third information **Quarter 4**: 1. October-31. December (deadline to submit Sept. 15th)
 - Last information **Quarter 1**: 1. January-31. March (deadline to submit December 15th)

The IFF Registered Testing Pool 2 (RTP 2)

In order to maintain larger pools of *Athletes* from whom some whereabouts information is obtained, which may not meet the requirements of the IST, but which can be used to increase the effectiveness of the IFF's Out-of-Competition Testing program, the IFF will also have **Registered Testing Pool 2 (RTP 2)** for National Teams (not as strict as the **IFF RTP 1**).

The **IFF RTP 2** consist top four (4) Men's and Women's National Teams according to the world ranking. Totally there will be eight National Teams in the **IFF RTP 2**. The world ranking is based on previous Men's and Women's World Floorball Championships (WFC).

All *Athletes* taking part in the events (camps, tournaments, international matches) of the Men's or Women's Top four ranked National Teams are included in the **IFF RTP 2**. In the **IFF RTP 2** there are no whereabouts requirements for *Athletes*. The whereabouts requirements in the **IFF RTP 2** concerns only National Associations. The National Associations shall take care of following:

- a. Send the planned events of National Team twice a year, deadlines: 31st of January and 1st of September (the information shall be sent with the "IFF National Team Calendar Form")
- b. Send the specific event information ten (10) days prior to the event (the information shall be sent with the "IFF Upcoming National Team Event Form")

Table 1: IFF Registered Testing Pools (IFF RTP 1 and IFF RTP 2)

STARTING TIME	IFF RTP's	PERIOD OF TIME (Quarter)	DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING	CRITERIA	Number of PLAYERS (Men / Women)	OBLIGATIONS
1 st of January 2010	RTP 1	1 st (1.Jan-31.Mar)	15 th of December	3 players from World Champion 2 players from 2 nd ranked team 2 players from 3 rd ranked team	7 / 7	Team activities + Individual whereabouts + 60 min time-slot
START of RTP 1 as of 1 st of April 2009	RTP 1	2 nd (1.Apr-30.June)	15 th of March	3 players from World Champion 2 players from 2 nd ranked team 2 players from 3 rd ranked team	7 / 7	Team activities + Individual whereabouts + 60 min time-slot
	RTP 1	3 rd (1.July30.-Sep)	15 th of June	3 players from World Champion 2 players from 2 nd ranked team 2 players from 3 rd ranked team	7 / 7	Team activities + Individual whereabouts + 60 min time-slot
	RTP 1	4 th (1.Oct-31.Dec)	15 th of September	3 players from World Champion 2 players from 2 nd ranked team 2 players from 3 rd ranked team	7 / 7	Team activities + Individual whereabouts + 60 min time-slot
1 st of Jan 2009	RTP 2	Twice a year	31 st of January and 1 st of September	Top 4 National Teams according to the world ranking	4 / 4 National Teams	Team activities (National Team Calendar Form)
1 st of Jan 2009	RTP 2	Before every event	10 days prior to the National Team event	Top 4 National Teams according to the world ranking	4 / 4 National Teams	Team activities (Upcoming National Team Event Form)

Notifying an Athlete that he/she is in a Registered Testing Pool

The IFF will notify each Athlete designated for inclusion in the IFF RTP 1 of the following:

- a. The fact that the *Athlete* has been included in the **IFF RTP 1**;
- b. The whereabouts requirements with which the *Athlete* must therefore comply; and
- c. The consequences if the *Athlete* fails to comply with those whereabouts requirements.

The notice will also explain what the *Athlete* needs to do in order to comply with those requirements.

The IFF will personally contact each *Athlete* who will be included to the **IFF RTP 1**. The *Athletes* will get the information of their selection on the 1st of March every year (or the following working day). At the same time the IFF will inform the National Associations of the *Athletes* included to the **IFF RTP 1**.

The National Associations must inform all Athletes in IFF RTP 2 of the following:

- a. The fact that the players in the National Team are included in the **IFF RTP 2**

Education of Athletes in the IFF RTP's

The IFF will educate *Athletes* included in the **IFF Registered Testing Pool 1 (IFF RTP 1)**, so that they understand the following:

- a. The whereabouts requirements they must satisfy
- b. How the whereabouts system operated by the IFF works
- c. How they can use that system to satisfy the whereabouts requirements imposed upon them

The National Associations shall educate the *Athletes* included in the **IFF Registered Testing Pool 2 (IFF RTP 2)**, so that they understand the following:

- a. The *Athletes* are familiar with the IFF Anti-Doping Regulations and the WADA's Prohibited List
- b. The *Athletes* are familiar with the Therapeutic Use Exception process (TUE process)
- c. The *Athletes* are familiar with the Doping Control Procedure
- d. The *Athletes* know the basics of Registered Testing Pools and collecting Whereabouts Information

Whereabouts filing requirements for Athletes (IST clause 11.3) in IFF RTP 1

What information must the Athlete provide?

A player in the **IFF Registered Testing Pool 1 (IFF RTP 1)** must file a Whereabouts Filing with the IFF that contains the following information:

1. A complete mailing address where correspondence may be sent to the Athlete for formal notice purposes;
2. For each day during the following quarter, the full address of the place where the Athlete will be residing (e.g. home, temporary lodgings, hotel, etc);
3. For each day during the following quarter, the name and address of each location where the Athlete will train, work or conduct any other regular activity (e.g. school), as well as the usual time-frames for such regular activities;
4. The Athlete's competition schedule for the following quarter, including the name and address of each location where the Athlete is scheduled to compete during the quarter and the date(s) on which he/she is scheduled to compete at such location(s); and
5. The Whereabouts Filing must also include, for each day during the following quarter, one specific 60-minute time slot between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. each day where the Athlete will be available and accessible for Testing at a specific location.

Further information

- IFF web page www.floorball.org under Anti-Doping
- WADA web page www.wada-ama.org under World Anti-Doping Code
- National Anti-Doping organisations
 - Czech Republic: www.antidoping.cz
 - Finland: www.antidoping.fi
 - Latvia: www.antidopings.lv
 - Sweden: www.rf.se under Anti-Doping
 - Switzerland: www.antidoping.ch