

Clean Club Online

Anti-doping content for your club website

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This document contains example text that can be used to provide core anti-doping information on your club's website. Including this content on your website allows your club members to access accurate information at all times and enhances your reputation as a club that is committed to protecting clean sport.

Opening Text

All athletes have the right to compete in sport knowing that they, and their competitors, are clean.

We [Insert name of club] believe in 'clean [Insert name of sport]' and work in partnership with UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) and our NGB to ensure that the integrity of our sport [or insert name of sport] is protected.

The use of performance-enhancing drugs and other doping behaviour severely damages the legitimacy of sport and undermines the integrity of clean athletes.

Anti-Doping Rules

[Name of NGB] has in place a set of anti-doping rules that all athletes, coaches and athlete support personnel must abide by. The anti-doping rules are consistent with the World Anti-Doping Code (2015 Code), which governs anti-doping internationally.

You can find a copy of the model anti-doping rules [<https://www.ukad.org.uk/violations>] here. OR You can find a copy of [name of NGB] anti-doping rules here [[Insert link to NGB anti-doping rules](#)] (which should be on their website)

In reading these, you will discover that doping is more than just a positive test – there are ten anti-doping rules that you must not break including use and trafficking

As [name of club] is affiliated to [name of NGB] this means that the anti-doping rules apply to you, regardless of what level you participate at and there are significant consequences for breaking the rules.

Clean Sport: The Big Picture

Everyone has a duty to protect clean sport. [Name of club], like other sports clubs, has a responsibility to protect athlete's right to participate in clean sport and promote health, fairness and equality. Doing so will not only protect our members but also contribute to the reputation of our club and our sport.

UKAD is the national anti-doping agency for the UK, dedicated to protecting a culture of clean sport – it achieves this through implementing education and testing programmes, gathering and developing intelligence, and prosecuting those found to have committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

UKAD is responsible for ensuring sports bodies in the UK are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code through the implementation and management of the UK's National Anti-Doping Policy.

Supporting Athletes to be Clean - 100% me

100% me is UK Anti-Doping's education programme for athletes – designed to provide information resources, education sessions and general advice to athletes throughout their sporting careers.

Find out about 100% me in the dedicated [Athlete Zone](#) [<https://www.ukad.org.uk/athletes/100-me>] of the UKAD website.

What is Strict Liability?

All athletes need to be aware of the principle of strict liability. This means that **all athletes are solely responsible for any banned substance they use, attempt to use, or that is found in their system, regardless of how it got there and whether or not they had an intention to cheat.**

It is crucial that athletes check all medications do not contain banned substances prior to use. Medications can be checked online via [Global DRO](#).

Athletes **must** undertake thorough internet research of any supplement products before use – including the name of the product and the ingredients/substances listed. Information revealed as a result should be further investigated and we advise athletes to keep evidence of their search.

What are the Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs)?

The 2015 Code outlines ten Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs). Athletes, and Athlete Support Personnel (ASP), may receive a ban from sport if any of the following ADRV's are committed:

- Returning a positive test
- Using, or attempting to use, a banned substance or method
- Refusal or failure to provide a sample when requested
- **Tampering, or attempting to tamper, with any part of the testing process**
- **Possession of a banned substance or method**

- **Trafficking, or attempted trafficking, of any banned substance or method**
- **Administering, or attempted administering, of a banned substance or method to an athlete; or encouragement, aiding and/or covering up of any involvement in an ADRV**
- Receiving any combination of three filing failures and/or missed tests in a time period of 12 months (for athletes who are part of the National Registered Testing Pool)
- **Complicity**
- **Prohibited Association**

All ten ADRVs apply to athletes. Only the ADRVs in bold apply to ASP.

Consequences are Significant

A minimum four-year ban from sport will apply to those who are found to be deliberately cheating and breaking the anti-doping rules.

There is little sympathy for carelessness – for inadvertent doping, athletes are more likely to face a two-year ban from sport.

All athletes, coaches and athlete support personnel need to make sure they have sufficient anti-doping knowledge to avoid committing an ADRV and receiving a ban from sport.

Managing Inadvertent Doping Risks

The Prohibited List

All banned substances and methods in Code-compliant sports are outlined in the Prohibited List, which is updated at the beginning of every calendar year, but may also be updated throughout the year. The latest Prohibited List can be found on the [WADA website \[https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/wada_2019_english_prohibited_list.pdf\]](https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/wada_2019_english_prohibited_list.pdf)

Understand the Importance of Checking Medications

Before taking any medication (whether from a doctor or bought over the counter) athletes must check to make sure it does not contain any banned substances. Medications can be checked online at [Global DRO \[www.globaldro.co.uk\]](http://www.globaldro.co.uk). It is important to note that medications bought in one country may contain different ingredients to the same branded medication in another country.

Know the Risks with Nutritional Supplements

Athletes are strongly advised to be very cautious if they choose to take any supplement such as vitamin tablets, energy drinks, or sport-nutrition formulas. This is

because there is **no guarantee that any supplement is free from banned substances**.

All athletes are advised to:

- **assess the need** to use supplements by seeking advice from a medical professional or nutritionist on their need to use supplement products
- **assess the risks** associated with supplements and undertake thorough research of all supplement products they are considering taking
- **assess the consequences** to their careers – they could receive a four-year ban **before** making a decision to use supplements.

However, supplement risks can be reduced by:

- undertaking thorough internet research
- only using batch-tested products
- checking on Informed-Sport (which is a risk minimisation programme) that the supplement has been batch tested

Visit the [UKAD website](http://www.ukad.org.uk/supplements) for further information [www.ukad.org.uk/supplements] including information on the [Informed Sport](http://www.informed-sport.com) [www.informed-sport.com] programme, which provides a batch-testing service for supplement products.

Medication Use and Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

Athlete health is extremely important and competing in sport should enhance health rather than jeopardise it. However, athletes must be aware of their responsibility not to use substances that are banned in sport. Athletes who take any form of medication should first check if it contains a prohibited substance by using Global DRO (www.globaldro.com). If the search finds that the medication does contain a banned substance then the athlete should first establish (alongside their GP or appropriate medical professional) if there is a permitted alternative. If there is no permitted alternative to treat a legitimate medical condition, then athletes may need to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).

Athletes competing nationally or internationally must apply for a TUE in advance. The 'National' category for TUEs is defined by UKAD by sport and can be found on [UKAD's website here](#). Only in an emergency situation or where there will be a severe impact on health should treatment begin without the necessary approval.

Athletes not listed in the 'National' category would only need to apply for a TUE **retroactively** should they be tested and their sample return an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF). TUEs will be submitted, along with medical evidence, to an independent committee and there is no guarantee that it will be approved.

You can find out more about whether you need a TUE and how to apply for one (including emergency TUEs) on the [UKAD website here](#). Equally you can contact [\[Name of NGB\]](#) if you have any further questions in regards to TUEs.

Understand What Happens in a Test (Doping Control)

Athletes should feel prepared and know their rights and responsibilities when they are notified to be tested by a Chaperone or Doping Control Officer. When selected for testing, athletes should take a representative with them to the Doping Control Station.

A urine test will follow these main steps:

1. Notification
2. Reporting to Doping Control Station
3. Providing a sample under direct observation
4. Recording and certifying sample information

UK Anti-Doping recommends that athletes follow their normal hydration routines if selected for testing.

Athletes need to be prepared to provide details of any substances they have taken – this needs to be written on the Doping Control form. Athletes should report any concerns they have about the process or the equipment on the Doping Control form.

There are additional processes in place to safeguard minors and vulnerable adults including parental consent and second observers.

Athletes can find out more about testing, including their rights and responsibilities, in the [Athlete Zone https://www.ukad.org.uk/athletes/100-me](https://www.ukad.org.uk/athletes/100-me)] or by downloading the Clean Sport App from their app store.

Know Where to Look for Support and Advice

Please do not hesitate to ask questions about the anti-doping rules. As well as asking [\[name of NGB\]](#), coaches and athlete support personnel, you may also contact UKAD directly, who will be able to answer any questions and provide guidance.

Help Keep Sport Clean

We all have a responsibility to report doping in sport and help keep it clean. If you have any suspicions or concerns about incidences of doping in sport then you should feel confident to ‘speak out’.

There are many ways to do this including a 24-hour dedicated phone line, hosted by Crimestoppers. You can provide information in complete confidence by calling [0800 32 23 32](tel:0800322332) or via the [UKAD website \[https://www.ukad.org.uk/violations/report-doping-sport\]](https://www.ukad.org.uk/violations/report-doping-sport). All information is passed securely to UKAD’s intelligence unit for investigation.

Useful Links and Resources

100% me Clean Sport App

For essential anti-doping information download the Clean Sport App from iTunes or Google Play – the sport specific or the generic version.

Check Your Medications on Global DRO

Remember to check all medications on [www.globaldro.co.uk] [Global DRO](http://www.globaldro.co.uk), where you can search by ingredients or brand name.

Assess the Risk of Supplements on Informed Sport

You can find information on supplements and ways of reducing the risks on [Informed Sport](http://www.informed-sport.com). [www.informed-sport.com]

Register with UK Anti-Doping

Visit UKAD's website and [register](#) to keep up to date with the latest news. [www.ukad.org.uk/account/register]

For More Information from UKAD:

5. Visit www.100percentme.co.uk If you're an **athlete**
6. Visit www.ukad.org.uk/coaches If you're a **coach**
7. Visit www.ukad.org.uk/support-personnel If you're **Athlete Support Personnel**
8. Visit www.ukad.org.uk/parents if you're a **parent**

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