



FAI Anti-Doping News

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This newsletter is the first in what is intended to be a monthly update, to all members, on our progress towards the creation of an updated and appropriate FAI Anti-Doping Plan.

WADA Consultation

On the 13th of January, Jürgen Knüppel, Jean-Marc Badan, Segolene Rouillon and myself had a meeting with Mr Frederick Donze, the European head of WADA (based in Lausanne). The record of the meeting will be published with the Minutes of the January EB meeting. Briefly, we were told we need to follow WADA's requirements – we must do In-Competition and Out-of-Competition testing, but the significant point for me was – once we have completed our risk analysis, we can tailor our testing (especially the Out-of-Competition testing) to ensure that we target the time when there is the highest probability of detecting a doping offence. This means we can modify our RTP procedures to give us this capability rather than having to slavishly adopt the one-hour per day, 365 days a year whereabouts protocol.

EB Meeting

The EB, on the 14th of January, endorsed a proposed FAI Anti-Doping Policy statement. This will be published formally with the Minutes from the EB meeting in January.

Risk Profile Questionnaires

Risk profile questionnaires were developed late last year for both ASCs and NACs and were distributed mid-January. My thanks to all those who have already returned these questionnaires. Responses to this questionnaire are critical to enable us to develop a competent doping risk profile for FAI air sports persons so I look forward to everyone completing this profile as soon as practicable. At the same time Segolene has been following up with other International Federations, including those recommended by Mr Donze, to enable us to do some benchmarking.

Submission to WADA on the Code

Requests for submissions have also been made to ASCs and NACs to gather potential input to WADA for their review of the Code. I have also requested that CIMP provide their expert opinion on modifications that we might wish to submit on the Code. While the deadline for making a submission is 15th March, we have been assured that we need only lodge a general submission at this time and that we can then provide a detailed submission once we have assembled our evidence and crafted our arguments.

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Next Steps

- 15th March – Deadline for our initial submission on the WADA Code
- March:
 - Analysis of the data from the risk profile questionnaires and our external benchmarking and identification of the “hotspots” in our air sports
 - Preparation of a draft proposal to align our In-Competition and Out-of-Competition testing with the risk profile
 - Initial cost estimate and legal review of the proposed testing regime
 - Initial development of an internal communication plan and an education programme
- 30th April – Deadline to circulate the DRAFT testing programme to all members (ASCs and NACs) for education and comment
- 13th May – The DRAFT Testing programme will be considered for adoption by the EB following feedback from all members