

IFF Report from the WADA ADO Symposium

WADA ADO Symposium 2019

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Main topics: World Anti-Doping Code 2021, International Standards review and Athlete involvement (75 athlete representatives attended)

1. 2021 World Anti-Doping Code draft
 - The Code will continue to be more flexible
 - New Code to be approved at the World Conference in Katowice, Poland, in November 2019
 - Code will come into force January 1st 2021
2. Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights (new document)
 - The goal of the Charter, is to clearly outline athlete rights with respect to the fight against doping in sport. While athletes' responsibilities towards clean sport are set out in the World Anti-Doping Code, the Charter aims to further support athletes worldwide in the right to compete in clean, ethical and fair sport (eg. athletes' rights to anti-doping education and a fair hearing)
3. International Standard for Results Management (new document)
 - This is a new document but the content as such is not all new, as these rules have previously been included in the Code and International Standard of Testing
 - The notification process to an athlete of an ADRV will in the future be divided into two phases, the first including the initial notification and asking for an explanation from the athlete. IFF considers this as a positive change (not too much information to the athletes in one notification)
 - There will also be more focus on having ADO independent hearing panels
4. International Standard for Education (new document)
 - More focus is constantly put on education and all ADOs are to have an anti-doping education plan that needs to be evaluated regularly
 - The IFF has commented on this draft document that testing and education shouldn't necessarily always go hand in hand (meaning that all events that there is testing, there should be mandatory education). This point has been taken into consideration in the current draft version, but the strong recommendation still is, that all player who are tested should have received anti-doping education beforehand.
5. International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (new document)
 - Outlines the rights and responsibilities of the Code Signatories and the ways in which WADA supports Signatories and a process for determining non-compliance and consequences.
6. International Standard for Testing and Investigations
 - More flexibility when it comes to testing menus for different low risk sports (eg. EPO analysis). More detailed guidelines about the different whereabouts pools and how much testing should take place for athletes in the different pools. ADOs should implement policies to facilitate whistle-blowers.

IFF needs to consider:

- Follow the ongoing consultations and comment when there are issues that needs to be raised from the IFF point of view.
- Even though event-based A-D education is not mandatory in the draft Standard of Education, the goal for each IF should be that all athletes that are tested should have received some anti-doping education before being tested. This means that the IFF should investigate its current testing and education activities and make the needed adjustments (increase education and/or reduce event testing).
- Continue and further enforce athlete participation in the IFF anti-doping activities. Ask the IFF Athletes' Commission for ideas about future anti-doping awareness campaigns.
- Make possible adjustments to the current testing pool system. Continue NOT having a Registered Testing Pool (with individual athlete whereabouts), but maybe re-consider the size of the current Testing Pool (top 3 teams). This because all players in a Testing Pool should according to the draft ISTI be tested at least once in a year.
- Look into how the IFF should implement policies to facilitate whistle-blowing (currently WADA's Speak Up platform is promoted, but do we need to have and own platform/system?)
- The Code and the International Standards will be approved by the WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board on the final day of the World Conference of Doping in Sport 2019 (7th of November). The year 2020 will therefore be the year when all IFs need to adapt to the new rules.
- The new World Anti-Doping Code enters into force January 1st 2021 when all IFs should have their new rules and procedures in place.