



ANTI-DOPING POLICY

OVERVIEW

A sport anti-doping policy sets out the sport's anti-doping rules that apply to all athletes, support personnel and other members of the sport. ASADA approved anti-doping policies are World Anti-Doping Code (Code) compliant.

THE CODE

The World Anti-Doping Code (the Code) is one of the fundamental documents upon which the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) program is based. It aims to universally harmonise anti-doping efforts across all sports and all countries.

THE CODE AIMS TO:

- protect athletes' fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport and thus promote health, fairness and equality for Athletes worldwide; and
- ensure harmonised, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs at the international and national level with regard to detection, deterrence and prevention of doping.

More information about the World Anti-Doping Code can be found on WADA website at www.wada-ama.org/en/.

WADA stipulates that all Olympic sports have Code-compliant anti-doping policies.

ASADA is a signatory to the Code; as a result all Australian Government-funded sporting organisations must have Code-compliant anti-doping policies.

PARTIES TO WHOM ANTI-DOPING POLICIES APPLY

Anti-doping policies cover more than just athletes. They cover athletes, athlete support personnel, members, employees, contractors of the sporting organisation, and any other person who has agreed to be bound by the anti-doping policy.

MUTUAL RECOGNITION

All sporting organisations with Code-compliant anti-doping policies mutually recognise the Code-compliant anti-doping policies of other sporting organisations. This means that if an athlete or support person commits an anti-doping rule violation in one sport, they cannot compete, or be involved in any capacity, in that or any other sport with a Code-compliant anti-doping policy.

THE 2009 WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE

All sporting organisations are responsible for reviewing and submitting their anti-doping policies to ASADA, to ensure they are compliant with the revised Code, which comes into force on 1 January 2009.

Sports' updated anti-doping policies, which reflect the revised Code, are effective from 1 January 2009.

ANTI-DOPING POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA), which is Australia's National Anti-Doping Organisation, assists sports in the development and review of their anti-doping policies.

ASADA does this by providing anti-doping policy templates, advice, and verification of anti-doping policy Code compliance.