General Information and Instructions on Whereabouts Information for Out-of-Competition Testing

According to the principles of WADA and the Olympic Movement it's important for the credibility of a sport that its International Federation and National Member Bodies can be confident that they have accurate knowledge of all athletes’ whereabouts.

The IOC/WADA principle is that anti-doping testing of athletes must be possible at any time, anywhere, because athletes may be “clean” in competitions but still use forbidden substances during their training and competition programs. This is the reason that out-of-competition testing (OCT) has been introduced by WADA. OCT is mandatory to all sports in all countries. OCT gets a higher priority the coming years.

In order to be able to test athletes out of competition athletes have the duty under the Anti-Doping Code to provide quarterly (in advance) complete and accurate whereabouts information, preferable by ADAMS. The quarterly information must be submitted at least five (5) days before the start of a quarter, i.e. December 24th (1st Q), March 25th (2nd Q), June 25th (3rd Q) and September 25th (4th Q). A constant update is a must, if necessary daily, to ensure 365 days, 24 hour a day, coverage. The requirement to provide such information and the knowledge that athletes can be tested at any time and anywhere is in itself an effective deterrent to the temptation to take forbidden substances.

If the provided information by the athlete is not up-to-date, accurate and/or complete this can result in unsuccessful testing missions or a missed test. It’s important to realize that the athlete is always fully responsible and accountable for the provided information, also for non-information. An unsuccessful testing mission or a missed test due to incorrect or incomplete whereabouts information is an anti-doping rule violation and can be and will be sanctioned according to the Anti-Doping Code. All irregularities must be reported to WADA including handling of such irregularities.

In order to comply with the duty of providing whereabouts information WADA has developed ADAMS. ADAMS means Anti-Doping Administration and Management System. ADAMS is a web based computer system. The IDSF Anti-Doping Director has developed a Guide that is published on the IDSF web site to assist athletes in using the system. The Guide is also issued to all athletes enclosed in the IDSF OCT Testing Pool. In the near future also the testing administration and TUE’s will be handled in ADAMS. Only when absolute necessary for acceptable reasons the former standard form, the OCT whereabouts information Form, can be used. The Forms should be issued to the IDSF Anti-Doping Director by email only in order to avoid unnecessary paperwork. The Forms are published on the IDSF website in a word version so each athlete can adjust the Forms as required without changing the template.
The whereabouts information procedure’s mainlines are as follows: the athletes normal day to day whereabouts and activities (home, work, school and training information) a general monthly schedule by monthly calendar for deviations from the normal daily routine for visiting competitions, lessons, training camps, vacation, etc.

The whereabouts information rules DO NOT apply to all DanceSport athletes in IDSF or its members.

Only those athletes included in the IDSF International Testing Pool (ITP) must provide their whereabouts information to IDSF and others through ADAMS. The ITP is established yearly in close cooperation with WADA and published on the IDSF website. Each athlete (couple) will be informed personally as well as his/her national federation. When included in the ITP an athlete will not be withdrawn from it until his/her active carrier is ended. When a retired athlete returns to IDSF competitions he/she will be placed again in the ITP and will be tested before he/she can start in regular competitions, national as well as international.

However, please be aware that testing of athletes (both in-competition as well as out-of-competition) is not limited to those athletes placed in the testing pool. All athletes participating in DanceSport competitions under the jurisdiction of IDSF and/or its members can be and will be subject to be tested. All testing will be done taking the No Advance Notice principle in account. Also target testing will have sometimes priority under the conditions as outlined in the IDSF Anti-Doping Code.

Besides the ITP organized by IDSF each National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) or National Olympic Committee (NOC) has the duty to establish a National Testing Pool (NTP) for athletes at national level. An athlete included in the ITP can also be included in the NTP. Testing of such athletes will be coordinated via ADAMS to avoid double testing.

No compliance with the duty to provide correct whereabouts information is a violation of the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC) and the IDSF Anti-Doping Code by the athlete and will be sanctioned according to the Code.

July 2008

Co de Mooy
Chair Anti Doping Commission
P.O. Box 160
4650 AD Steenbergen
Netherlands
Phone: +31-167-566755
Fax: +31-167-567894
e-mail: jdemooy.privaat@wanadoo.nl