



FAI Anti-Doping News

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FAI Anti-Doping Plan Update

This newsletter follows a meeting we had with M. Donzé (European Director of WADA) on the 23rd of August, after which an updated report and work plan was submitted to the FAI Executive Board at their meeting on the 25th and 26th of August.

The short message is that more work is still required to review and create the FAI Anti-Doping Plan. It will not be ready to be presented at the General Conference in October but we have reached an agreement with the WADA officials on the format and a new timetable.

Format of the FAI Anti-Doping Plan

Our meeting on the 23rd resolved some questions. One was that the full FAI Rules needs to mirror the Model WADA Rules, taking into account the variations permitted in the Model Rules, and that the full FAI Rules need to be available for reference on the FAI website. The intention, therefore, will be to update the current 2009 FAI Anti-Doping Rules to include any subsequent changes and options in the Model Rules, borrowing ideas from some other Federations that have a their Plans in place. Following this path will minimise the likelihood that WADA will challenge the FAI Rules.

The technical nature of the Rules makes them unattractive for a lay person to read. Therefore a synopsis of the Rules, in the form of a small Handbook, will be created, as a quick reference for air sports persons.

A series of documents will be used to define, through the use of flowcharts, how FAI Anti-Doping Procedures (and processes) will be achieved. Some of this material may be available from the WADA Educational resources. These will include details on:

- Educational material and opportunities
- The FAI Doping Review Panel formation and responsibilities
- The TUE protocols and process
- The procedure for the selection of athletes for the RTP
- The protocols and process for the *whereabouts* requirements
- Testing protocols
- The management of Adverse Analytical Findings (an initial positive doping result)
- The management of Positive Test Results

The target now is to be able to create the FAI Procedures for the selection of athletes for the RTP, which will involve input from the ASC Presidents, and the protocols and process for the *whereabouts* requirements.

Timetable

The original intention was to have the FAI Anti-Doping Rules approved by the General Conference in October this year to enable a new RTP for 2013. However, it is desirable that a selection process for a new RTP be in place to enable athletes to be placed in the RTP for a start date of 1 January 2013.

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This date should be achievable, but it also means that we need to put an acceptable *whereabouts* process in place at the same time. This revised timetable has been accepted by M. Donze of WADA.

Key dates from the updated timetable are now:

- Late Sep** RTP selection procedures and *whereabouts* procedures circulated to FAI EB and ASC Presidents after feedback from the ADAG members
- Oct 17** RTP selection procedures and *whereabouts* procedures discussed at the Commission Presidents meeting in Turkey
- Oct 19** Anti-Doping report presented to GC October
- End Oct** Finalised RTP selection procedures and *whereabouts* procedures submitted to FAI EB for approval
- Early Nov** Discussion planned with individual ASC Presidents to identify air sports persons for the 2013 RTP.
- End Dec** Draft Rules, Handbook and FAI Procedures provided to FAI Members, for review and feedback by Feb 28, 2013, and also submitted to WADA for review
- End Mar** Final Rules, Handbook and Procedures to FAI EB
- Mid-May** Rules, Handbook and Procedures adopted by FAI EB
Communication to members

This is still an ambitious programme and I am grateful to Ségolène Rouillon for accepting the target dates that have been set to make sure that we do keep moving forward with the FAI Anti-Doping Plan.

In summary, we expect to have a new RTP selection and *whereabouts* programme in place for January 2013, accompanied by an education programme, and the full FAI Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures completed by May 2013.