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**RYA ANTI-DOPING RULES**  
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## **Article 1: Introduction and Commencement**

- 1.1 The Royal Yachting Association (“the **RYA**”) is the governing body for the sport of sailing in the United Kingdom.
- 1.2 The RYA is a member national authority of and subject to the jurisdiction of the International Sailing Federation (“**ISAF**”).
- 1.3 At the ISAF Annual Conference held in Palma Majorca in November 2014, ISAF accepted the revised (2015) World Anti-Doping Code (the “**WADA Code**”) and, in conformance with ISAF’s responsibilities under the **WADA Code** and in furtherance of ISAF’s continuing efforts to eradicate doping in the sport of sailing, adopted a revised Regulation 21 - ISAF Anti-Doping Code (the “**ISAF Code**”).
- 1.4 The **ISAF Code** is stated to apply not only at an international level but also at a national level, binding the RYA itself, as well as each member of and/or participant in activities and events of the RYA and its affiliated clubs, and applying in respect of all Doping Controls conducted on behalf of the RYA.
- 1.5 The **ISAF Code** also acknowledges the authority and competence conferred at a national level in the UK, under the **WADA Code** and by the UK Government, on the UK Anti-Doping Organisation (“**UKAD**”). Like ISAF, UKAD also requires the RYA to adopt Code-compliant anti-doping rules for application in the sport at a national level.
- 1.6 In conformance with the RYA’s responsibilities to ISAF and UKAD, the RYA has adopted **The RYA Anti-Doping Rules** as set out herein.
- 1.7 These **RYA Anti-Doping Rules** supersede and replace the RYA Rules and Procedures for Anti-Doping (Issued 01.01.2009) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

## **Article 2: Adoption of ISAF Anti-Doping Code**

- 2.1 In compliance with RYA’s obligations under Regulation 21.16 of the **ISAF Code**, these **RYA Anti-Doping Rules** adopt and incorporate the **ISAF Code**, including but not limited to all amendments to the ISAF Code and all international standards incorporated in the ISAF Code.
- 2.2 RYA’s adoption and implementation of the **ISAF Code** is also intended to discharge RYA’s commitment to the NADO to adopt and implement Code-compliant rules.
- 2.3 The supplemental provisions set out in Article 3 of these **RYA Anti-Doping Rules** are adopted in order to achieve the effective implementation of the **ISAF Code** at a national level.
- 2.4 Any changes to the **ISAF Code** will be announced and posted on the ISAF website ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)). In accordance with Article 2.1, when they come into effect in relation to the **ISAF Code** they shall automatically come into effect as well in relation to the **RYA Anti-Doping Rules**.
- 2.5 Any changes to these **RYA Anti-Doping Rules** (including but not limited to changes made to the **ISAF Code** in accordance with Article 2.4) will be announced and posted on the RYA website ([www.rya.org.uk/racing/antidopingrules.asp](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/antidopingrules.asp))
- 2.6 Matters pending or occurring prior 1 January 2015 shall be subject to the transitional provisions set out in Regulation 21.20.7 of the ISAF Code.

## **Article 3: RYA Supplemental Provisions**

### **3.1 Jurisdiction of the National Anti-Doping Panel**

3.1.1 References in the **ISAF Code** to the disciplinary panel or hearing panel of the MNA shall be construed, for purposes of these **RYA Anti-Doping Rules**, as references to the first instance tribunal or appeal tribunal of the National Anti-Doping Panel ("**NADP**").

3.1.2 Where a matter arises under the **RYA Anti-Doping Rules** that requires a hearing and the **RYA** has results management authority with respect to the matter, the matter shall be referred to the National Anti-Doping Panel for determination by an NADP first instance tribunal in accordance with the National Anti-Doping Panel's procedural rules.

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