

Testing Pool information sheet for Team Sports

Key information for athletes belonging to a testing pool

Individual athletes and teams from many sports are assigned to what are referred to as testing pools. This involves some important obligations, which athletes themselves as well as the relevant team administrators are responsible for fulfilling.

WADA, Swiss Olympic and Antidoping Switzerland

The rules for ensuring clean sport are determined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and put into effect in Switzerland by means of the Swiss Olympic Doping Statute. Domestically, the independent Antidoping Switzerland Foundation is responsible for doping controls and doping prevention in all sports.

Doping samples are analysed in a WADA-accredited laboratory, not by Antidoping Switzerland itself. Any sanctions are decided by the Disciplinary Chamber for Doping Cases of Swiss Olympic, before which Antidoping Switzerland appears as the plaintiff.

International sporting federations may also include athletes in their own testing pools and conduct doping controls in all countries.

Assignment to a testing pool

Inclusion in a testing pool

Team administrators receive written confirmation that they have been assigned to one of Antidoping Switzerland's testing pools. A distinction is made between the following pools: Team Sports I, Team Sports II, Team Sports III. Details can be found at <https://www.antidoping.ch/en/testing/testing-pools>

Duration of inclusion in testing pool

Athletes are included in a testing pool for an indefinite period. The team administrators are notified in writing as soon as the team is no longer assigned to a testing pool, and thus free of the related obligations.

Duty to report Whereabouts

Doping controls must be able to take place at any time and without prior notification. Team administrators must specify the whereabouts of their team to ensure that athletes can be tracked down at any time.

Details required

The team administrators must provide the following information:

Team sports I:

- Date and time of squad sessions
- Location of any squad sessions incl. overnight and training addresses
- Documents such as notifications, day/training programmes, squad lists with residential addresses, any deviations from training programmes by individual team members

Team sports II:

- Training locations with exact address
- Training days and times
- Temporary stays (e.g. training camps) with exact overnight and training addresses
- Documents such as week/training programmes, squad lists with residential addresses, notifications, any deviations from training programmes by individual team members

Team sports III:

For clubs

- Training locations with exact address
- Training days and times

For national teams

- Date and time of squad sessions
- Location of any squad sessions incl. overnight and training addresses
- Documents such as notifications, day/training programmes

Deadlines

- Whereabouts information must be submitted four times a year, covering the next quarter in full. The following binding deadlines apply: **15 December, 15 March, 15 June and 15 September**.
- Once the quarterly filing has been made, all short-term changes of plan must be updated immediately to ensure that the information is always complete and up to date.

Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE)

Athletes who need to take a prohibited substance or use a prohibited method for medical reasons require a TUE. This can permit the use of the substance under clearly defined criteria.

Applying for a TUE

- Testing pool athletes, or the doctor treating them, must apply for a TUE in advance, i.e. **30 days before** the start of the planned treatment. An exception applies in medical emergencies, in which the application must be submitted as soon as possible after the incident.
- The TUE application must be submitted to Antidoping Switzerland or to the international federation.
- For details of the process and criteria, and the application form, please visit www.antidoping.ch/en/tue

The exemption is always granted for a **defined period** which depends on the substance in question. A renewal application must be submitted in good time if continued use is necessary.

TUE Support

If you have any questions about TUE or would like further details, please contact med@antidoping.ch or +41 31 550 21 28