

# The UK National Anti-Doping Policy

## What Does Compliance with the UK National Anti-Doping Policy Mean?

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**Doping in sport is cheating. It is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport, endangers the health of athletes, impacts on those who aspire to become athletes, and undermines the otherwise positive role of sport in society.**

The UK Government and the Devolved Administrations condemn doping in sport and believe clean sport is best achieved through a partnership between government and the sports movement, using the framework provided by the World Anti-Doping Code.

The UK Parliament has formally committed the UK Government and Devolved Administrations to the anti-doping movement by ratifying the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport.

### What is the UK National Anti-Doping Policy?

The UK National Anti-Doping Policy was issued by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on 14 December 2009 to satisfy the requirements of the UNESCO Convention. The purpose of the Policy is to set out the objectives and requirements of the UK Government, and to identify the roles and responsibilities of UK Anti-Doping (UKAD), the Sports Councils, National Governing Bodies of sport (NGBs), and the National Anti-Doping Panel, in delivering and/or otherwise supporting those objectives and requirements.



### What Are the Responsibilities of an NGB Under the Policy?

All NGBs with responsibility for the governance and regulation of sport in the UK have the following anti-doping responsibilities:

- Recognition of, and support for, the UK National Anti-Doping Policy and for UK Anti-Doping
  - Respect and promote the Policy.
  - Recognise UKAD as the national anti-doping organisation for the UK.
  - Designate at least one member of staff to act as its anti-doping officer.
- Adoption of Code-compliant anti-doping rules
  - Adopt anti-doping rules that are compliant with the Code.
  - Bring into force these rules and implement them as required.
  - Actively promote these rules, informing athletes and athlete support personnel (ASP) under their jurisdiction.

- Education of athletes and ASP
  - Take all practical steps to educate and inform athletes on ethical values in sport and their anti-doping responsibilities.
  - Take all practical steps to educate and inform ASP on the requirements of the anti-doping policy.
  - Provide education to athletes who are part of the National Registered Testing Pool (N RTP).
- Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)
  - Adopt and implement TUE procedures in line with UKAD guidance, unless an International Federation (IF) has in place a Code-compliant process for athletes to obtain a TUE.
  - Work with UKAD to determine a domestic pool of athletes who may require a TUE.
  - Notify athletes within the domestic pool that they are included and what this means for them.
- Testing
  - Cooperate with UKAD to finalise a Test Distribution Plan.
  - Provide a calendar of events/competitions.
  - Provide information on the number and level of athletes under their jurisdiction.
  - If relevant, assist UKAD in implementing the N RTP.
- Results management
  - Recognise the sole and exclusive right of UKAD to determine whether an athlete and/or ASP has a case to answer for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV). This should be stipulated in NGB rules.
  - Cooperate with UKAD on the pursuit of disciplinary charges against athletes and/or ASP.
  - Unless otherwise agreed with UKAD, recognise the National Anti-Doping Panel as the body responsible for hearing and determining doping charges.



- Sanctions and Periods of Ineligibility
  - Take all necessary steps to recognise and enforce any disqualification, loss of results or periods of ineligibility for any athlete and/or ASP who has been found to have committed an ADRV.

#### **How UKAD Can Help**

Compliance with the requirements of the Policy is a condition of an NGB's eligibility for public funding, and public benefits and services. UKAD has a responsibility to monitor compliance with the Policy and is able to support NGBs in a variety of ways. Please see the UKAD factsheet on 'Keeping Your Sport and Athletes Clean' to find out more.

#### **Further Information**

The Policy can be found on the UKAD website: [www.ukad.org.uk/resources/document/national-uk-anti-doping-policy](http://www.ukad.org.uk/resources/document/national-uk-anti-doping-policy).

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