

## **New FIB Anti-Doping Regulations 2021**

### Background

At the World Anti-Doping Conference in Katowice, in November 2019, WADA adopted a new version of the World Anti-Doping Code. The new code will enter into force on 1 January 2021. FIB has previously adopted the 2004, 2009 and 2015 codes by implementing its provisions in its own rules. There is now an updated version of the “FIB Anti-Doping Regulations 2021” for adoption, based on the new Code and its binding International Standards.

### The new World Anti-Doping Code

The new Code has been developed over a period of three years and through several rounds of stakeholder consultations. As usual a new Code and new Standards will bring a lot of changes to the management and operation of the anti-doping program for Anti-Doping Organizations (ADO), like the FIB and other IF's and NADO's. All in all, it's about thousands of changes to the rules. To mention some, at a more principled level, the following can be worth noting:

- Health has been moved to the top of the list of rationales of the Code.
- Two new International Standards have been added, for Education and Results Management. Both Standards reflects that significantly more structured anti-doping programs are expected from ADO's.
- To secure fair hearings, a demand for operational independence is introduced for ADO's Anti-Doping Review Panels. Persons involved in the sport in question can no longer at the same time be involved in anti-doping hearings and decision processes.
- Athletes' rights have been highlighted and clarified through a specific Charter.
- A new category of athletes is introduced, recreational athletes, which is particularly relevant on national level.
- On a general level, the Code has also been modified to better reflect the complex reality. It is both sharpened and nuanced thereby. This applies to all fields within anti-doping - the Prohibited List, Information, Education, Therapeutic Use Exemptions, Testing and Analyzes, Intelligence and Investigations, Results Management, Privacy Protection and Code Compliance.
- More detailed information about the new Code is available here, <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/the-code/2021-world-anti-doping-code-and-international-standard-framework-development-and>.

### FIB's revision process

The present proposal for the “FIB Anti-Doping Regulations 2021” has, as usual, been based on WADA's Model Rules for IF. Given that the Code and its Standards constitute both a complex and detailed set of rules, which are also binding, the possibilities for changes to the template has been limited. However, where such opportunities have existed, they have systematically been used to increase flexibility in terms of how the principals of Code are

implemented. Thus, these adjustments should increase the room for maneuver in the FIB's ongoing anti-doping activities and decrease the costs, at least to some extent.

The new anti-doping regulations have been prepared in collaboration with GAISF and ITA and in dialogue with WADA. At the time of writing this document, the regulations have unfortunately not yet been approved by WADA. In the final phase of the process, new issues suddenly arose that required additional clarification, which delayed the timetable for approval. Now the FIB is yet again waiting for WADA's approval and it is expected that this will be settled at the time of ExCo's meeting. If - eventually - this will not be the case, it might also mean that some minor adjustments to the proposed regulations may still be required to get WADA's approval. To deal with this uncertainty two alternative proposition for resolution are put for forward.

#### Appendices

- Proposed new "FIB's Anti-Doping Regulations 2021"

#### **Proposition for resolution:**

- ExCo decides to adopt the "FIB Anti-Doping Regulations 2021", approved by WADA, with effect from 1 January 2021; or alternatively
- ExCo decides to mandate the General Secretary; a) to complete the negotiations with WADA to obtain its approval of the "FIB Anti-Doping Regulations 2021"; b) to adopt the final version of the regulations in line with WADA requirements, with effect from 1 January 2021; and c) to report the outcome at the next ExCo.