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INTRODUCTION

PREFACE

At the International Weightlifting Federation ("IWF")'s Executive Board Meeting held on 15 December 2020, IWF accepted these Anti- Doping Rules which are based on the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code (the "Code").

These Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented in accordance with IWF's responsibilities under the *Code*, and in furtherance of IWF's continuing efforts to eradicate doping in sport.

These Anti-Doping Rules are sport rules governing the conditions under which sport is played. Aimed at enforcing anti-doping rules in a global and harmonized manner, they are distinct in nature from criminal and civil laws. They are not intended to be subject to or limited by any national requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal or civil proceedings, although they are intended to be applied in a manner which respects the principles of proportionality and human rights. When reviewing the facts and the law of a given case, all courts, arbitral tribunals and other adjudicating bodies should be aware of and respect the distinct nature of these Anti-Doping Rules, which implement the *Code*, and the fact that these rules represent the consensus of a broad spectrum of stakeholders around the world as to what is necessary to protect and ensure fair sport.

As provided in the *Code*, IWF shall be responsible for conducting all aspects of *Doping Control*. Any aspect of *Doping Control* or anti-doping *Education* may be delegated by IWF to a *Delegated Third Party*, such as the International *Testing* Agency (ITA), however, IWF shall require the *Delegated Third Party* to perform such aspects in compliance with the *Code*, *International Standards*, and these Anti-Doping Rules. IWF has delegated its adjudication responsibilities and the relevant parts of *Results Management* to the CAS Anti-Doping Division ("CAS ADD").

When IWF has delegated its responsibilities to implement part or all of *Doping Control* to the ITA or to other *Delegated Third Party*, any reference to IWF in these Rules should be intended as a reference to the ITA or to the other *Delegated Third Party*, where applicable and within the context of the aforementioned delegation. IWF shall always remain fully responsible for ensuring that any delegated aspects are performed in compliance with the *Code*.

Italicized terms used in these Anti-Doping Rules are defined in Appendix 1.

Unless otherwise specified, references to Articles are references to Articles of these Anti-Doping Rules.

FUNDAMENTAL RATIONALE FOR THE CODE AND IWF'S ANTI-DOPING RULES

Anti-doping programs are founded on the intrinsic value of sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport": the ethical pursuit of human excellence through the dedicated perfection of each *Athlete's* natural talents.

Anti-doping programs seek to protect the health of *Athletes* and to provide the opportunity for *Athletes* to pursue human excellence without the Use of *Prohibited Substances* and *Methods*.

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Anti-doping programs seek to maintain the integrity of sport in terms of respect for rules, other competitors, fair competition, a level playing field, and the value of clean sport to the world. The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind. It is the essence of Olympism and is reflected in the values we find in and through sport, including:

- Health
- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- Athletes' rights as set forth in the Code
- Excellence in performance
- Character and Education
- Fun and joy
- Teamwork
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for self and other Participants
- Courage
- Community and solidarity

The spirit of sport is expressed in how we play true.

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.

SCOPE OF THESE ANTI-DOPING RULES

These Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to:

- a. IWF, including its board members, directors, officers and specified employees, and *Delegated Third Parties* and their employees, who are involved in any aspect of *Doping Control*;
- each of its Member Federations, including their board members, directors, officers and specified employees, and Delegated Third Parties and their employees, who are involved in any aspect of Doping Control;
- c. the following Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons:
 - all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel who are members of IWF, or of any Member Federation, or of any member or affiliate organization of any Member Federation (including any clubs, teams, associations, or leagues);
 - (ii) all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel who are entered or participate in such capacity in Events, Competitions and other activities organized,

convened, authorized or recognized by IWF, or any *Member Federation*, or by any member or affiliate organization of any *Member Federation* (including any clubs, teams, associations, or leagues), wherever held;

- (iii) any other Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel or other Person who, by virtue of an accreditation, a license or other contractual arrangement, or otherwise, is subject to the authority of IWF, or of any Member Federation, or of any member or affiliate organization of any Member Federation (including any clubs, teams, associations, or leagues), for purposes of anti-doping; and
- (iv) Athletes who are not regular members of IWF or of one of its Member Federations but who want to be eligible to compete in a particular International Event or IWF Event.

Each of the above mentioned *Persons* is deemed, as a condition of his or her participation or involvement in the sport, to have agreed to and be bound by these Anti-Doping Rules, and to have submitted to the authority of IWF to enforce these Anti-Doping Rules, including any *Consequences* for the breach thereof, and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels specified in Article 8 and Article 13 to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under these Anti-Doping Rules. ¹

Within the overall pool of *Athletes* set out above who are bound by and required to comply with these Anti-Doping Rules, the following *Athletes* shall be considered to be *International-Level Athletes* for the purposes of these Anti-Doping Rules, and, therefore, the specific provisions in these Anti-Doping Rules applicable to *International-Level Athletes* (e.g., *Testing, TUEs,* whereabouts, and *Results Management*) shall apply to such *Athletes*:

- a. Athletes who are part of the IWF's Registered Testing Pool or Testing Pool;
- b. Athletes who participate in IWF Events;
- c. Athletes who are registered to participate in *IWF Events*. Such Athletes are already considered as *International-Level Athletes* during the three-month period prior to the *IWF Event* in question. The *Member Federations* shall transmit the list(s) of *Athletes* entered to compete in *IWF Events* in accordance with Article 5.5.16 of these Anti-Doping Rules.

IWF shall ensure that, as per Article 19 of these Anti-Doping Rules, any arrangements with their board members, directors, officers, and specified employees, as well as with the Delegated Third Parties and their employees – either employment, contractual or otherwise – have explicit provisions incorporated according to which such Persons are bound by, agree to comply with these Anti-Doping Rules, and agree on the IWF's authority to solve the anti-doping cases.]

[[]Comment: Where the Code requires a Person other than an Athlete or Athlete Support Person to be bound by the Code, such Person would of course not be subject to Sample collection or Testing, and would not be charged with an anti-doping rule violation under the Code for Use or Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method. Rather, such Person would only be subject to discipline for a violation of Code Articles 2.5 (Tampering), 2.7 (Trafficking), 2.8 (Administration), 2.9 (Complicity), 2.10 (Prohibited Association) and 2.11 (Retaliation). Furthermore, such Person would be subject to the additional roles and responsibilities according to Code Article 21.3. Also, the obligation to require an employee to be bound by the Code is subject to applicable law.

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITION OF DOPING

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Article 2.1 through Article 2.11 of these Anti-Doping Rules.

ARTICLE 2 ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

The purpose of Article 2 is to specify the circumstances and conduct which constitute antidoping rule violations. Hearings in doping cases will proceed based on the assertion that one or more of these specific rules have been violated.

Athletes or other *Persons* shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods which have been included on the *Prohibited List*.

The following constitute anti-doping rule violations:

2.1 Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in an *Athlete's Sample*

- 2.1.1 It is the Athletes' personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters their bodies. Athletes are responsible for any Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found to be present in their Samples. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, Fault, Negligence or knowing Use on the Athlete's part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1.2
- Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 is established by any of the following: presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in the *Athlete's* A *Sample* where the *Athlete* waives analysis of the B *Sample* and the B *Sample* is not analyzed; or, where the *Athlete's* B *Sample* is analyzed and the analysis of the *Athlete's* B *Sample* confirms the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found in the *Athlete's* A *Sample*; or, where the *Athlete's* A or B *Sample* is split into two (2) parts and the analysis of the confirmation part of the split *Sample* confirms the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found in the first part of the split *Sample* or the *Athlete* waives analysis of the confirmation part of the split *Sample*.³

^{2 [}Comment to Article 2.1.1: An anti-doping rule violation is committed under this Article without regard to an Athlete's Fault.

This rule has been referred to in various CAS decisions as "Strict Liability". An Athlete's Fault is taken into consideration in determining the Consequences of this anti-doping rule violation under Article 10. This principle has consistently been upheld by CAS.]

^{3 [}Comment to Article 2.1.2: The Anti-Doping Organization with Results Management responsibility may, at its discretion, choose to have the B Sample analyzed even if the Athlete does not request the analysis of the B Sample.]

- 2.1.3 Excepting those substances for which a *Decision Limit* is specifically identified in the *Prohibited List* or a *Technical Document*, the presence of any reported quantity of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in an *Athlete's Sample* shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.
- 2.1.4 As an exception to the general rule of Article 2.1, the *Prohibited List*, *International Standards* or *Technical Documents* may establish special criteria for reporting or the evaluation of certain *Prohibited Substances*.

2.2 Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method⁴

- 2.2.1 It is the Athletes' personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters their bodies and that no Prohibited Method is Used. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, Fault, Negligence or knowing Use on the Athlete's part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation for Use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method.
- The success or failure of the *Use* or *Attempted Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is not material. It is sufficient that the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* was *Used* or *Attempted* to be *Used* for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.⁵

2.3 Evading, Refusing or Failing to Submit to Sample Collection by an Athlete

Evading Sample collection; or refusing or failing to submit to Sample collection without compelling justification after notification by a duly authorized Person.⁶

2.4 Whereabouts Failures by an Athlete

Any combination of three (3) missed tests and/or filing failures, as defined in the *International Standard* for *Results Management*, within a twelve (12) month period by an *Athlete* in a *Registered Testing Pool*.

2.5 Tampering or Attempted Tampering with any part of Doping Control by an Athlete or Other Person

[Comment to Article 2.2: It has always been the case that Use or Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method may be established by any reliable means. As noted in the Comment to Article 3.2, unlike the proof required to establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1, Use or Attempted Use may also be established by other reliable means such as admissions by the Athlete, witness statements, documentary evidence, conclusions drawn from longitudinal profiling, including data collected as part of the Athlete Biological Passport, or other analytical information which does not otherwise satisfy all the requirements to establish "Presence" of a Prohibited Substance under Article 2.1.

For example, Use may be established based upon reliable analytical data from the analysis of an A Sample (without confirmation from an analysis of a B Sample) or from the analysis of a B Sample alone where the Anti-Doping Organization provides a satisfactory explanation for the lack of confirmation in the other Sample.]

[Comment to Article 2.2.2: Demonstrating the "Attempted Use" of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method requires proof of intent on the Athlete's part. The fact that intent may be required to prove this particular anti-doping rule violation does not undermine the Strict Liability principle established for violations of Article 2.1 and violations of Article 2.2 in respect of Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.

An Athlete's Use of a Prohibited Substance constitutes an anti-doping rule violation unless such substance is not prohibited Out-of-Competition and the Athlete's Use takes place Out-of-Competition. (However, the presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in a Sample collected In-Competition is a violation of Article 2.1 regardless of when that substance might have been administered.)]

[Comment to Article 2.3: For example, it would be an anti-doping rule violation of "evading Sample collection" if it were established that an Athlete was deliberately avoiding a Doping Control official to evade notification or Testing. A violation of "failing to submit to Sample collection" may be based on either intentional or negligent conduct of the Athlete, while "evading" or "refusing" Sample collection contemplates intentional conduct by the Athlete.]

2.6 Possession of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method by an Athlete or Athlete Support Person

- Possession by an Athlete In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method, or Possession by an Athlete Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method which is prohibited Out-of-Competition unless the Athlete establishes that the Possession is consistent with a Therapeutic Use Exemption ("TUE") granted in accordance with Article 4.4 or other acceptable justification.
- 2.6.2 Possession by an Athlete Support Person In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method, or Possession by an Athlete Support Person Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method which is prohibited Out-of-Competition in connection with an Athlete, Competition or training, unless the Athlete Support Person establishes that the Possession is consistent with a TUE granted to an Athlete in accordance with Article 4.4 or other acceptable justification.⁷
- 2.7 Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method by an Athlete or Other Person
- 2.8 Administration or Attempted Administration by an Athlete or Other Person to any Athlete In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method, or Administration or Attempted Administration to any Athlete Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method that is Prohibited Out-of-Competition
- 2.9 Complicity or Attempted Complicity by an Athlete or Other Person

Assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity or *Attempted* complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation, *Attempted* anti-doping rule violation or violation of Article 10.14.1 by another *Person*.⁸

2.10 Prohibited Association by an Athlete or Other Person

- **2.10.1** Association by an *Athlete* or other *Person* subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization* in a professional or sport-related capacity with any *Athlete Support Person* who:
 - **2.10.1.1** If subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization*, is serving a period of *Ineligibility*; or
 - **2.10.1.2** If not subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization* and where *Ineligibility* has not been addressed in a *Results Management* process pursuant to the *Code*, has been convicted or found in a criminal, disciplinary or professional proceeding to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping rules if *Code*-compliant

[Comment to Article 2.6.1 and 2.6.2: Acceptable justification may include, for example, (a) an Athlete or a team doctor carrying Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods for dealing with acute and emergency situations (e.g., an epinephrine auto-injector), or (b) an Athlete Possessing a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for therapeutic reasons shortly prior to applying for and receiving a determination on a TUE.]

[Comment to Article 2.9: Complicity or Attempted Complicity may include either physical or psychological assistance.]

[[]Comment to Articles 2.6.1 and 2.6.2: Acceptable justification would not include, for example, buying or Possessing a Prohibited Substance for purposes of giving it to a friend or relative, except under justifiable medical circumstances where that Person had a physician's prescription, e.g., buying Insulin for a diabetic child.]

rules had been applicable to such *Person*. The disqualifying status of such *Person* shall be in force for the longer of six (6) years from the criminal, professional or disciplinary decision or the duration of the criminal, disciplinary or professional sanction imposed; or

- **2.10.1.3** Is serving as a front or intermediary for an individual described in Article 2.10.1 or 2.10.2.
- **2.10.2** To establish a violation of Article 2.10, an *Anti-Doping Organization* must establish that the *Athlete* or other *Person* knew of the *Athlete Support Person*'s disqualifying status.

The burden shall be on the *Athlete* or other *Person* to establish that any association with an *Athlete Support Person* described in Article 2.10.1.1 or 2.10.1.2 is not in a professional or sport-related capacity and/or that such association could not have been reasonably avoided.

Anti-Doping Organizations that are aware of Athlete Support Personnel who meet the criteria described in Article 2.10.1.1, 2.10.1.2, or 2.10.1.3 shall submit that information to WADA.

2.11 Acts by an *Athlete* or Other *Person* to Discourage or Retaliate Against Reporting to Authorities

Where such conduct does not otherwise constitute a violation of Article 2.5:

- 2.11.1 Any act which threatens or seeks to intimidate another *Person* with the intent of discouraging the *Person* from the good-faith reporting of information that relates to an alleged anti-doping rule violation or alleged non-compliance with the *Code* to WADA, an *Anti-Doping Organization*, law enforcement, regulatory or professional disciplinary body, hearing body or *Person* conducting an investigation for *WADA* or an *Anti-Doping Organization*.
- 2.11.2 Retaliation against a *Person* who, in good faith, has provided evidence or information that relates to an alleged anti-doping rule violation or alleged non-compliance with the *Code* to *WADA*, an *Anti-Doping Organization*, law enforcement, regulatory or professional disciplinary body, hearing body or *Person* conducting an investigation for *WADA* or an *Anti-Doping Organization*. For purposes of Article 2.11, retaliation, threatening and intimidation include an act taken against such *Person* either because the act lacks a good faith basis or is a disproportionate response.¹⁰

[Comment to Article 2.10: Athletes and other Persons must not work with coaches, trainers, physicians or other Athlete Support Personnel who are Ineligible on account of an anti-doping rule violation or who have been criminally convicted or professionally disciplined in relation to doping. This also prohibits association with any other Athlete who is acting as a coach or Athlete Support Person while serving a period of Ineligibility. Some examples of the types of association which are prohibited include: obtaining training, strategy, technique, nutrition or medical advice; obtaining therapy, treatment or prescriptions; providing any bodily products for analysis; or allowing the Athlete Support Person to serve as an agent or representative. Prohibited association need not involve any form of compensation.

While Article 2.10 does not require the Anti-Doping Organization to notify the Athlete or other Person about the Athlete Support Person's disqualifying status, such notice, if provided, would be important evidence to establish that the Athlete or other Person knew about the disqualifying status of the Athlete Support Person.]

10 [Comment to Article 2.11.2: This Article is intended to protect Persons who make good faith reports, and does not protect Persons who knowingly make false reports.]

[Comment to Article 2.11.2: Retaliation would include, for example, actions that threaten the physical or mental well-being or economic interests of the reporting Persons, their families or associates. Retaliation would not include an Anti-Doping Organization asserting in good faith an anti-doping rule violation against the reporting Person. For purposes of Article 2.11, a report is not made in good faith where the Person making the report knows the report to be false.]

ARTICLE 3 PROOF OF DOPING

3.1 Burdens and Standards of Proof

IWF shall have the burden of establishing that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. The standard of proof shall be whether IWF has established an anti-doping rule violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation which is made. This standard of proof in all cases is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Where these Anti-Doping Rules place the burden of proof upon the *Athlete* or other *Person* alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation to rebut a presumption or establish specified facts or circumstances, except as provided in Articles 3.2.2 and 3.2.3, the standard of proof shall be by a balance of probability.¹¹

3.2 Methods of Establishing Facts and Presumptions

Facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means, including admissions.¹² The following rules of proof shall be applicable in doping cases:

- Analytical methods or *Decision Limits* approved by *WADA* after consultation within the relevant scientific community or which have been the subject of peer review are presumed to be scientifically valid. Any *Athlete* or other *Person* seeking to challenge whether the conditions for such presumption have been met or to rebut this presumption of scientific validity shall, as a condition precedent to any such challenge, first notify *WADA* of the challenge and the basis of the challenge. The initial hearing body, appellate body or *CAS*, on its own initiative, may also inform *WADA* of any such challenge. Within ten (10) days of *WADA*'s receipt of such notice and the case file related to such challenge, *WADA* shall also have the right to intervene as a party, appear as amicus curiae or otherwise provide evidence in such proceeding. In cases before *CAS*, at *WADA*'s request, the *CAS* panel shall appoint an appropriate scientific expert to assist the panel in its evaluation of the challenge.¹³
- 3.2.2 WADA-accredited laboratories, and other laboratories approved by WADA, are presumed to have conducted Sample analysis and custodial procedures in accordance with the International Standard for Laboratories. The Athlete or
- 11 [Comment to Article 3.1: This standard of proof required to be met by IWF is comparable to the standard which is applied in most countries to cases involving professional misconduct.]
- 12 [Comment to Article 3.2: For example, IWF may establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.2 based on the Athlete's admissions, the credible testimony of third Persons, reliable documentary evidence, reliable analytical data from either an A or B Sample as provided in the Comments to Article 2.2, or conclusions drawn from the profile of a series of the Athlete's blood or urine Samples, such as data from the Athlete Biological Passport.]
- [Comment to Article 3.2.1: For certain Prohibited Substances, WADA may instruct WADA-accredited laboratories not to report Samples as an Adverse Analytical Finding if the estimated concentration of the Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers is below a Minimum Reporting Level. WADA's decision in determining that Minimum Reporting Level or in determining which Prohibited Substances should be subject to Minimum Reporting Levels shall not be subject to challenge. Further, the laboratory's estimated concentration of such Prohibited Substance in a Sample may only be an estimate. In no event shall the possibility that the exact concentration of the Prohibited Substance in the Sample may be below the Minimum Reporting Level constitute a defense to an anti-doping rule violation based on the presence of that Prohibited Substance in the Sample.]

other *Person* may rebut this presumption by establishing that a departure from the *International Standard* for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

If the *Athlete* or other *Person* rebuts the preceding presumption by showing that a departure from the *International Standard* for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, then IWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*. ¹⁴

- 3.2.3 Departures from any other International Standard or other anti-doping rule or policy set forth in the Code or these Anti-Doping Rules shall not invalidate analytical results or other evidence of an anti-doping rule violation, and shall not constitute a defense to an anti-doping rule violation; 15 provided, however, if the Athlete or other Person establishes that a departure from one of the specific International Standard provisions listed below could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an Adverse Analytical Finding or whereabouts failure, then IWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the Adverse Analytical Finding or the whereabouts failure:
 - (i) a departure from the International Standard for Testing and Investigations related to Sample collection or Sample handling which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an Adverse Analytical Finding, in which case IWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the Adverse Analytical Finding;
 - (ii) a departure from the International Standard for Results Management or International Standard for Testing and Investigations related to an Adverse Passport Finding which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation, in which case IWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the anti-doping rule violation;
 - (iii) a departure from the *International Standard* for *Results Management* related to the requirement to provide notice to the *Athlete* of the B *Sample* opening which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, in which case IWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the Adverse *Analytical Finding*; ¹⁶

[[]Comment to Article 3.2.2: The burden is on the Athlete or other Person to establish, by a balance of probability, a departure from the International Standard for Laboratories that could reasonably have caused the Adverse Analytical Finding. Thus, once the Athlete or other Person establishes the departure by a balance of probability, the Athlete or other Person's burden on causation is the somewhat lower standard of proof – "could reasonably have caused." If the Athlete or other Person satisfies these standards, the burden shifts to IWF to prove to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel that the departure did not cause the Adverse Analytical Finding.]

[[]Comment to Article 3.2.3: Departures from an International Standard or other rule unrelated to Sample collection or handling, Adverse Passport Finding, or Athlete notification relating to whereabouts failure or B Sample opening – e.g., the International Standards for Education, Data Privacy or TUEs – may result in compliance proceedings by WADA but are not a defense in an anti-doping rule violation proceeding and are not relevant on the issue of whether the Athlete committed an anti-doping rule violation. Similarly, IWF's violation of the document referenced in Article 20.7.7 of the Code shall not constitute a defense to an anti-doping rule violation.]

[[]Comment to Article 3.2.3 (iii): IWF would meet its burden to establish that such departure did not cause the Adverse Analytical Finding by showing that, for example, the B Sample opening and analysis were observed by an independent witness and no irregularities were observed.]

- (iv) a departure from the *International Standard* for *Results Management* related to *Athlete* notification which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on a whereabouts failure, in which case IWF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the whereabouts failure.
- 3.2.4 The facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of competent jurisdiction which is not the subject of a pending appeal shall be irrebuttable evidence against the *Athlete* or other *Person* to whom the decision pertained of those facts unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes that the decision violated principles of natural justice.
- 3.2.5 The hearing panel in a hearing on an anti-doping rule violation may draw an inference adverse to the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation based on the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* refusal, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in *person* or telephonically as directed by the hearing panel) and to answer questions from the hearing panel or IWF.

ARTICLE 4 THE PROHIBITED LIST

4.1 Incorporation of the *Prohibited List*

These Anti-Doping Rules incorporate the *Prohibited List*, which is published and revised by *WADA* as described in Article 4.1 of the *Code*.

Unless provided otherwise in the *Prohibited List* or a revision, the *Prohibited List* and revisions shall go into effect under these Anti-Doping Rules three (3) months after publication by *WADA*, without requiring any further action by IWF or its *Member Federations*. All *Athletes* and other *Persons* shall be bound by the *Prohibited List*, and any revisions thereto, from the date they go into effect, without further formality. It is the responsibility of all *Athletes* and other *Persons* to familiarize themselves with the most up-to-date version of the *Prohibited List* and all revisions thereto.

IWF shall provide its *Member Federations* with the most recent version of the *Prohibited List*. Each *Member Federation* shall in turn ensure that its members, and the constituents of its members, are also provided with the most recent version of the *Prohibited List*.¹⁷

4.2 Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods Identified on the Prohibited List

4.2.1 Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods

The *Prohibited List* shall identify those *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* which are prohibited as doping at all times (both *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition*) because of their potential to enhance performance in future *Competitions* or their masking potential,

^{17 [}Comment to Article 4.1: The current Prohibited List is available on WADA's website at https://www.wada-ama.org. The Prohibited List will be revised and published on an expedited basis whenever the need arises. However, for the sake of predictability, a new Prohibited List will be published every year whether or not changes have been made.]

and those substances and methods which are prohibited *In-Competition* only. The *Prohibited List* may be expanded by *WADA* for a particular sport. *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* may be included in the *Prohibited List* by general category (e.g., anabolic agents) or by specific reference to a particular substance or method.¹⁸

4.2.2 Specified Substances or Specified Methods

For purposes of the application of Article 10, all *Prohibited Substances* shall be *Specified Substances* except as identified on the *Prohibited List*. No *Prohibited Method* shall be a *Specified Method* unless it is specifically identified as a Specified Method on the *Prohibited List*. ¹⁹

4.2.3 Substances of Abuse

For purposes of applying Article 10, Substances of Abuse shall include those Prohibited Substances which are specifically identified as Substances of Abuse on the Prohibited List because they are frequently abused in society outside of the context of sport.

4.3 WADA's Determination of the Prohibited List

WADA's determination of the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* that will be included on the *Prohibited List*, the classification of substances into categories on the *Prohibited List*, the classification of a substance as prohibited at all times or *In-Competition* only, the classification of a substance or method as a *Specified Substance*, *Specified Method* or *Substance of Abuse* is final and shall not be subject to any challenge by an *Athlete* or other *Person* including, but not limited to, any challenge based on an argument that the substance or method was not a masking agent or did not have the potential to enhance performance, represent a health risk or violate the spirit of sport.

4.4 Therapeutic Use Exemptions ("TUEs")

4.4.1 The presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*, and/ or the Use or *Attempted* Use, *Possession* or *Administration* or *Attempted Administration* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*, shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation if it is consistent with the provisions of a *TUE* granted in accordance with the *International Standard* for *Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.

4.4.2 TUE Applications

Athletes who are not International-Level Athletes shall apply to their National Anti-Doping Organization for a TUE. If the National Anti-Doping Organization denies the application, the Athlete may appeal exclusively to the national-level appeal body described in Article 13.2.2.

^{18 [}Comment to Article 4.2.1: *Out-of-Competition* Use of a substance which is only prohibited In-Competition is not an anti-doping rule violation unless an Adverse Analytical Finding for the substance or its Metabolites or Markers is reported for a *Sample* collected In-Competition.]

^{19 [}Comment to Article 4.2.2: The Specified Substances and Methods identified in Article 4.2.2 should not in any way be considered less important or less dangerous than other doping substances or methods. Rather, they are simply substances and methods which are more likely to have been consumed or used by an *Athlete* for a purpose other than the enhancement of sport performance.]

4.4.2.2 Athletes who are International-Level Athletes shall apply to IWF.

4.4.3 *TUE* Recognition²⁰

- 4.4.3.1 Where the Athlete already has a TUE granted by their National Anti-Doping Organization pursuant to Article 4.4 of the Code for the substance or method in question and provided that such TUE has been reported in accordance with Article 5.5 of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, IWF will automatically recognize it for purposes of international-level Competition without the need to review the relevant clinical information.
- 4.4.3.2 If IWF chooses to test an Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete, IWF must recognize a TUE granted to that Athlete by their National Anti-Doping Organization unless the Athlete is required to apply for recognition of the TUE pursuant to Articles 5.8 and 7.0 of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.

4.4.4 *TUE* Application Process²¹

- **4.4.4.1** If the *Athlete* does not already have a *TUE* granted by their *National Anti-Doping Organization* for the substance or method in question, the *Athlete* must apply directly to IWF.
- An application to IWF for grant or recognition of a *TUE* must be made as soon as possible, save where Articles 4.1 or 4.3 of the *International Standard* for *Therapeutic Use Exemptions* apply. The application shall be made in accordance with Article 6 of the *International Standard* for *Therapeutic Use Exemptions* as posted on IWF's website.
- **4.4.4.3** IWF has established a *Therapeutic Use Exemption* Committee ("TUEC") to consider applications for the grant or recognition of *TUE*s in accordance with Article 4.4.4.3(a)-(d) below:
 - (a) The TUEC shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members with experience in the care and treatment of *Athletes* and sound knowledge of clinical, sports and exercise medicine.
 - (b) Before serving as a member of the TUEC, each member must sign a conflict of interest and confidentiality declaration. The appointed members shall not be employees of IWF.

[Comment to Article 4.4.3: IWF may agree with a National Anti-Doping Organization that the National Anti-Doping Organization will consider TUE applications on behalf of IWF.]

21 [Comment to Article 4.4.4: The submission of falsified documents to a TUEC or IWF, offering or accepting a bribe to a Person to perform or fail to perform an act, procuring false testimony from any witness, or committing any other fraudulent act or any other similar intentional interference or Attempted interference with any aspect of the TUE process shall result in a charge of Tampering or Attempted Tampering under Article 2.5.

An Athlete should not assume that their application for the grant or recognition of a TUE (or for renewal of a TUE) will be granted. Any Use or Possession or Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method before an application has been granted is entirely at the Athlete's own risk.]

^{20 [}Comment to Article 4.4.3: If IWF refuses to recognize a TUE granted by a National Anti-Doping Organization only because medical records or other information are missing that are needed to demonstrate satisfaction with the criteria in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, the matter should not be referred to WADA. Instead, the file should be completed and re-submitted to IWF.]

- (c) When an application to IWF for the grant or recognition of a *TUE* is made, three (3) members (which may include the Chair) shall be appointed to consider the application.
- (d) Before considering a *TUE* application, each member shall disclose any circumstances likely to affect their impartiality with respect to the *Athlete* making the application. If a member is unwilling or unable to assess the *Athlete's TUE* application, for any reason, a replacement shall be reappointed from the pool of members appointed under point (a) above. The Chair cannot serve as a member of the TUEC if there are any circumstances which are likely to affect the impartiality of the *TUE* decision.
- The TUEC shall promptly evaluate and decide upon the application in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *International Standard* for *Therapeutic Use Exemptions* and usually (i.e., unless exceptional circumstances apply) within no more than twenty-one (21) days of receipt of a complete application. Where the application is made in a reasonable time prior to an Event, the TUEC must use its best endeavors to issue its decision before the start of the *Event*.
- 4.4.4.5 The TUEC decision shall be the final decision of IWF and may be appealed in accordance with Article 4.4.7. The TUEC decision shall be notified in writing to the Athlete, and to WADA and other Anti-Doping Organizations in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions. It shall also promptly be reported into ADAMS.
- 4.4.4.6 If IWF (or the National Anti-Doping Organization, where it has agreed to consider the application on behalf of IWF) denies the Athlete's application, it must notify the Athlete promptly, with reasons. If IWF grants the Athlete's application, it must notify not only the Athlete but also their National Anti-Doping Organization. If the National Anti-Doping Organization considers that the TUE granted by IWF does not meet the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, it has twenty-one (21) days from such notification to refer the matter to WADA for review in accordance with Article 4.4.7.

If the National Anti-Doping Organization refers the matter to WADA for review, the TUE granted by IWF remains valid for international-level Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing (but is not valid for national-level Competition) pending WADA's decision. If the National Anti-Doping Organization does not refer the matter to WADA for review, the TUE granted by IWF becomes valid for national-level Competition as well when the twenty-one (21) day review deadline expires.

4.4.5 Retroactive *TUE* Applications

If IWF chooses to collect a Sample from an Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete or a National-Level Athlete, and that Athlete is Using a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for therapeutic reasons, IWF must permit that Athlete to apply for a retroactive TUE.

4.4.6 Expiration, Withdrawal or Reversal of a *TUE*

- A TUE granted pursuant to these Anti-Doping Rules: (a) shall expire automatically at the end of any term for which it was granted, without the need for any further notice or other formality; (b) will be withdrawn if the Athlete does not promptly comply with any requirements or conditions imposed by the TUEC upon grant of the TUE; (c) may be withdrawn by the TUEC if it is subsequently determined that the criteria for grant of a TUE are not in fact met; or (d) may be reversed on review by WADA or on appeal.
- 4.4.6.2 In such event, the Athlete shall not be subject to any Consequences based on their Use or Possession or Administration of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question in accordance with the TUE prior to the effective date of expiry, withdrawal, or reversal of the TUE. The review pursuant to Article 5.1.1.1 of the International Standard for Results Management of an Adverse Analytical Finding, reported shortly after the TUE expiry, withdrawal or reversal, shall include consideration of whether such finding is consistent with Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method prior to that date, in which event no anti-doping rule violation shall be asserted.

4.4.7 Reviews and Appeals of *TUE* Decisions

- WADA must review IWF's decision not to recognize a TUE granted by the National Anti-Doping Organization that is referred to WADA by the Athlete or the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization. In addition, WADA must review IWF's decision to grant a TUE that is referred to WADA by the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization. WADA may review any other TUE decisions at any time, whether upon request by those affected or on its own initiative. If the TUE decision being reviewed meets the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, WADA will not interfere with it. If the TUE decision does not meet those criteria, WADA will reverse it.²²
- Any *TUE* decision by IWF (or by a *National Anti-Doping Organization* where it has agreed to consider the application on behalf of IWF) that is not reviewed by *WADA*, or that is reviewed by *WADA* but is not reversed upon review, may be appealed by the *Athlete* and/or the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization*, exclusively to *CAS*.²³
- 4.4.7.3 A decision by WADA to reverse a TUE decision may be appealed by the Athlete, the National Anti-Doping Organization and/or IWF, exclusively to CAS.
- 4.4.7.4 A failure to render a decision within a reasonable time on a properly submitted application for grant/recognition of a *TUE* or for review of a *TUE* decision shall be considered a denial of the application thus triggering the applicable rights of review/appeal.

^{22 [}Comment to Article 4.4.7.1: WADA shall be entitled to charge a fee to cover the costs of: (a) any review it is required to conduct in accordance with Article 4.4.7; and (b) any review it chooses to conduct, where the decision being reviewed is reversed.]

[[]Comment to Article 4.4.7.2: In such cases, the decision being appealed is the IWF's TUE decision, not WADA's decision not to review the TUE decision or (having reviewed it) not to reverse the TUE decision. However, the time to appeal the TUE decision does not begin to run until the date that WADA communicates its decision. In any event, whether the decision has been reviewed by WADA or not, WADA shall be given notice of the appeal so that it may participate if it sees fit.]

ARTICLE 5 TESTING AND INVESTIGATIONS

5.1 Purpose of *Testing* and *Investigations*²⁴

Testing and investigations may be undertaken for any anti-doping purpose. They shall be conducted in conformity with the provisions of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations and the eventual specific protocols of IWF supplementing that International Standard.

5.1.2 Testing shall be undertaken to obtain analytical evidence as to whether the Athlete has violated Article 2.1 (Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample) or Article 2.2 (Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method).

5.2 Authority to Test

- 5.2.1 Subject to the limitations for *Event Testing* set out in Article 5.3, IWF shall have *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* authority over all *Athletes* specified in the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Rules (Section "Scope of these Anti-Doping Rules").
- 5.2.2 IWF may require any *Athlete* over whom it has *Testing* authority (including any *Athlete* serving a period of *Ineligibility*) to provide a *Sample* at any time and at any place.²⁵
- **5.2.3** WADA shall have *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* authority as set out in Article 20.7.10 of the *Code*.
- 5.2.4 If IWF delegates or contracts any part of *Testing* to a *National Anti-Doping Organization* directly or through a *Member Federation*, that *National Anti-Doping Organization* may collect additional *Samples* or direct the laboratory to perform additional types of analysis at the *National Anti-Doping Organization*'s expense. If additional *Samples* are collected or additional types of analysis are performed, IWF shall be notified.
- 5.2.5 IWF may require the *Member Federations* to provide annual financial contributions to support the implementation of the IWF anti-doping program. Any such requirement shall be defined in the IWF Costing Guidelines and shall be immediately binding upon the *Member Federations*. Failure of the *Member Federation* to fulfil any such requirements may lead to *Member Consequences* under Article 12.

[[]Comment to Article 5.1: Where Testing is conducted for anti-doping purposes, the analytical results and data may be used for other legitimate purposes under the Anti-Doping Organization's rules. See, e.g., Comment to Article 23.2.2 of the Code.]

[[]Comment to Article 5.2.2: IWF may obtain additional authority to conduct Testing by means of bilateral or multilateral agreements with other Signatories. Unless the Athlete has identified a sixty (60) minute Testing window between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., or has otherwise consented to Testing during that period, IWF will not test an Athlete during that period unless it has a serious and specific suspicion that the Athlete may be engaged in doping. A challenge to whether IWF had sufficient suspicion for Testing during this time period shall not be a defense to an anti-doping rule violation based on such test or attempted test.]

5.3 Event *Testing*

- Except as otherwise provided below, only a single organization shall have authority to conduct *Testing* at *Event Venues* during an *Event Period*. At *International Events*, IWF (or other international organization which is the ruling body for an *Event*) shall have authority to conduct *Testing*. At *National Events*, the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of that country shall have authority to conduct *Testing*. At the request of IWF (or other international organization which is the ruling body for an *Event*), any *Testing* during the *Event Period* outside of the *Event Venues* shall be coordinated with IWF (or the relevant ruling body of the *Event*).
- 5.3.2 If an Anti-Doping Organization which would otherwise have Testing authority but is not responsible for initiating and directing *Testing* at an *Event*, desires to conduct Testing of Athletes at the Event Venues during the Event Period, the Anti-Doping Organization shall first confer with IWF (or other international organization which is the ruling body of the Event) to obtain permission to conduct and coordinate such Testing. If the Anti-Doping Organization is not satisfied with the response from IWF (or other international organization which is the ruling body of the Event), the Anti-Doping Organization may, in accordance with the procedures described in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, ask WADA for permission to conduct Testing and to determine how to coordinate such Testing. WADA shall not grant approval for such Testing before consulting with and informing IWF (or other international organization which is the ruling body for the Event). WADA's decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Unless otherwise provided in the authorization to conduct *Testing*, such tests shall be considered *Out-of-Competition* tests. Results Management for any such test shall be the responsibility of the Anti-Doping Organization initiating the test unless provided otherwise in the rules of the ruling body of the *Event*.²⁶
- 5.3.3 When decided by IWF, every organiser of *Events* in the *IWF Calendar Events* shall plan for *Doping Control* to take place and shall ensure that the necessary facilities, *Sample* collection materials and *Doping Control person*nel are available, and that *Testing* requirements are fulfilled in accordance with the *International Standard* for *Testing* and Investigation and pursuant to the instructions that the ITA may issue from time to time.
- When *Testing* is conducted at *IWF Events*, IWF shall be responsible for coordinating all *Testing*, in accordance with Article 5.3 of the *Code*. The costs of *Testing* and *Sample* analysis shall be the responsibility of the organizing committee and/or the *Member Federation* of the country in which the *Competition* or *Event* is taking place, in accordance with the IWF Costing Guidelines. IWF may at its own discretion decide to take responsibility for those costs. Failure of the *Member Federation* to fulfil any such requirements under this Article may lead to Member Consequences under Article 12.

5.4 *Testing* Requirements

5.4.1 IWF shall conduct test distribution planning and *Testing* as required by the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations*.

[[]Comment to Article 5.3.2: Before giving approval to a National Anti-Doping Organization to initiate and conduct Testing at an International Event, WADA shall consult with the international organization which is the ruling body for the Event. Before giving approval to an International Federation to initiate and conduct Testing at a National Event, WADA shall consult with the National Anti-Doping Organization of the country where the Event takes place. The Anti-Doping Organization "initiating and directing Testing" may, if it chooses, enter into agreements with a Delegated Third Party to which it delegates responsibility for Sample collection or other aspects of the Doping Control process.]

5.4.2 Where reasonably feasible, *Testing* shall be coordinated through *ADAMS* in order to maximize the effectiveness of the combined *Testing* effort and to avoid unnecessary repetitive *Testing*.

5.5 Athlete Whereabouts Information

- 5.5.1 IWF will establish a Registered Testing Pool of those Athletes who are required to provide whereabouts information in the manner specified in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations and who shall be subject to Consequences for Article 2.4 violations as provided in Article 10.3.2. IWF shall coordinate with National Anti-Doping Organizations to identify such Athletes and to collect their whereabouts information.
- 5.5.2 IWF shall make available through ADAMS a list which identifies those Athletes included in its Registered Testing Pool by name. IWF shall regularly review and update as necessary its criteria for including Athletes in its Registered Testing Pool, and shall periodically (but not less than quarterly) review the list of Athletes in its Registered Testing Pool to ensure that each listed Athlete continues to meet the relevant criteria. Athletes shall be notified before they are included in the Registered Testing Pool and when they are removed from that pool. The notification shall contain the information set out in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.
- Where an Athlete is included in an international Registered Testing Pool by IWF and in a national Registered Testing Pool by their National Anti-Doping Organization, the National Anti-Doping Organization and IWF shall agree between themselves which of them shall accept that Athlete's whereabouts filings; in no case shall an Athlete be required to make whereabouts filings to more than one of them.
- In accordance with the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations*, each *Athlete* in the *Registered Testing Pool* shall do the following: (a) advise IWF of his/her whereabouts on a quarterly basis; (b) update that information as necessary so that it remains accurate and complete at all times; and (c) make himself or herself available for *Testing* at such whereabouts.
- 5.5.5 For purposes of Article 2.4, an Athlete's failure to comply with the requirements of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations shall be deemed a filing failure or a missed test, as defined in Annex B of the International Standard for Results Management, where the conditions set forth in Annex B are met.
- An Athlete in IWF's Registered Testing Pool shall continue to be subject to the obligation to comply with the whereabouts requirements set in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations unless and until (a) the Athlete gives written notice to IWF that he or she has retired or (b) IWF has informed him or her that he or she no longer satisfies the criteria for inclusion in IWF's Registered Testing Pool.
- Whereabouts information provided by an Athlete while in the Registered Testing Pool will be accessible through ADAMS to WADA and to other Anti-Doping Organizations having authority to test that Athlete as provided in Article 5.2. Whereabouts information shall be maintained in strict confidence at all times; it shall be used exclusively for purposes of planning, coordinating or conducting Doping Control, providing information relevant to the Athlete

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Biological Passport or other analytical results, to support an investigation into a potential anti-doping rule violation, or to support proceedings alleging an anti-doping rule violation; and shall be destroyed after it is no longer relevant for these purposes in accordance with the *International Standard* for the Protection of Privacy and *Person*al Information.

- 5.5.8 IWF may, in accordance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, collect whereabouts information from Athletes who are not included within a Registered Testing Pool. If it chooses to do so, an Athlete's failure to provide requested whereabouts information on or before the date required by IWF or the Athlete's failure to provide accurate whereabouts information may result in consequences defined in Article 5.5.12 below.
- 5.5.9 In accordance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, IWF may establish a Testing Pool, which includes Athletes who are subject to less stringent whereabouts requirements than Athletes included in IWF's Registered Testing Pool.
- **5.5.10** IWF shall notify *Athletes* before they are included in the *Testing Pool* and when they are removed. Such notification shall include the whereabouts requirements and the consequences that apply in case of non-compliance, as indicated in Articles 5.5.11 and 5.5.12.
- **5.5.11** Athletes included in the Testing Pool shall provide IWF at least with the following whereabouts information so that they may be located and subjected to Testing:
 - (a) An overnight address:
 - (b) Competition / Event schedule; and
 - (C) Regular training activities.

Such whereabouts information should be filed in *ADAMS* to enable better *Testing* coordination with other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.

- An Athlete's failure to provide whereabouts information on or before the date required by IWF or the Athlete's failure to provide accurate whereabouts information might result in IWF elevating the Athlete to IWF's Registered Testing Pool and additional appropriate and proportionate non-Code Article 2.4 consequences, established by IWF if any.
- In accordance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, IWF may implement other pool(s) requiring the provision of limited or minimal whereabouts information. Athletes in such pool(s) are not subject to Code Article 2.4 Whereabouts Requirements. However, an Athlete who does not provide the required whereabouts information to IWF or to the Member Federation may be declared not eligible to compete at IWF Events and might be elevated to the IWF's Registered Testing Pool.
- 5.5.14 The Member Federations shall cooperate with IWF for the collection of whereabouts information where relevant (e.g. for other pools under Article 5.5.13). Failure to cooperate by a Member Federation may result in Member Consequences under Article 12 of these Anti-Doping Rules.
- **5.5.15** The *Member Federations* shall submit to IWF the composition of their national team before the beginning of each calendar year. Any changes to the team must be proactively communicated to IWF by the *Member Federations*.

- The Member Federations shall submit to IWF the list of Athletes set to participate in IWF Events, including the following whereabouts information:

 (a) home address and (b) training location received from each Athlete. Such whereabouts information shall be provided by the Member Federations to IWF no later than three months prior to each IWF Event. The Athletes included in the aforesaid lists are considered included in a designated other pool (the "IWF General Pool"). In case of failure to provide the whereabouts information by the Member Federations, the respective Athlete(s) for which the whereabouts have not been submitted shall be automatically ineligible from competing at the ensuing IWF Event in question, irrespective of any fault on the part of the Athlete(s) or Member Federation.
- The Member Federations shall ensure that the Athletes in the IWF General Pool per Article 5.5.16 can be subject to unannounced Out-of-Competition Testing under the IWF's Testing authority in advance of IWF Events. In case of failure by the Member Federation, the respective Athlete(s) shall be automatically ineligible from competing at the ensuing IWF Event in question, irrespective of any fault on the part of the Athlete(s) or Member Federation. This is without prejudice to any Results Management, which could be initiated based on a potential whereabouts failure.
- 5.5.18 The information under Articles 5.5.15, 5.5.16 and 5.5.17 may be used (among other criteria) by IWF to select *Athletes* for inclusion in the IWF's *Registered Testing Pool*, *Testing Pool* and/or other pool(s).

5.6 Retired Athletes Returning to Competition

If an Athlete in the IWF's Registered Testing Pool or Testing Pool retires and then wishes to return to active participation in sport, the Athlete shall not compete in International Events or National Events until the Athlete has made himself or herself available for Out-of-Competition Testing, by giving six (6) months prior written notice to IWF and their National Anti-Doping Organization.

WADA, in consultation with IWF and the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization, may grant an exemption to the six (6) month written notice rule where the strict application of that rule would be unfair to the Athlete. This decision may be appealed under Article 13.²⁷

Any competitive results obtained in violation of this Article 5.6.1 shall be *Disqualified* unless the *Athlete* can establish that he or she could not have reasonably known that this was an *International Event* or a *National Event*.

If an Athlete retires from sport while subject to a period of Ineligibility, the Athlete must notify the Anti-Doping Organization that imposed the period of Ineligibility in writing of such retirement. If the Athlete then wishes to return to active competition in sport, the Athlete shall not compete in International Events or National Events until the Athlete has made himself or herself available for Testing by giving six (6) months prior written notice (or notice equivalent to the period of Ineligibility remaining as of the date the Athlete retired, if that period was longer than six (6) months) to IWF and to their National Anti-Doping Organization.

An Athlete who is not in the IWF's Registered Testing Pool or Testing Pool who has given notice of retirement to IWF and/or National Anti-Doping Organization may not resume competing in International Events until the he/she has made himself or herself available for Out-of-Competition Testing, by giving six (6) months prior written notice to IWF and their National Anti-Doping Organization.

For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of Article 5.6.1 which relate to an exemption to the six (6) month written notice rule and the Disqualification of competitive results apply equally to Article 5.6.3.

5.7 Independent Observer Program

IWF and the organizing committees for IWF's *Events*, as well as the *Member Federations* and the organizing committees for *National Events*, shall authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer Program* at such *Events*.

5.8 Investigations and Intelligence Gathering

- In addition to conducting *Testing* in accordance with Article 5 of these Anti-Doping Rules, IWF and its *Delegated Third Parties* shall have the power to gather intelligence and conduct *investigations* in accordance with the requirements of the *Code* and the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations* into matters that may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of an anti-doping rule violation or other breach of these Anti-Doping Rules. Such *investigations* may be conducted in conjunction with, and/or information obtained in such *investigations* may be shared with, other *Signatories* and/or relevant authorities. IWF shall have discretion, where it deems it appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of *investigations* being conducted by other *Signatories* and/or other relevant authorities.
- Where an Athlete or other Person knows or suspects that any other Athlete or other Person has committed an anti-doping rule violation or other breach of these Anti-Doping Rules, it shall be the obligation of the Athlete or other Person to report such knowledge or suspicion to ITA as soon as possible. The Athlete or other Person shall have a continuing obligation to report any new knowledge or suspicion regarding any anti-doping rule violation or other breach of these Anti-Doping Rules to IWF even if their prior knowledge or suspicion has already been reported.
- 5.8.3 IWF may at any stage (including after an anti-doping rule violation charge) make a *Demand* to an *Athlete* or other *Person* to provide IWF with any information, record, article or thing in their possession or control that IWF reasonably believes may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of an anti-doping rule violation or other breach of these Anti-Doping Rules.
- **5.8.4** Without limiting the foregoing, pursuant to Article 5.8.4, IWF may require an *Athlete* or other *Person* to:
 - (a) attend before IWF for an interview, or to answer any question, or to provide a written statement setting out their knowledge of any relevant facts and circumstances;

- (b) provide (or procure to the best of their ability the provision by any third party) for inspection, copying and/or downloading any records or file in hardcopy or electronic format, that IWF reasonably believes may contain relevant information (such as itemised telephone bills, bank statements, ledgers, notes, files, correspondence, emails, messages, servers);
- (c) provide (or procure to the best of their ability the provision by any third party) for inspection, copying and/or downloading any electronic storage device in which IWF reasonably believes relevant information may be stored (such as cloud based servers, computers, hard drives, tapes, disks, mobile telephones, laptop computers, tablets and other mobile storage devices);
- (d) provide full and unlimited access to their premises for the purpose of securing information, records, articles or things the subject of a *Demand*;
- (e) provide passwords, login credentials and other identifying information required to access electronically stored records that are the subject of a *Demand*.
- For Demands made pursuant to Article 5.8.4 exclusively, the Athlete or other Person can file an objection to a Demand Review Board appointed by IWF for that purpose. The Demand Review Board shall be composed of one or more persons appointed by IWF and with adequate legal and/or investigation qualification.
- An objection to a *Demand* must be filed within 7 days of receipt of the *Demand* and must specify the grounds for such objections. The Demand Review Board shall consider the objection to the *Demand* within a reasonable time frame. The decision of the Demand Review Board is not subject to appeal.
- **5.8.7** If an *Athlete* or other *Person* refuses without compelling justification to comply with a *Demand* such conduct shall be considered as a *Failure* to *Cooperate*.
- **5.8.8** Subject to Article 5.8.9, an *Athlete* or other *Person* must comply with a *Demand* in such reasonable period of time as determined by IWF and set out in the *Demand*. Each *Athlete* or other *Person* waives and forfeits any rights, defences and privileges provided by any law in any jurisdiction to withhold any information, record, article or thing requested in a *Demand*.
- Where a *Demand* relates to any information, record, or thing that IWF reasonably believes is capable of being damaged, altered, destroyed or hidden (any electronic storage device or electronically stored information shall be deemed to meet this criterion), then for the purposes of preserving the evidence, IWF may require an *Athlete* or other *Person* to comply immediately with the *Demand*. In such a case:
 - (a) the Athlete or other Person must immediately comply with the Demand and permit IWF to take immediate possession of, copy and/or download the information, record, article or thing;
 - (b) a refusal or failure by an *Athlete* or other *Person* to comply immediately with the *Demand*, without compelling justification, shall be considered as a *Failure* to *Cooperate*. Any attempted or actual damage, alteration, destruction

or hiding of such information, record, article or thing upon receipt of or after the *Demand* shall be considered as an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.5 (*Tampering* or *Attempted Tampering*);

- (c) the Athlete or other Person shall not be entitled to object to the Demand and the process detailed in Articles 5.8.5 and 5.8.6 is therefore inapplicable. However, IWF may, in its entire discretion, request a prima facie approval from the Demand Review Board on the good faith basis and legitimate interest for the Demand.
- 5.8.10 Any information, record, article or thing provided to IWF under this Article will be kept confidential except when it becomes necessary to disclose such information, record, article or thing to further the investigation of and/or to bring, or as part of, proceedings relating to an anti-doping rule violation or other breach of these Anti-Doping Rules, or when such information, record, article or thing is reported to administrative, professional or judicial authorities pursuant to an investigation or prosecution of non-sporting laws or regulations, or is otherwise required by law.
- 5.8.11 If an *Athlete* or other *Person* obstructs or delays an investigation (e.g., by providing false, misleading or incomplete information or documentation and/or by tampering or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to the investigation), such conduct shall be considered as an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.5 (*Tampering* or *Attempted Tampering*).
- 5.8.12 The range of consequences for a *Failure to Cooperate* are the following: interim suspension, suspension up to six years to participate in the sport of weightlifting within the meaning of Article 10.14 and/or disqualification of results, including forfeiture of titles, awards, medals, points and prize money.
- 5.8.13 The hearing procedure set forth in Article 8 shall apply to the *Failure* to *Cooperate* breach. The CAS ADD shall impose the consequences as it sees fit considering the circumstances of the case. The burdens and standards of proof provided for in Article 3 apply to the proceedings for the Failure to Cooperate.
- 5.8.14 Where during the course of an investigation, IWF identifies any additional Athlete or other Person whom it considers should be investigated for a potential anti-doping rule violation or other breach of these Anti-Doping Rules, the investigation may be expanded to deal with their respective involvement.

ARTICLE 6 ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES

Samples shall be analyzed in accordance with the following principles:

6.1 Use of Accredited, Approved Laboratories and Other Laboratories

6.1.1 For purposes of directly establishing an Adverse Analytical Finding under Article 2.1, Samples shall be analyzed only in WADA-accredited laboratories or laboratories otherwise approved by WADA. The choice of the WADA-

accredited or WADA-approved laboratory used for the Sample analysis shall be determined exclusively by IWF.²⁸

6.1.2 As provided in Article 3.2, facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means. This would include, for example, reliable laboratory or other forensic *testing* conducted outside of *WADA*-accredited or approved laboratories.

6.2 Purpose of Analysis of Samples and Data

Samples and related analytical data or *Doping Control* information shall be analyzed to detect *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* identified on the *Prohibited List* and other substances as may be directed by *WADA* pursuant to the monitoring program described in Article 4.5 of the *Code*, or to assist IWF in profiling relevant parameters in an *Athlete's* urine, blood or other matrix, including for DNA or genomic profiling, or for any other legitimate anti-doping purpose.²⁹

6.2.1 IWF shall ask laboratories to analyze *Samples* in conformity with Article 6.4 of the *Code* and Article 4.7 of the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations*.

6.3 Research on Samples and Data

Samples, related analytical data and Doping Control information may be used for anti-doping research purposes, although no Sample may be used for research without the Athlete's written consent. Samples and related analytical data or Doping Control information used for research purposes shall first be processed in such a manner as to prevent Samples and related analytical data or Doping Control information being traced back to a particular Athlete. Any research involving Samples and related analytical data or Doping Control information shall adhere to the principles set out in Article 19 of the Code.³⁰

6.4 Standards for Sample Analysis and Reporting

In accordance with Article 6.4 of the *Code*, IWF shall ask laboratories to analyze *Samples* in conformity with the *International Standard* for Laboratories and Article 4.7 of the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations*.

Laboratories at their own initiative and expense may analyze Samples for Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods not included on the standard Sample analysis menu, or as requested by IWF. Results from any such analysis shall be reported to IWF and have the same validity and Consequences as any other analytical result.³¹

- 28 [Comment to Article 6.1: Violations of Article 2.1 may be established only by Sample analysis performed by a WADA-accredited laboratory or another laboratory approved by WADA. Violations of other Articles may be established using analytical results from other laboratories so long as the results are reliable.]
- 29 [Comment to Article 6.2: For example, relevant Doping Control-related information could be used to direct Target *Test-ing* or to support an anti-doping rule violation proceeding under Article 2.2, or both.]
- [Comment to Article 6.3: As is the case in most medical or scientific contexts, use of Samples and related information for quality assurance, quality improvement, method improvement and development or to establish reference populations is not considered research. Samples and related information used for such permitted non-research purposes must also first be processed in such a manner as to prevent them from being traced back to the particular Athlete, having due regard to the principles set out in Article 19 of the Code, as well as the requirements of the International Standard for Laboratories and International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information.]
- [Comment to Article 6.4: The objective of this Article is to extend the principle of "Intelligent Testing" to the Sample analysis menu so as to most effectively and efficiently detect doping. It is recognized that the resources available to fight doping are limited and that increasing the Sample analysis menu may, in some sports and countries, reduce the number of Samples which can be analyzed.]

6.5 Further Analysis of a Sample Prior to or During Results Management

There shall be no limitation on the authority of a laboratory to conduct repeat or additional analysis on a *Sample* prior to the time IWF notifies an *Athlete* that the *Sample* is the basis for an Article 2.1 anti-doping rule violation charge. If after such notification IWF wishes to conduct additional analysis on that *Sample*, it may do so with the consent of the *Athlete* or approval from a hearing body.

6.6 Further Analysis of a Sample After it has been Reported as Negative or has Otherwise not Resulted in an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Charge

After a laboratory has reported a Sample as negative, or the Sample has not otherwise resulted in an anti-doping rule violation charge, it may be stored and subjected to further analyses for the purpose of Article 6.2 at any time exclusively at the direction of either the Anti-Doping Organization that initiated and directed Sample collection or WADA. Any other Anti-Doping Organization with authority to test the Athlete that wishes to conduct further analysis on a stored Sample may do so with the permission of the Anti-Doping Organization that initiated and directed Sample collection or WADA, and shall be responsible for any follow-up Results Management. Any Sample storage or further analysis initiated by WADA or another Anti-Doping Organization shall be at WADA's or that organization's expense. Further analysis of Samples shall conform with the requirements of the International Standard for Laboratories.

6.7 Split of A or B Sample

Where WADA, an Anti-Doping Organization with Results Management authority, and/or a WADA-accredited laboratory (with approval from WADA or the Anti-Doping Organization with Results Management authority) wishes to split an A or B Sample for the purpose of using the first part of the split Sample for an A Sample analysis and the second part of the split Sample for confirmation, then the procedures set forth in the International Standard for Laboratories shall be followed.

6.8 WADA's Right to Take Possession of Samples and Data

WADA may, in its sole discretion at any time, with or without prior notice, take physical possession of any Sample and related analytical data or information in the possession of a laboratory or Anti-Doping Organization. Upon request by WADA, the laboratory or Anti-Doping Organization in possession of the Sample or data shall immediately grant access to and enable WADA to take physical possession of the Sample or data. If WADA has not provided prior notice to the laboratory or Anti-Doping Organization before taking possession of a Sample or data, it shall provide such notice to the laboratory and each Anti-Doping Organization whose Samples or data have been taken by WADA within a reasonable time after taking possession. After analysis and any investigation of a seized Sample or data, WADA may direct another Anti-Doping Organization with authority to test the Athlete to assume Results Management responsibility for the Sample or data if a potential anti-doping rule violation is discovered.³²

[Comment to Article 6.8: Resistance or refusal to WADA taking physical possession of Samples or data could constitute Tampering, Complicity or an act of non-compliance as provided in the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories, and could also constitute a violation of the International Standard for Laboratories. Where necessary, the laboratory and/or the Anti-Doping Organization shall assist WADA in ensuring that the seized Sample or data are not delayed in exiting the applicable country.

WADA would not, of course, unilaterally take possession of Samples or analytical data without good cause related to a potential anti-doping rule violation, non-compliance by a Signatory or doping activities by another Person. However, the decision as to whether good cause exists is for WADA to make in its discretion and shall not be subject to challenge. In particular, whether there is good cause or not shall not be a defense against an anti-doping rule violation or its Consequences.]

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ARTICLE 7 RESULTS MANAGEMENT: RESPONSIBILITY, INITIAL REVIEW, NOTICE AND PROVISIONAL SUSPENSIONS

Results Management under these Anti-Doping Rules establishes a process designed to resolve anti-doping rule violation matters in a fair, expeditious and efficient manner.

7.1 Responsibility for Conducting Results Management

- 7.1.1 Except as otherwise provided in Articles 6.6, 6.8 and Code Article 7.1, Results Management shall be the responsibility of, and shall be governed by, the procedural rules of the Anti-Doping Organization that initiated and directed Sample collection (or, if no Sample collection is involved, the Anti-Doping Organization which first provides notice to an Athlete or other Person of a potential anti-doping rule violation and then diligently pursues that anti-doping rule violation).
- 7.1.2 In circumstances where the rules of a National Anti-Doping Organization do not give the National Anti-Doping Organization authority over an Athlete or other Person who is not a national, resident, license holder, or member of a sport organization of that country, or the National Anti-Doping Organization declines to exercise such authority, Results Management shall be conducted by the applicable International Federation or by a third party with authority over the Athlete or other Person as directed by the rules of the applicable International Federation.
- 7.1.3 In the event the Major Event Organization assumes only limited Results Management responsibility relating to a Sample initiated and taken during an Event conducted by a Major Event Organization, or an anti-doping rule violation occurring during such Event, the case shall be referred by the Major Event Organization to the applicable International Federation for completion of Results Management.
- 7.1.4 Results Management in relation to a potential whereabouts failure (a filing failure or a missed test) shall be administered by IWF or the National Anti-Doping Organization with whom the Athlete in question files whereabouts information, as provided in the International Standard for Results Management. If IWF determines a filing failure or a missed test, it shall submit that information to WADA through ADAMS, where it will be made available to other relevant Anti-Doping Organizations.
- 7.1.5 Other circumstances in which IWF shall take responsibility for conducting Results Management in respect of anti-doping rule violations involving Athletes and other Persons under its authority shall be determined by reference to and in accordance with Article 7 of the Code.
- **7.1.6** WADA may direct IWF to conduct Results Management in particular circumstances. If IWF refuses to conduct Results Management within

a reasonable deadline set by WADA, such refusal shall be considered an act of non-compliance, and WADA may direct another Anti-Doping Organization with authority over the Athlete or other Person, that is willing to do so, to take Results Management responsibility in place of IWF or, if there is no such Anti-Doping Organization, any other Anti-Doping Organization that is willing to do so. In such case, IWF shall reimburse the costs and attorney's fees of conducting Results Management to the other Anti-Doping Organization designated by WADA, and a failure to reimburse costs and attorney's fees shall be considered an act of non-compliance.

7.2 Review and Notification Regarding Potential Anti-Doping Rule Violations

IWF shall carry out the review and notification with respect to any potential antidoping rule violation in accordance with the *International Standard* for *Results Management*.

7.3 Identification of Prior Anti-Doping Rule Violations

Before giving an *Athlete* or other *Person* notice of a potential anti-doping rule violation as provided above, IWF shall refer to *ADAMS* and contact *WADA* and other relevant *Anti-Doping Organizations* to determine whether any prior anti-doping rule violation exists.

7.4 Provisional Suspensions³³

7.4.1 Mandatory Provisional Suspension after an Adverse Analytical Finding or Adverse Passport Finding

If IWF receives an Adverse Analytical Finding or an Adverse Passport Finding (upon completion of the Adverse Passport Finding review process) for a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method that is not a Specified Substance or a Specified Method, IWF shall impose a Provisional Suspension on the Athlete promptly upon or after the review and notification required by Article 7.2.

A mandatory *Provisional Suspension* may be eliminated if: (i) the *Athlete* demonstrates to the CAS ADD that the violation is likely to have involved a *Contaminated Product*, or (ii) the violation involves a *Substance of Abuse* and the *Athlete* establishes entitlement to a reduced period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.2.4.1.

The CAS ADD's decision not to eliminate a mandatory *Provisional Suspension* on account of the *Athlete*'s assertion regarding a *Contaminated Product* shall not be appealable.

7.4.2 Optional *Provisional Suspension* Based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for *Specified Substances*, *Specified Methods*, *Contaminated Products*, or Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations.

IWF may impose a *Provisional Suspension* for anti-doping rule violations not covered by Article 7.4.1 promptly upon or after the review and notification required by Article 7.2.

An optional *Provisional Suspension* may be lifted at the discretion of IWF or by CAS ADD, if the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes on a balance of probability

[Comment to Article 7.4: Before a Provisional Suspension can be unilaterally imposed by IWF, the internal review specified in these Anti-Doping Rules and the International Standard for Results Management must first be completed.]

standard that (i) the violation is likely to have involved a *Contaminated Product*, or (ii) the violation involves a *Substance of Abuse*, or (iii) there is a strong arguable case that the *Athlete* or other *Person* bears *No Fault* or *Negligence* for the anti-doping rule violation, (iv) or the anti-doping rule violation has no reasonable prospect of being upheld.³⁴

7.4.3 Opportunity for Hearing or Appeal

Notwithstanding Articles 7.4.1 and 7.4.2, a *Provisional Suspension* may not be imposed unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* is given: (a) an opportunity for a *Provisional Hearing*, either before or on a timely basis after the imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*; or (b) an opportunity for an expedited hearing in accordance with Article 8 on a timely basis after the imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*.

The imposition of a *Provisional Suspension*, or the decision not to impose a *Provisional Suspension*, may be appealed in an expedited process in accordance with Article 13.2.

7.4.4 Voluntary Acceptance of Provisional Suspension

Athletes on their own initiative may voluntarily accept a Provisional Suspension if done so prior to the later of: (i) the expiration of ten (10) days from the report of the B Sample (or waiver of the B Sample) or ten (10) days from the notice of any other anti-doping rule violation, or (ii) the date on which the Athlete first competes after such report or notice.

Other *Persons* on their own initiative may voluntarily accept a *Provisional Suspension* if done so within ten (10) days from the notice of the anti-doping rule violation.

Upon such voluntary acceptance, the *Provisional Suspension* shall have the full effect and be treated in the same manner as if the *Provisional Suspension* had been imposed under Article 7.4.1 or 7.4.2; provided, however, at any time after voluntarily accepting a *Provisional Suspension*, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may withdraw such acceptance, in which event the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall not receive any credit for time previously served during the *Provisional Suspension*.

7.4.5 If a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed based on an A *Sample Adverse Analytical Finding* and a subsequent B *Sample* analysis (if requested by the *Athlete* or IWF) does not confirm the A *Sample* analysis, then the *Athlete* shall not be subject to any further *Provisional Suspension* on account of a violation of Article 2.1. In circumstances where the *Athlete* has been removed from an *Event* based on a violation of Article 2.1 and the subsequent B *Sample* analysis does not confirm the A *Sample* finding, then, if it is still possible for the *Athlete* to be reinserted, without otherwise affecting the *Event*, the *Athlete* may continue to take part in the *Event*.

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[[]Comment to Article 7.4.2: the fact that the Provisional Suspension would prevent the Athlete or other Person from participating in any particular Competition or Event or any other activity, shall not qualify as a circumstance to lift an optional Provisional Suspension.]

7.5 Results Management Decisions

Results Management decisions or adjudications by IWF must not purport to be limited to a particular geographic area or the IWF's sport and shall address and determine without limitation the following issues: (i) whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed or a Provisional Suspension should be imposed, the factual basis for such determination, and the specific Articles that have been violated, and (ii) all Consequences flowing from the anti-doping rule violation(s), including applicable Disqualifications under Articles 9 and 10.10, any forfeiture of medals or prizes, any period of Ineligibility (and the date it begins to run) and any Financial Consequences.³⁵

7.6 Notification of Results Management Decisions

IWF shall notify Athletes, other Persons, Signatories and WADA of Results Management decisions as provided in Article 14.2 and in the International Standard for Results Management.

7.7 Retirement from Sport³⁶

If an Athlete or other Person retires while the IWF's Results Management process is underway, IWF retains authority to complete its Results Management process. If an Athlete or other Person retires before any Results Management process has begun, and IWF would have had Results Management authority over the Athlete or other Person at the time the Athlete or other Person committed an anti-doping rule violation, IWF has authority to conduct Results Management.

ARTICLE 8 RESULTS MANAGEMENT: RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING DECISION

For any *Person* who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, IWF shall provide a fair hearing within a reasonable time by a fair, impartial and *Operationally Independent* hearing panel in compliance with the *Code* and the *International Standard* for *Results Management*.

[[]Comment to Article 7.5: Results Management decisions include Provisional Suspensions.

Each decision by IWF should address whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed and all Consequences flowing from the violation, including any Disqualifications other than Disqualification under Article 10.1 (which is left to the ruling body for an Event). Pursuant to Article 15, such decision and its imposition of Consequences shall have automatic effect in every sport in every country. For example, for a determination that an Athlete committed an anti-doping rule violation based on an Adverse Analytical Finding for a Sample taken In-Competition, the Athlete's results obtained in the Competition would be Disqualified under Article 9 and all other competitive results obtained by the Athlete from the date the Sample was collected through the duration of the period of Ineligibility are also Disqualified under Article 10.10; if the Adverse Analytical Finding resulted from Testing at an Event, it would be the Major Event Organization's responsibility to decide whether the Athlete's other individual results in the Event prior to Sample collection are also Disqualified under Article 10.1.]

[[]Comment to Article 7.7: Conduct by an Athlete or other Person before the Athlete or other Person was subject to the authority of any Anti-Doping Organization would not constitute an anti-doping rule violation but could be a legitimate basis for denying the Athlete or other Person membership in a sports organization.]

8.1 Fair Hearings

8.1.1 Fair, Impartial and *Operationally Independent* Hearing Panel

IWF has delegated its Article 8 responsibilities (first instance hearings, waiver of hearings and decisions) to the CAS ADD as an appropriate independent arbitration forum. The procedural rules of the arbitration shall be governed by the rules of the CAS ADD.³⁷ CAS ADD will always ensure that the *Athlete* or other *Person* is provided with a fair hearing within a reasonable time by a fair, impartial and *Operationally Independent* hearing panel in compliance with the *Code* and the *International Standard* for *Results Management*.

8.1.2 Hearing Process

- 8.1.2.1 When IWF sends a notice to an Athlete or other Person notifying them of a potential anti-doping rule violation or other breach of the Anti-Doping Rules, and the Athlete or other Person does not waive a hearing in accordance with Article 8.3.1 or Article 8.3.2, then the case shall be referred to CAS ADD for hearing and adjudication, which shall be conducted in accordance with CAS ADD's procedural rules and the principles described in Articles 8 and 9 of the International Standard for Results Management.
- **8.1.2.2** Hearings held in connection with *Events* in respect to *Athletes* and other *Persons* who are subject to these Anti-Doping Rules may be conducted by an expedited process where permitted by CAS ADD.³⁸
- **8.1.2.3** WADA, the *Member Federation* and the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Athlete* or other *Person* may attend the hearing as observers. In any event, IWF shall keep them fully apprised as to the status of pending cases and the result of all hearings.

8.2 Notice of Decisions

- 8.2.1 At the end of the hearing, or promptly thereafter, CAS ADD shall issue a written decision that conforms with Article 9 of the *International Standard* for *Results Management* and which includes the full reasons for the decision, the period of *Ineligibility* imposed, the *Disqualification* of results under Article 10.10 and, if applicable, a justification for why the greatest potential *Consequences* were not imposed.
- **8.2.2** IWF shall notify that decision to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3, and shall promptly report it into *ADAMS*. The decision may be appealed as provided in Article 13.

8.3 Waiver of Hearing

8.3.1 An Athlete or other Person against whom an anti-doping violation is asserted

[[]Comment to Article 8.1.1: Nothing precludes the Athlete or other Person and IWF from agreeing to a single-instance procedure before the CAS ADD in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the CAS ADD, subject to any right of appeal therefrom by WADA or any other entity with a right of appeal.]

[[]Comment to Article 8.1.2.2: For example, a hearing could be expedited on the eve of a major Event where the resolution of the anti-doping rule violation is necessary to determine the Athlete's eligibility to participate in the Event, or during an Event where the resolution of the case will affect the validity of the Athlete's results or continued participation in the Event.]

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may waive a hearing expressly and agree with the *Consequences* proposed by IWF.

- **8.3.2** However, if the *Athlete* or other *Person* against whom an anti-doping rule violation is asserted fails to dispute that assertion within twenty (20) days or the deadline otherwise specified in the notice sent by IWF asserting the violation, then they shall be deemed to have waived a hearing, to have admitted the violation, and to have accepted the proposed *Consequences*.
- 8.3.3 In cases where Article 8.3.1 or 8.3.2 applies, a hearing before CAS ADD shall not be required. Instead IWF shall promptly issue a written decision that conforms with Article 9 of the *International Standard* for *Results Management* and which includes the full reasons for the decision, the period of *Ineligibility* imposed, the *Disqualification* of results under Article 10.10 and, if applicable, a justification for why the greatest potential *Consequences* were not imposed.
- **8.3.4** IWF shall notify that decision to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3, and shall promptly report it into *ADAMS*. IWF shall *Publicly Disclose* that decision in accordance with Article 14.3.2.
- 8.3.5 IWF may reopen the case if new facts, or facts that were not known to IWF at the time of the agreement or decision, are subsequently brought to its knowledge, the nature of which would have led IWF not to conclude the agreement or issue the decision or to conclude the agreement or issue the decision with different terms. If an appeal is pending before the CAS appeals division at this point, IWF shall be entitled to raise these new facts or circumstances in the CAS proceedings.

8.4 Single Hearing Before CAS

Anti-doping rule violations asserted against *International-Level Athletes*, *National-Level Athletes* or other *Persons* may, with the consent of the *Athlete* or other *Person*, IWF (where it has *Results Management* responsibility in accordance with Article 7) and *WADA*, be heard in a single hearing directly at *CAS*.

ARTICLE 9 AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

An anti-doping rule violation in *Individual Sports* in connection with an *In-Competition* test automatically leads to *Disqualification* of the result obtained in that *Competition* with all resulting *Consequences*, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.³⁹

^{39 [}Comment to Article 9: For Team Sports, any awards received by individual players will be Disqualified. However,
Disqualification of the team will be as provided in Article 11. In sports which are not Team Sports but where awards are
given to teams, Disqualification or other disciplinary action against the team when one or more team members have
committed an anti-doping rule violation shall be as provided in the applicable rules of the International Federation.]

ARTICLE 10 SANCTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS

10.1 *Disqualification* of Results in the *Event* during which an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Occurs

An anti-doping rule violation occurring during or in connection with an *Event* may, upon the decision of the ruling body of the *Event*, lead to *Disqualification* of all of the *Athlete's* individual results obtained in that *Event* with all *Consequences*, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes, except as provided in Article 10.1.2.

Factors to be included in considering whether to *Disqualify* other results in an *Event* might include, for example, the seriousness of the *Athlete*'s antidoping rule violation and whether the *Athlete* tested negative in the other *Competitions*.⁴⁰

10.1.2 If the Athlete establishes that he or she bears No Fault or Negligence for the violation, the Athlete's individual results in the other Competitions shall not be Disqualified, unless the Athlete's results in Competitions other than the Competition in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the Athlete's anti-doping rule violation.

10.2 Ineligibility for Presence, Use or Attempted Use, or Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method

The period of *Ineligibility* for a violation of Articles 2.1, 2.2 or 2.6 shall be as follows, subject to potential reduction or suspension pursuant to Articles 10.4, 10.5 or 10.6:

- **10.2.1** The period of Ineligibility, subject to Article 10.2.4, shall be four (4) years where:
 - 10.2.1.1 The anti-doping rule violation does not involve a *Specified Substance* or a *Specified Method*, unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional.⁴¹
 - **10.2.1.2** The anti-doping rule violation involves a *Specified Substance* or a *Specified Method* and IWF can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was intentional.
- **10.2.2** If Article 10.2.1 does not apply, subject to Article 10.2.4.1, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years.
- As used in Article 10.2, the term "intentional" is meant to identify those Athletes or other Persons who engage in conduct which they knew constituted an anti-doping rule violation or knew that there was a significant risk that the conduct might constitute or result in an anti-doping rule violation and

[Comment to Article 10.2.1.1: While it is theoretically possible for an Athlete or other Person to establish that the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional without showing how the Prohibited Substance entered one's system, it is highly unlikely that in a doping case under Article 2.1 an Athlete will be successful in proving that the Athlete acted unintentionally without establishing the source of the Prohibited Substance.]

[[]Comment to Article 10.1.1: Whereas Article 9 Disqualifies the result in a single Competition in which the Athlete tested positive (e.g., the 100 meter backstroke), this Article may lead to Disqualification of all results in all races during the Event (e.g., the swimming World Championships).]

manifestly disregarded that risk. An anti-doping rule violation resulting from an Adverse Analytical Finding for a substance which is only prohibited In-Competition shall be rebuttably presumed to be not "intentional" if the substance is a Specified Substance and the Athlete can establish that the Prohibited Substance was Used Out-of-Competition. An anti-doping rule violation resulting from an Adverse Analytical Finding for a substance which is only prohibited In-Competition shall not be considered "intentional" if the substance is not a Specified Substance and the Athlete can establish that the Prohibited Substance was Used Out-of-Competition in a context unrelated to sport performance.⁴²

- **10.2.4** Notwithstanding any other provision in Article 10.2, where the anti-doping rule violation involves a *Substance of Abuse*:
 - 10.2.4.1 If the *Athlete* can establish that any ingestion or *Use* occurred *Out-of-Competition* and was unrelated to sport performance, then the period of Ineligibility shall be three (3) months Ineligibility.

In addition, the period of Ineligibility calculated under this Article 10.2.4.1 may be reduced to one (1) month if the Athlete or other Person satisfactorily completes a Substance of Abuse treatment program approved by IWF. The period of Ineligibility established in this Article 10.2.4.1 is not subject to any reduction based on any provision in Article 10.6.43

10.2.4.2 If the ingestion, *Use* or *Possession* occurred *In-Competition*, and the *Athlete* can establish that the context of the ingestion, *Use* or *Possession* was unrelated to sport performance, then the ingestion, *Use* or *Possession* shall not be considered intentional for purposes of Article 10.2.1 and shall not provide a basis for a finding of *Aggravating Circumstances* under Article 10.4.

10.3 Ineligibility for Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations

The period of *Ineligibility* for anti-doping rule violations other than as provided in Article 10.2 shall be as follows, unless Articles 10.6 or 10.7 are applicable:

10.3.1 For violations of Article 2.3 or Article 2.5, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be four (4) years except: (i) in the case of failing to submit to *Sample* collection, if the *Athlete* can establish that the commission of the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years; (ii) in all other cases, if the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish exceptional circumstances that justify a reduction of the period of *Ineligibility*, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be in a range from two (2) years to four (4) years depending on the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault*; or (iii) in a case involving a *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be in a range between a maximum of two (2) years and, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*'s degree of *Fault*.

^{42 [}Comment to Article 10.2.3: Article 10.2.3 provides a special definition of "intentional" which is to be applied solely for purposes of Article 10.2.]

[[]Comment to Article 10.2.4.1: The determinations as to whether the treatment program is approved and whether the Athlete or other Person has satisfactorily completed the program shall be made in the sole discretion of IWF. This Article is intended to give IWF the leeway to apply their own judgment to identify and approve legitimate and reputable, as opposed to "sham", treatment programs. It is anticipated, however, that the characteristics of legitimate treatment programs may vary widely and change over time such that it would not be practical for WADA to develop mandatory criteria for acceptable treatment programs.]

- 10.3.2 For violations of Article 2.4, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one (1) year, depending on the *Athlete's* degree of *Fault*. The flexibility between two (2) years and one (1) year of Ineligibility in this Article is not available to *Athletes* where a pattern of last-minute whereabouts changes or other conduct raises a serious suspicion that the *Athlete* was trying to avoid being available for *Testing*.
- For violations of Article 2.7 or 2.8, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be a minimum of four (4) years up to lifetime *Ineligibility*, depending on the seriousness of the violation. An Article 2.7 or Article 2.8 violation involving a *Protected Person* shall be considered a particularly serious violation and, if committed by *Athlete Support Personnel* for violations other than for *Specified Substances*, shall result in lifetime Ineligibility for *Athlete Support Personnel*. In addition, significant violations of Article 2.7 or 2.8 which may also violate non-sporting laws and regulations, shall be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.⁴⁴
- **10.3.4** For violations of Article 2.9, the period of *Ineligibility* imposed shall be a minimum of two (2) years, up to lifetime *Ineligibility*, depending on the seriousness of the violation.
- 10.3.5 For violations of Article 2.10, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one (1) year, depending on the *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault* and other circumstances of the case.⁴⁵
- **10.3.6** For violations of Article 2.11, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be a minimum of two (2) years, up to lifetime *Ineligibility*, depending on the seriousness of the violation by the *Athlete* or other *Person*.⁴⁶

10.4 Aggravating Circumstances which may Increase the Period of Ineligibility

If IWF establishes in an individual case involving an anti-doping rule violation other than violations under Article 2.7 (*Trafficking* or *Attempted Trafficking*), 2.8 (*Administration* or *Attempted Administration*), 2.9 (Complicity) or 2.11 (Acts by an *Athlete* or Other *Person* to Discourage or Retaliate Against Reporting) that *Aggravating Circumstances* are present which justify the imposition of a period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable shall be increased by an additional period of *Ineligibility* of up to two (2) years depending on the seriousness of the violation and the nature of the *Aggravating Circumstances*, unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish that he or she did not knowingly commit the anti-doping rule violation.⁴⁷

[[]Comment to Article 10.3.3: Those who are involved in doping Athletes or covering up doping should be subject to sanctions which are more severe than the Athletes who test positive. Since the authority of sport organizations is generally limited to Ineligibility for accreditation, membership and other sport benefits, reporting Athlete Support Personnel to competent authorities is an important step in the deterrence of doping.]

^{45 [}Comment to Article 10.3.5: Where the "other Person" referenced in Article 2.10 is an entity and not an individual, that entity may be disciplined as provided in Article 12.]

^{46 [}Comment to Article 10.3.6: Conduct that is found to violate both Article 2.5 (Tampering) and Article 2.11 (Acts by an Athlete or Other Person to Discourage or Retaliate Against Reporting to Authorities) shall be sanctioned based on the violation that carries the more severe sanction.]

^{47 [}Comment to Article 10.4: Violations under Articles 2.7 (Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking), 2.8 (Administration or Attempted Administration), 2.9 (Complicity or Attempted Complicity) and 2.11 (Acts by an Athlete or Other Person to Discourage or Retaliate Against Reporting to Authorities) are not included in the application of Article 10.4 because the sanctions for these violations already build in sufficient discretion up to a lifetime ban to allow consideration of any Aggravating Circumstance.]

10.5 Elimination of the Period of Ineligibility where there is No Fault or Negligence

If an *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes in an individual case that he or she bears *No Fault* or *Negligence*, then the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility shall be eliminated.⁴⁸

10.6 Reduction of the Period of Ineligibility based on No Significant Fault or Negligence

10.6.1 Reduction of Sanctions in Particular Circumstances for Violations of Article 2.1. 2.2 or 2.6.

All reductions under Article 10.6.1 are mutually exclusive and not cumulative.

10.6.1.1 Specified Substances or Specified Methods

Where the anti-doping rule violation involves a *Specified Substance* (other than a *Substance of Abuse*) or *Specified Method*, and the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish *No Significant Fault* or *Negligence*, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, and at a maximum, two (2) years of *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* degree of Fault.

10.6.1.2 Contaminated Products

In cases where the Athlete or other Person can establish both No Significant Fault or Negligence and that the detected Prohibited Substance (other than a Substance of Abuse) came from a Contaminated Product, then the period of Ineligibility shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of Ineligibility, and at a maximum, two (2) years Ineligibility, depending on the Athlete or other Person's degree of Fault.⁴⁹

10.6.1.3 Protected Persons or Recreational Athletes

Where the anti-doping rule violation not involving a Substance of Abuse is committed by a Protected Person or Recreational Athlete, and the Protected Person or Recreational Athlete can establish No Significant Fault or Negligence, then the period of Ineligibility shall be, at a minimum,

[Comment to Article 10.5: This Article and Article 10.6.2 apply only to the imposition of sanctions; they are not applicable to the determination of whether an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. They will only apply in exceptional circumstances, for example, where an Athlete could prove that, despite all due care, he or she was sabotaged by a competitor. Conversely, No Fault or Negligence would not apply in the following circumstances: (a) a positive test resulting from a mislabeled or contaminated vitamin or nutritional supplement (Athletes are responsible for what they ingest (Article 2.1) and have been warned against the possibility of supplement contamination); (b) the Administration of a Prohibited Substance by the Athlete's personal physician or trainer without disclosure to the Athlete (Athletes are responsible for their choice of medical personnel and for advising medical personnel that they cannot be given any Prohibited Substance); and (c) sabotage of the Athlete's food or drink by a spouse, coach or other Person within the Athlete's circle of associates (Athletes are responsible for what they ingest and for the conduct of those Persons to whom they entrust access to their food and drink). However, depending on the unique facts of a particular case, any of the referenced illustrations could result in a reduced sanction under Article 10.6 based on No Significant Fault or Negligence.]

[Comment to Article 10.6.1.2: In order to receive the benefit of this Article, the Athlete or other Person must establish not only that the detected Prohibited Substance came from a Contaminated Product, but must also separately establish No Significant Fault or Negligence. It should be further noted that Athletes are on notice that they take nutritional supplements at their own risk. The sanction reduction based on No Significant Fault or Negligence has rarely been applied in Contaminated Product cases unless the Athlete has exercised a high level of caution before taking the Contaminated Product. In assessing whether the Athlete can establish the source of the Prohibited Substance, it would, for example, be significant for purposes of establishing whether the Athlete actually Used the Contaminated Product, whether the Athlete had declared the product which was subsequently determined to be contaminated on the Doping Control form.

This Article should not be extended beyond products that have gone through some process of manufacturing. Where an Adverse Analytical Finding results from environment contamination of a "non-product" such as tap water or lake water in circumstances where no reasonable person would expect any risk of an anti-doping rule violation, typically there would be No Fault or Negligence under Article 10.5.]

a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, and at a maximum, two (2) years Ineligibility, depending on the Protected Person or Recreational Athlete's degree of Fault.

10.6.2 Application of No Significant Fault or Negligence beyond the Application of Article 10.6.1

> If an Athlete or other Person establishes in an individual case where Article 10.6.1 is not applicable that he or she bears No Significant Fault or Negligence, then, subject to further reduction or elimination as provided in Article 10.7, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced based on the *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*, but the reduced period of *Ineligibility* may not be less than one-half of the period of Ineligibility otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the reduced period under this Article may be no less than eight (8) years. 50

10.7 Elimination, Reduction, or Suspension of Period of Ineligibility or other Consequences for Reasons other than Fault

10.7.1 Substantial Assistance in Discovering or Establishing Code Violations⁵¹

10.7.1.1 IWF may, prior to an appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of the time to appeal, suspend a part of the Consequences (other than Disqualification and mandatory Public Disclosure) imposed in an individual case where the Athlete or other Person has provided Substantial Assistance to an Anti-Doping Organization, criminal authority or professional disciplinary body which results in: (i) the Anti-Doping Organization discovering or bringing forward an anti-doping rule violation by another Person; or (ii) which results in a criminal or disciplinary body discovering or bringing forward a criminal offense or the breach of professional rules committed by another Person and the information provided by the *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* is made available to IWF or other Anti-Doping Organization with Results Management responsibility; or (iii) which results in WADA initiating a proceeding against a Signatory, WADA-accredited laboratory, or Athlete passport management unit (as defined in the International Standard for Laboratories) for non-compliance with the Code, International Standard or Technical Document; or (iv) with the approval by WADA, which results in a criminal or disciplinary body bringing forward a criminal offense or the breach of professional or sport rules arising out of a sport integrity violation other than doping. After an appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of time to appeal, IWF may only suspend a part of the otherwise applicable Consequences with the approval of WADA.

> The extent to which the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended shall be based on the seriousness of the anti-doping rule violation committed by the Athlete or other Person and the significance of the Substantial Assistance provided by the Athlete or other Person to the

⁵⁰ [Comment to Article 10.6.2: Article 10.6.2 may be applied to any anti-doping rule violation except those Articles where intent is an element of the anti-doping rule violation (e.g., Article 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 or 2.11) or an element of a particular sanction (e.g., Article 10.2.1) or a range of Ineligibility is already provided in an Article based on the Athlete or other Person's degree of Fault.]

⁵¹ [Comment to Article 10.7.1: The cooperation of Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons who acknowledge their mistakes and are willing to bring other anti-doping rule violations to light is important to clean sport.]

effort to eliminate doping in sport, non-compliance with the *Code* and/or sport integrity violations. No more than three-quarters of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the non-suspended period under this Article must be no less than eight (8) years. For purposes of this paragraph, the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility shall not include any period of Ineligibility that could be added under Article 10.9.3.2 of these Anti-Doping Rules.

If so requested by an *Athlete* or other *Person* who seeks to provide *Substantial Assistance*, IWF shall allow the *Athlete* or other *Person* to provide the information to it subject to a *Without Prejudice Agreement*.

If the Athlete or other Person fails to continue to cooperate and to provide the complete and credible Substantial Assistance upon which a suspension of Consequences was based, IWF shall reinstate the original Consequences. If IWF decides to reinstate suspended Consequences or decides not to reinstate suspended Consequences, that decision may be appealed by any Person entitled to appeal under Article 13.

- 10.7.1.2 To further encourage Athletes and other Persons to provide Substantial Assistance to Anti-Doping Organizations, at the request of IWF or at the request of the Athlete or other Person who has, or has been asserted to have, committed an anti-doping rule violation, or other violation of the Code, WADA may agree at any stage of the Results Management process. including after an appellate decision under Article 13, to what it considers to be an appropriate suspension of the otherwise-applicable period of Ineligibility and other Consequences. In exceptional circumstances, WADA may agree to suspensions of the period of Ineligibility and other Consequences for Substantial Assistance greater than those otherwise provided in this Article, or even no period of *Ineligibility*, no mandatory Public Disclosure and/or no return of prize money or payment of fines or costs. WADA's approval shall be subject to reinstatement of Consequences, as otherwise provided in this Article. Notwithstanding Article 13, WADA's decisions in the context of this Article 10.7.1.2 may not be appealed.
- 10.7.1.3 If IWF suspends any part of an otherwise applicable sanction because of *Substantial Assistance*, then notice providing justification for the decision shall be provided to the other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided in Article 14.2. In unique circumstances where *WADA* determines that it would be in the best interest of anti-doping, *WADA* may authorize IWF to enter into appropriate confidentiality agreements limiting or delaying the disclosure of the *Substantial Assistance* agreement or the nature of *Substantial Assistance* being provided.
- **10.7.2** Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation in the Absence of Other Evidence

Where an Athlete or other Person voluntarily admits the commission of an anti-doping rule violation before having received notice of a Sample collection which could establish an anti-doping rule violation (or, in the case of an anti-doping rule violation other than Article 2.1, before receiving first notice of the admitted violation pursuant to Article 7) and that admission is the only

reliable evidence of the violation at the time of admission, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced, but not below one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable.⁵²

10.7.3 Application of Multiple Grounds for Reduction of a Sanction

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes entitlement to reduction in sanction under more than one provision of Article 10.5, 10.6 or 10.7, before applying any reduction or suspension under Article 10.7, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be determined in accordance with Articles 10.2, 10.3, 10.5, and 10.6. If the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes entitlement to a reduction or suspension of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.7, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced or suspended, but not below one-fourth of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility*.

10.8 Results Management Agreements

10.8.1 One (1) Year Reduction for Certain Anti-Doping Rule Violations Based on Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person*, after being notified by IWF of a potential anti-doping rule violation that carries an asserted period of *Ineligibility* of four (4) or more years (including any period of Ineligibility asserted under Article 10.4), admits the violation and accepts the asserted period of *Ineligibility* no later than twenty (20) days after receiving notice of an anti-doping rule violation charge, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may receive a one (1) year reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* asserted by IWF. Where the *Athlete* or other *Person* receives the one (1) year reduction in the asserted period of *Ineligibility* under this Article 10.8.1, no further reduction in the asserted period of *Ineligibility* shall be allowed under any other Article.⁵³

10.8.2 Case Resolution Agreement

Where the *Athlete* or other *Person* admits an anti-doping rule violation after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by IWF and agrees to *Consequences* acceptable to IWF and *WADA*, at their sole discretion, then: (a) the *Athlete* or other *Person* may receive a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* based on an assessment by IWF and *WADA* of the application of Articles 10.1 through 10.7 to the asserted anti-doping rule violation, the seriousness of the violation, the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault* and how promptly the *Athlete* or other *Person* admitted the violation; and (b) the period of *Ineligibility* may start as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. In each case, however, where this Article is applied, the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall serve at least one-half of the agreed-upon period of *Ineligibility* going forward from the earlier of the

[[]Comment to Article 10.7.2: This Article is intended to apply when an Athlete or other Person comes forward and admits to an anti-doping rule violation in circumstances where no Anti-Doping Organization is aware that an anti-doping rule violation might have been committed. It is not intended to apply to circumstances where the admission occurs after the Athlete or other Person believes he or she is about to be caught. The amount by which Ineligibility is reduced should be based on the likelihood that the Athlete or other Person would have been caught had he or she not come forward voluntarily.]

[[]Comment to Article 10.8.1: For example, if IWF alleges that an Athlete has violated Article 2.1 for Use of an anabolic steroid and asserts the applicable period of Ineligibility is four (4) years, then the Athlete may unilaterally reduce the period of Ineligibility to three (3) years by admitting the violation and accepting the three (3) year period of Ineligibility within the time specified in this Article, with no further reduction allowed. This resolves the case without any need for a hearing.]

date the *Athlete* or other *Person* accepted the imposition of a sanction or a *Provisional Suspension* which was subsequently respected by the *Athlete* or other *Person*. The decision by *WADA* and IWF to enter or not enter into a case resolution agreement, and the amount of the reduction to, and the starting date of, the period of *Ineligibility* are not matters for determination or review by a hearing body and are not subject to appeal under Article 13.

If so requested by an *Athlete* or other *Person* who seeks to enter into a case resolution agreement under this Article, IWF shall allow the *Athlete* or other *Person* to discuss an admission of the anti-doping rule violation with it subject to a *Without Prejudice Agreement*.⁵⁴

10.9 Multiple Violations

- **10.9.1** Second or Third Anti-Doping Rule Violation
 - **10.9.1.1** For an *Athlete* or other *Person*'s second anti-doping rule violation, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be the greater of:
 - (a) A six (6) month period of Ineligibility; or
 - (b) A period of *Ineligibility* in the range between:
 - (i) the sum of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed for the first antidoping rule violation plus the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable to the second anti-doping rule violation treated as if it were a first violation, and
 - (ii) twice the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable to the second anti-doping rule violation treated as if it were a first violation

The period of *Ineligibility* within this range shall be determined based on the entirety of the circumstances and the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault* with respect to the second violation.

- 10.9.1.2 A third anti-doping rule violation will always result in a lifetime period of *Ineligibility*, except if the third violation fulfills the condition for elimination or reduction of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.5 or 10.6, or involves a violation of Article 2.4. In these particular cases, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be from eight (8) years to lifetime *Ineligibility*.
- **10.9.1.3** The period of *Ineligibility* established in Articles 10.9.1.1 and 10.9.1.2 may then be further reduced by the application of Article 10.7.
- An anti-doping rule violation for which an *Athlete* or other *Person* has established *No Fault* or *Negligence* shall not be considered a violation for purposes of this Article 10.9. In addition, an anti-doping rule violation sanctioned under Article 10.2.4.1 shall not be considered a violation for purposes of Article 10.9.
- **10.9.3** Additional Rules for Certain Potential Multiple Violations
 - **10.9.3.1** For purposes of imposing sanctions under Article 10.9, except as provided in Articles 10.9.3.2 and 10.9.3.3, an anti-doping rule violation will only

[[]Comment to Article 10.8.2: Any mitigating or aggravating factors set forth in this Article 10 shall be considered in arriving at the Consequences set forth in the case resolution agreement, and shall not be applicable beyond the terms of that agreement.]

be considered a second violation if IWF can establish that the *Athlete* or other *Person* committed the additional anti-doping rule violation after the *Athlete* or other *Person* received notice pursuant to Article 7, or after IWF made reasonable efforts to give notice of the first anti-doping rule violation. If IWF cannot establish this, the violations shall be considered together as one single first violation, and the sanction imposed shall be based on the violation that carries the more severe sanction, including the application of *Aggravating Circumstances*. Results in all *Competitions* dating back to the earlier anti-doping rule violation will be *Disqualified* as provided in Article 10.10.⁵⁵

- 10.9.3.2 If IWF establishes that an *Athlete* or other *Person* committed an additional anti-doping rule violation prior to notification, and that the additional violation occurred twelve (12) months or more before or after the first-noticed violation, then the period of Ineligibility for the additional violation shall be calculated as if the additional violation were a stand-alone first violation and this period of *Ineligibility* is served consecutively, rather than concurrently, with the period of Ineligibility imposed for the earlier-noticed violation. Where this Article 10.9.3.2 applies, the violations taken together shall constitute a single violation for purposes of Article 10.9.1.
- 10.9.3.3 If IWF establishes that an *Athlete* or other *Person* committed a violation of Article 2.5 in connection with the *Doping Control* process for an underlying asserted anti-doping rule violation, the violation of Article 2.5 shall be treated as a stand-alone first violation and the period of *Ineligibility* for such violation shall be served consecutively, rather than concurrently, with the period of *Ineligibility*, if any, imposed for the underlying anti-doping rule violation. Where this Article 10.9.3.3 is applied, the violations taken together shall constitute a single violation for purposes of Article 10.9.1.
- **10.9.3.4** If IWF establishes that a *Person* has committed a second or third antidoping rule violation during a period of *Ineligibility*, the periods of *Ineligibility* for the multiple violations shall run consecutively, rather than concurrently.
- 10.9.4 Multiple Anti-Doping Rule Violations during Ten (10) Year Period

For purposes of Article 10.9, each anti-doping rule violation must take place within the same ten (10) year period in order to be considered multiple violations.

10.10 Disqualification of Results in Competitions Subsequent to Sample Collection or Commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation

In addition to the automatic *Disqualification* of the results in the *Competition* which produced the positive *Sample* under Article 9, all other competitive results of the *Athlete* obtained from the date a positive *Sample* was collected (whether *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*), or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, through the commencement of any *Provisional Suspension* or *Ineligibility* period,

[[]Comment to Article 10.9.3.1: The same rule applies where, after the imposition of a sanction, IWF discovers facts involving an anti-doping rule violation that occurred prior to notification for a first anti-doping rule violation – e.g., IWF shall impose a sanction based on the sanction that could have been imposed if the two (2) violations had been adjudicated at the same time, including the application of Aggravating Circumstances.]

shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be *Disqualified* with all of the resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.⁵⁶

10.11 Forfeited Prize Money

If IWF recovers prize money forfeited as a result of an anti-doping rule violation, it shall take reasonable measures to allocate and distribute this prize money to the *Athletes* who would have been entitled to it had the forfeiting *Athlete* not competed.⁵⁷

10.12 Financial Consequences

- Where an Athlete or other Person commits an anti-doping rule violation, IWF may, in its discretion and subject to the principle of proportionality, elect to (a) recover from the Athlete or other Person costs associated with the anti-doping rule violation, regardless of the period of Ineligibility imposed and/or (b) fine the Athlete or other Person in an amount up to 5'000 U.S. Dollars, only in cases where the maximum period of Ineligibility otherwise applicable has already been imposed.
- **10.12.2** The imposition of a financial sanction or the IWF's recovery of costs shall not be considered a basis for reducing the *Ineligibility* or other sanction which would otherwise be applicable under these Anti-Doping Rules.

10.13 Commencement of Ineligibility Period

Where an *Athlete* is already serving a period of *Ineligibility* for an anti-doping rule violation, any new period of *Ineligibility* shall commence on the first day after the current period of *Ineligibility* has been served. Otherwise, except as provided below, the period of *Ineligibility* shall start on the date of the final hearing decision providing for *Ineligibility* or, if the hearing is waived or there is no hearing, on the date *Ineligibility* is accepted or otherwise imposed.

10.13.1 Delays Not Attributable to the *Athlete* or other *Person*

Where there have been substantial delays in the hearing process or other aspects of *Doping Control*, and the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish that such delays are not attributable to the *Athlete* or other *Person*, IWF or CAS ADD, if applicable, may start the period of *Ineligibility* at an earlier date commencing as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. All competitive results achieved during the period of Ineligibility, including retroactive Ineligibility, shall be *Disqualified*.⁵⁸

[[]Comment to Article 10.10: Nothing in these Anti-Doping Rules precludes clean Athletes or other Persons who have been damaged by the actions of a Person who has committed an anti-doping rule violation from pursuing any right which they would otherwise have to seek damages from such Person.]

[[]Comment to Article 10.11: This Article is not intended to impose an affirmative duty on IWF to take any action to collect forfeited prize money. If IWF elects not to take any action to collect forfeited prize money, it may assign its right to recover such money to the Athlete(s) who should have otherwise received the money. "Reasonable measures to allocate and distribute this prize money" could include using collected forfeited prize money as agreed upon by IWF and its Athletes.]

[[]Comment to Article 10.13.1: In cases of anti-doping rule violations other than under Article 2.1, the time required for an Anti-Doping Organization to discover and develop facts sufficient to establish an anti-doping rule violation may be lengthy, particularly where the Athlete or other Person has taken affirmative action to avoid detection. In these circumstances, the flexibility provided in this Article to start the sanction at an earlier date should not be used.]

10.13.2 Credit for *Provisional Suspension* or Period of *Ineligibility* Served

- 10.13.2.1 If a Provisional Suspension is respected by the Athlete or other Person, then the Athlete or other Person shall receive a credit for such period of Provisional Suspension against any period of Ineligibility which may ultimately be imposed. If the Athlete or other Person does not respect a Provisional Suspension, then the Athlete or other Person shall receive no credit for any period of Provisional Suspension served. If a period of Ineligibility is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the Athlete or other Person shall receive a credit for such period of Ineligibility served against any period of Ineligibility which may ultimately be imposed on appeal.
- 10.13.2.2 If an Athlete or other Person voluntarily accepts a Provisional Suspension in writing from IWF and thereafter respects the Provisional Suspension, the Athlete or other Person shall receive a credit for such period of voluntary Provisional Suspension against any period of Ineligibility which may ultimately be imposed. A copy of the Athlete or other Person's voluntary acceptance of a Provisional Suspension shall be provided promptly to each party entitled to receive notice of an asserted anti-doping rule violation under Article 14.1.59
- **10.13.2.3** No credit against a period of *Ineligibility* shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the *Provisional Suspension* or voluntary *Provisional Suspension* regardless of whether the *Athlete* elected not to compete or was suspended by a team.

10.14 Status During Ineligibility or Provisional Suspension

10.14.1 Prohibition Against Participation During *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension*

No Athlete or other Person who has been declared Ineligible or is subject to a Provisional Suspension may, during a period of Ineligibility or Provisional Suspension, participate in any capacity in a Competition or activity (other than authorized anti-doping Education or rehabilitation programs) authorized or organized by any Signatory, Signatory's member organization, or a club or other member organization of a Signatory's member organization, or in Competitions authorized or organized by any professional league or any international- or national-level Event organization or any elite or national-level sporting activity funded by a governmental agency.

An Athlete or other Person subject to a period of Ineligibility longer than four (4) years may, after completing four (4) years of the period of Ineligibility, participate as an Athlete in local sport events not sanctioned or otherwise under the authority of a Code Signatory or member of a Code Signatory, but only so long as the local sport event is not at a level that could otherwise qualify such Athlete or other Person directly or indirectly to compete in (or accumulate points toward) a national championship or International Event, and does not involve the Athlete or other Person working in any capacity with Protected Persons.

An Athlete or other Person subject to a period of Ineligibility shall remain subject to Testing and any requirement by IWF to provide whereabouts information.60

10.14.2 Return to Training

As an exception to Article 10.14.1, an Athlete may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or other member organization of IWF's or other Signatory's member organization during the shorter of: (1) the last two months of the Athlete's period of Ineligibility, or (2) the last one-quarter of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed.⁶¹

10.14.3 Violation of the Prohibition of Participation During Ineligibility or Provisional Suspension

Where an Athlete or other Person who has been declared Ineligible violates the prohibition against participation during Ineligibility described in Article 10.14.1, the results of such participation shall be *Disqualified* and a new period of Ineligibility equal in length to the original period of Ineligibility shall be added to the end of the original period of *Ineligibility*. The new period of *Ineligibility*, including a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, may be adjusted based on the Athlete or other Person's degree of Fault and other circumstances of the case. The determination of whether an Athlete or other Person has violated the prohibition against participation, and whether an adjustment is appropriate, shall be made by the Anti-Doping Organization whose Results Management led to the imposition of the initial period of Ineligibility. This decision may be appealed under Article 13.

An Athlete or other Person who violates the prohibition against participation during a Provisional Suspension described in Article 10.14.1 shall receive no credit for any period of *Provisional Suspension* served and the results of such participation shall be Disqualified.

Where an Athlete Support Person or other Person assists a Person in violating the prohibition against participation during Ineligibility or a Provisional Suspension, IWF shall impose sanctions for a violation of Article 2.9 for such assistance.

10.14.4 Withholding of Financial Support during *Ineligibility*

In addition, for any anti-doping rule violation not involving a reduced sanction as described in Article 10.5 or 10.6, some or all sport-related financial support or other sport-related benefits received by such *Person* will be withheld by IWF and its Member Federations.

[Comment to Article 10.14.1: For example, subject to Article 10.14.2 below, Ineligible Athletes cannot participate in a 60 training camp, exhibition or practice organized by their Member Federation or a club which is a member of that Member Federation or which is funded by a governmental agency. Further, an Ineligible Athlete may not compete in a non-Signatory professional league (e.g., the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, etc.), Events organized by a non-Signatory International Event organization or a non-Signatory national-level Event organization without triggering the Consequences set forth in Article 10.14.3. The term "activity" also includes, for example, administrative activities, such as serving as an official, director, officer, employee, or volunteer of the organization described in this Article. Ineligibility imposed in one sport shall also be recognized by other sports (see Article 15.1, Automatic Binding Effect of Decisions). An Athlete or other Person serving a period of Ineligibility is prohibited from coaching or serving as an Athlete Support Person in any other capacity at any time during the period of Ineligibility, and doing so could also result in a violation of Article 2.10 by another Athlete. Any performance standard accomplished during a period of Ineligibility shall not be recognized by IWF or its Member Federations for any purpose.]

[Comment to Article 10.14.2: In many Team Sports and some individual sports (e.g., ski jumping and gymnastics), Athletes cannot effectively train on their own so as to be ready to compete at the end of the Athlete's period of Ineligibility. During the training period described in this Article, an Ineligible Athlete may not compete or engage in any activity described in Article 10.14.1 other than training.]

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10.15 Automatic Publication of Sanction

A mandatory part of each sanction shall include automatic publication, as provided in Article 14.3.

ARTICLE 11 CONSEQUENCES TO TEAMS

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ARTICLE 12 SANCTIONS BY IWF AGAINST OTHER SPORTING BODIES

12.1 Delegation of Authority to an Independent Panel

IWF shall appoint an Independent Member Federations Sanctioning Panel (the "Independent Panel"), composed of no less than 5 members from outside of the organisation of IWF, to have jurisdiction in all matters arising out of this Article 12, save those expressly reserved to other bodies.⁶²

12.2 General Principles Applicable to Member Federations Sanctioning

Member Federations shall take all measures within the scope of their powers to implement these Anti-Doping Rules and ensure that their affiliated Athletes and other Persons comply with them. As a matter of principle, the Member Federations are liable for the conduct of their affiliated Athletes or other Persons. However, the Independent Panel should take into account the degree of fault or negligence of the Member Federation when determining the Member Consequences to be imposed in each case of a violation of this Article 12.63

12.3 Categories of Violations and Applicable Sanctions

12.3.1 Breach of a *Member Federation*'s Obligation

In the event that a *Member Federation* is found to have breached an obligation under these Anti-Doping Rules, including, without limitation, under Article 18 (but excluding the other violations under this Article 12), or failed to comply with any directive or request on anti-doping matters issued by IWF, the Independent Panel may:

^{62 [}Comment to Article 12.1: rules governing inter alia the functioning, appointment and renewal of the Independent Panel may be issued by IWF in (a) separate document(s).]

[[]Comment to Article 12.2: whilst this Article 12 is based on the principle of "strict liability" whereby it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or other culpable oversight of the Member Federation be demonstrated by IWF in order to establish a violation, the Member Federation may, as part of the proceedings before the Independent Panel, submit evidences to establish that the Member Federation's degree of fault or negligence was not significant in relation to the circumstances surrounding the underlying anti-doping rule violations. In such case, the Independent Panel should consider and appreciate any such attenuated degree of fault or negligence as a mitigating factor when determining the applicable Member Consequences. For the avoidance of doubt, the Member Federation shall bear the burden of establishing any attenuating circumstance in relation to the Member Federation's degree of fault or negligence.]

- a) impose *Member Consequences* on the *Member Federation* for a period of up to one (1) year; and/or
- b) impose a fine on the Member Federation of up to \$50,000 USD; and/or
- c) withhold some or all funding or other non-financial support to the *Member Federation*.
- **12.3.2** Multiple Anti-Doping Rule Violations by *Athletes* or Other *Persons* affiliated to a *Member Federation*

Should three (3) or more violations of these Anti-Doping Rules sanctioned by IWF or Anti-Doping Organizations other than the Member Federation or its National Anti-Doping Organization have been committed by Athletes or other Persons affiliated to the Member Federation within a 12-month period⁶⁴, the Independent Panel may, after taking into account both the seriousness of the underlying anti-doping rule violations and the gravity of the circumstances surrounding the case:

- a) impose *Member Consequences* on the *Member Federation* of a period of up to (4) years⁶⁵; and/or
- b) fine the Member Federation up to \$500,000 USD to be paid within 6 months from the receipt of the Independent Panel's decision. If the Member Federation fails to pay the fine within such deadline an additional fine up to \$250,000 USD and/or (further) Member Consequences (for an additional period of up to two years) may be imposed by the Independent Panel on the Member Federation concerned. If an additional fine is imposed, the Independent Panel shall determine the deadline by which it (and the original fine) shall be settled, which shall be no more than six months. If the original fine is settled before a decision is issued by the Independent Panel, then the IWF may agree that no further fine and/or Member Consequences be imposed.

For the avoidance of doubt, the original fine remains due to IWF after the further *Member Consequences* have been fully served, or if the additional fine (only) has been paid. Further, a failure to settle the original and/or additional fine within the deadline imposed by the Independent Panel may also lead to consequences under the IWF Constitution.

- **12.3.2.1** Where there is a violation of Article 12.3.2 and any of the relevant underlying anti-doping rule violations occurs on the occasion of, or in connection with, any edition of the Summer Olympic Games, the Independent Panel shall consider it as an aggravating factor in determining the sanction to be imposed on the *Member Federation*.
- **12.3.2.2** If, after the imposition on a *Member Federation* of a sanction in respect of a violation of Article 12.3.2, a further anti-doping rule

[[]Comment to Article 12.3.2: for the purpose of determining whether three or more violations of these Anti-Doping Rules have occurred within a 12-month period, the date of the Adverse Analytical Finding or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation has occurred shall be considered.]

^{[[}Comment to Article 12.3.2: if the Independent Panel considers that a violation of this Article 12.3.2 is severe (due to the number of violations, the substances involved, the level of fault of the perpetrators, the fact that the violations were committed by Athlete Support Personnel, etc.], then appropriate Member Consequences (including the exclusion of the Member Federation's Athletes and Officials from participation in any IWF Events, or the possibility for the Athletes to participate exclusively in a neutral capacity) and/or a fine should be imposed, in order to promote behavioral change within the sanctioned Member Federation's sphere of influence, and to maintain public confidence in the integrity of the sport and that of IWF's Events.]

violation (under these Anti-Doping Rules) relevant for the purposes of that provision is found to have been committed within one calendar year, the Independent Panel shall have discretion to impose additional *Member Consequences* on the *Member Federation*.

12.3.3 Automatic Sanction for Multiple Anti-Doping Rule Violations on the Occasion of the Olympic Games

Should two or more Athletes or other Persons affiliated to a Member Federation be found to have committed a violation of these Anti-Doping Rules giving rise to a period of Ineligibility of four years or more on the occasion of an edition of the Summer Olympic Games (including following further analyses of Samples), the Member Federation shall be automatically prevented from recommending, entering and/or proposing affiliated Athletes and other Persons for participation in the next ensuing Summer Olympic Games following the final decision imposing the (first two) relevant sanctions (and shall take all necessary measures to prevent such participation), without prejudice to any other sanction that may be imposed in accordance with these Anti-Doping Rules.

12.4 Principles Applicable to Violations of Articles 12.3.1 and 12.3.2

- 12.4.1 The fact that a *Member Federation* has previously been sanctioned for a violation of Articles 12.3.1 and/or 12.3.2 may be considered as an aggravating factor in the assessment of the relevant sanction for a subsequent violation of any of these Articles.
- 12.4.2 If Member Consequences are imposed on a Member Federation while the Member Federation is already serving prior Member Consequences, the application and effects of the ensuing Member Consequences imposed shall only start to run at the end of the ongoing Member Consequences. For the avoidance of doubt, the new period of Member Consequences shall only start running once all of the periods of the sanctions related to the prior Member Consequences (where different periods have been imposed by the Independent Panel) have been duly served by the Member Federation.

12.5 Additional Fines

12.5.1 Automatic Fines for Anti-Doping Rule Violations

Without prejudice to the Financial Consequences imposable on an Athlete or other Person under Article 10.12, for each anti-doping rule violation found by IWF against an Athlete or other Person affiliated to a Member Federation, the Athlete's or other Person's Member Federation shall automatically pay a fine of \$7,500 USD together with the analysis costs of the test and all other costs incurred in connection with the violation (provided, however, that the costs incurred in connection with such violation have not been already recovered under Article 10.12.1, lett. (a)). The Member Federation shall pay the fine and costs within thirty (30) days of the date on which IWF demands such payment. If the Member Federation fails to pay within such deadline, it shall be prevented from entering any Athletes in IWF Events until it has paid the due amount in full.

12.5.2 General Principles Applicable to Fines Imposed under Article 12.3.1 and 12.3.2

As a matter of principle, any fine imposed and collected under Articles 12.3.1 and 12.3.2 will be used by IWF towards the reinforcement of the IWF anti-doping programme, including, without limitation, to cover any costs or fees associated with *investigations*, anti-doping rules violations, *Education* initiatives and/or to conduct further *Testing* including, where feasible and appropriate, on *Athletes* affiliated to the sanctioned *Member Federation*.

In any event, IWF should keep detailed financial records on the use of the funds collected from fines imposed on *Member Federations* under these Anti-Doping Rules and in accordance with applicable laws.

12.6 Conditional Suspension or Lifting of *Member Consequences* and Delegation to an Independent Monitoring Group

- At the discretion of the Independent Panel, an appropriate portion up to a maximum of fifty percent of the Member Consequences (including any fine) imposed upon the Member Federation may be conditionally lifted provided that the Member Federation undertakes to satisfy certain criteria aimed at assisting IWF in the fight against doping in sport defined at its discretion by the Independent Panel and meets them throughout the period of application of the Member Consequences imposed, or an appropriate period should a fine only have been imposed. For the avoidance of doubt, any lifted period of Member Consequences or ban on team officials shall be applied to the end of the relevant period of Member Consequences or ban on team officials.
- 12.6.2 IWF shall appoint an Independent Monitoring Group, composed of no less than 4 members from outside of the organization of IWF, to monitor and rule on the compliance of a sanctioned *Member Federation* with the terms stipulated by the Independent Panel, where any decision thereof sets out conditions for suspending, lifting or eliminating a period of *Member Consequences* or other sanction based on the fulfilment of specific conditions by the sanctioned *Member Federation*.
- 12.6.3 The decisions of the Independent Monitoring Group as to the fulfilment of the eventual specific conditions determined by the Independent Panel may be appealed exclusively to *CAS* within twenty-one days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party.

12.7 Procedural Rules

- **12.7.1** If IWF is satisfied that a breach of Article 12 has occurred, it shall promptly notify the *Member Federation*.
- 12.7.2 The notice shall include details of the alleged breach and shall give the Member Federation a reasonable deadline to respond. IWF will then transfer the file to the Independent Panel for adjudication. The Independent Panel will render a decision on the basis of the written file, unless it considers in its entire discretion that exceptional circumstances require the holding of a hearing.⁶⁶

[[]Comment to Article 12.7.2: further details on inter alia the functioning of, and procedure applicable to, the Independent Panel may be set out by IWF in (a) separate document(s).]

- 12.7.3 The Independent Panel may at any time and at its own discretion decide to impose provisional Member Consequences on the Member Federation pending a decision on the alleged breach, provided, however, that provisional Member Consequences may not be imposed unless the Member Federation is given an opportunity to provide written explanations either before the imposition of the provisional Member Consequences or on a timely basis after the imposition of the provisional Member Consequences.
- 12.7.4 The decisions of the Independent Panel made in application of Article 12 may be appealed exclusively to *CAS* within twenty-one days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party.
- **12.7.5** For violations of Article 12.3.3 and for the automatic fines under Article 12.5.1, the procedure set out under this Article 12.7 shall not apply and the sanction shall be notified as soon as practicable to the *Member Federation* by IWF.
- **12.7.6** Any decision rendered by the Independent Panel against a *Member Federation* shall be publicly disclosed by IWF unless exceptional circumstances warrant otherwise.

ARTICLE 13 RESULTS MANAGEMENT: APPEALS⁶⁷

13.1 Decisions Subject to Appeal

Decisions made under the Code or these Anti-Doping Rules may be appealed as set forth below in Articles 13.2 through 13.7 or as otherwise provided in these Anti-Doping Rules, the *Code* or the *International Standards*. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise.

13.1.1 Scope of Review Not Limited

The scope of review on appeal includes all issues relevant to the matter and is expressly not limited to the issues or scope of review before the initial decision maker. Any party to the appeal may submit evidence, legal arguments and claims that were not raised in the first instance hearing so long as they arise from the same cause of action or same general facts or circumstances raised or addressed in the first instance hearing.⁶⁸

13.1.2 *CAS* Shall Not Defer to the Findings Being Appealed

In making its decision, *CAS* shall not give deference to the discretion exercised by the body whose decision is being appealed.⁶⁹

- [Comment to Article 13: The object of the Code is to have anti-doping matters resolved through fair and transparent internal processes with a final appeal. Anti-doping decisions by Anti-Doping Organizations are made transparent in Article 14. Specified Persons and organizations, including WADA, are then given the opportunity to appeal those decisions. Note that the definition of interested Persons and organizations with a right to appeal under Article 13 does not include Athletes, or their federations, who might benefit from having another competitor Disqualified.]
- [Comment to Article 13.1.1: The revised language is not intended to make a substantive change to the 2015 Code, but rather for clarification. For example, where an Athlete was charged in the first instance hearing only with Tampering but the same conduct could also constitute Complicity, an appealing party could pursue both Tampering and Complicity charges against the Athlete in the appeal.]
- 69 [Comment to Article 13.1.2: CAS proceedings are de novo. Prior proceedings do not limit the evidence or carry weight in the hearing before CAS.]

13.1.3 *WADA* Not Required to Exhaust Internal Remedies

Where WADA has a right to appeal under Article 13 and no other party has appealed a final decision within IWF's process, WADA may appeal such decision directly to CAS without having to exhaust other remedies in IWF's process.⁷⁰

13.2 Appeals from Decisions Regarding Anti-Doping Rule Violations, Consequences, *Provisional Suspensions*, Recognition of Decisions and Authority

A decision that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, a decision imposing Consequences or not imposing Consequences for an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision that no anti-doping rule violation was committed; a decision that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot go forward for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription); a decision by WADA not to grant an exception to the six (6) months notice requirement for a retired Athlete to return to competition under Article 5.6.1; a decision by WADA assigning Results Management under Article 7.1 of the Code; a decision by IWF not to bring forward an Adverse Analytical Finding or an Atypical Finding as an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision not to go forward with an anti-doping rule violation after an investigation in accordance with the International Standard for Results Management; a decision to impose, or lift, a Provisional Suspension as a result of a Provisional Hearing; IWF's failure to comply with Article 7.4; a decision that IWF lacks authority to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its Consequences; a decision to suspend, or not suspend, Consequences or to reinstate, or not reinstate, Consequences under Article 10.7.1; failure to comply with Articles 7.1.4 and 7.1.5 of the Code; failure to comply with Article 10.8.1; a decision under Article 10.14.3; a decision by IWF not to implement another Anti-Doping Organization's decision under Article 15; and a decision under Article 27.3 of the Code may be appealed exclusively as provided in this Article 13.2.

13.2.1 Appeals Involving International-Level Athletes or International Events

In cases arising from participation in an *International Event* or in cases involving *International-Level Athletes*, the decision may be appealed exclusively to *CAS*.⁷¹

13.2.2 Appeals Involving Other *Athletes* or Other *Person*s

In cases where Article 13.2.1 is not applicable, the decision may be appealed to an appellate body, in accordance with rules adopted by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* having authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person*.

The rules for such appeal shall respect the following principles: a timely hearing; a fair, impartial, *Operationally Independent* and *Institutionally Independent* hearing panel; the right to be represented by counsel at the *Person*'s own expense; and a timely, written, reasoned decision.

If no such body as described above is in place and available at the time of the appeal, the decision may be appealed to *CAS* in accordance with the applicable procedural rules.

^{70 [}Comment to Article 13.1.3: Where a decision has been rendered before the final stage of IWF's process (for example, a first hearing) and no party elects to appeal that decision to the next level of IWF's process (e.g., the Managing Board), then WADA may bypass the remaining steps in IWF's internal process and appeal directly to CAS.]

^{71 [}Comment to Article 13.2.1: CAS decisions are final and binding except for any review required by law applicable to the annulment or enforcement of arbitral awards.]

13.2.3 Persons Entitled to Appeal

13.2.3.1 Appeals Involving International-Level Athletes or International Events

In cases under Article 13.2.1, the following parties shall have the right to appeal to CAS: (a) the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) IWF; (d) the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Person's* country of residence or countries where the *Person* is a national or license holder; (e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (f) WADA.

13.2.3.2 Appeals Involving Other *Athletes* or Other *Persons*

In cases under Article 13.2.2, the parties having the right to appeal to the national-level appeal body shall be as provided in the National Anti-Doping Organization's rules but, at a minimum, shall include the following parties: (a) the Athlete or other Person who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) IWF; (d) the National Anti-Doping Organization of the Person's country of residence or countries where the Person is a national or license holder; (e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (f) WADA.

For cases under Article 13.2.2, WADA, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, and IWF shall also have the right to appeal to CAS with respect to the decision of the national-level appeal body.

Any party filing an appeal shall be entitled to assistance from *CAS* to obtain all relevant information from the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose decision is being appealed and the information shall be provided if *CAS* so directs.

13.2.3.3 Duty to Notify

All parties to any *CAS* appeal must ensure that *WADA* and all other parties with a right to appeal have been given timely notice of the appeal.

13.2.3.4 Appeal from Imposition of *Provisional Suspension*

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the only *Person* who may appeal from the imposition of a *Provisional Suspension* is the *Athlete* or other *Person* upon whom the *Provisional Suspension* is imposed.

13.2.3.5 Appeal from Decisions under Article 12

Decisions by IWF pursuant to Article 12 may be appealed exclusively to *CAS* by the *Member Federation* or other party.

13.2.4 Cross Appeals and other Subsequent Appeals Allowed⁷²

Cross appeals and other subsequent appeals by any respondent named in cases brought to CAS under these Anti-Doping Rules are specifically permitted. Any party with a right to appeal under this Article 13 must file a cross appeal or subsequent appeal at the latest with the party's answer.

13.3 Failure to Render a Timely Decision

Where, in a particular case, IWF fails to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by WADA, WADA may elect to appeal directly to CAS as if IWF had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping rule violation. If the CAS Hearing Panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that WADA acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to CAS, then WADA's costs and attorney fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to WADA by IWF. 73

13.4 Appeals Relating to *TUE*s

TUE decisions may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 4.4.

13.5 Notification of Appeal Decisions

IWF shall promptly provide the appeal decision to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to the other *Anti-Doping Organizations* that would have been entitled to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided under Article 14.2.

13.6 Time for Filing Appeals⁷⁴

13.6.1 Appeals to *CAS*

The time to file an appeal to *CAS* shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party. The above notwithstanding, the following shall apply in connection with appeals filed by a party entitled to appeal but which was not a party to the proceedings that led to the decision being appealed:

- (a) Within fifteen (15) days from the notice of the decision, such party/ies shall have the right to request a copy of the full case file pertaining to the decision from the *Anti-Doping Organization* that had *Results Management* authority;
- (b) If such a request is made within the fifteen (15) day period, then the party making such request shall have twenty-one (21) days from receipt of the file to file an appeal to *CAS*.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by WADA shall be the later of:

- 72 [Comment to Article 13.2.4: This provision is necessary because since 2011, CAS rules no longer permit an Athlete the right to cross appeal when an Anti-Doping Organization appeals a decision after the Athlete's time for appeal has expired. This provision permits a full hearing for all parties.]
- [Comment to Article 13.3: Given the different circumstances of each anti-doping rule violation investigation and Results Management process, it is not feasible to establish a fixed time period for IWF to render a decision before WADA may intervene by appealing directly to CAS. Before taking such action, however, WADA will consult with IWF and give IWF an opportunity to explain why it has not yet rendered a decision.]
- 74 [Comment to Article 13.6: Whether governed by CAS rules or these Anti-Doping Rules, a party's deadline to appeal does not begin running until receipt of the decision. For that reason, there can be no expiration of a party's right to appeal if the party has not received the decision.]

- (a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party having a right to appeal could have appealed, or
- (b) Twenty-one (21) days after WADA's receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

13.6.2 Appeals Under Article 13.2.2

The time to file an appeal to an independent and impartial body in accordance with rules established by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* shall be indicated by the same rules of the *National Anti-Doping Organization*. The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by *WADA* shall be the later of:

- (a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party having a right to appeal could have appealed, or
- (b) Twenty-one (21) days after WADA's receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

13.7 Appeal Decisions pursuant to Article 12

Decisions by IWF pursuant to Article 12 may be appealed exclusively to *CAS* by the *Member Federation* or other party.

ARTICLE 14 CONFIDENTIALITY AND REPORTING

14.1 Information Concerning Adverse *Analytical Findings*, *Atypical Findings*, and Other Asserted Anti-Doping Rule Violations

14.1.1 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violations to *Athletes* and other *Person*s

Notice to *Athletes* or other *Persons* of anti-doping rule violations asserted against them shall occur as provided under Articles 7 and 14. If at any point during *Results Management* up until the anti-doping rule violation charge, IWF decides not to move forward with a matter, it must notify the *Athlete* or other *Person*, (provided that the *Athlete* or other *Person* had been already informed of the ongoing *Results Management*).

14.1.2 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violations to *National Anti-Doping Organizations* and *WADA*

Notice of the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation to the *Athlete*'s or other *Person*'s *National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA* shall occur as provided under Articles 7 and 14, simultaneously with the notice to the *Athlete* or other *Person*.

If at any point during *Results Management* up until the anti-doping rule violation charge, IWF decides not to move forward with a matter, it must give notice (with reasons) to the *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right of appeal under Article 13.2.3.

14.1.3 Content of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Notice

Notification of an anti-doping rule violation under shall include: the Athlete's or other Person's name, country, sport and discipline within the sport, the Athlete's competitive level, whether the test was In-Competition or Out-of-Competition, the date of Sample collection, the analytical result reported by the laboratory, and other information as required by the International Standard for Testing and Investigations and International Standard for Results Management.

Notice of anti-doping rule violations other than under Article 2.1 shall include the rule violated and the basis of the asserted violation.

14.1.4 Status Reports

Except with respect to *investigations* which have not resulted in notice of an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 14.1.1, the *Athlete's* or other *Person's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA* shall be regularly updated on the status and findings of any review or proceedings conducted pursuant to Article 7, 8 or 13 and shall be provided with a prompt written reasoned explanation or decision explaining the resolution of the matter.

14.1.5 Confidentiality

The recipient organizations shall not disclose this information beyond those *Person*s with a need to know (which would include the appropriate *person*nel at the applicable *National Olympic Committee*, *Member Federation*,) until IWF has made *Public Disclosure* as permitted by Article 14.3.

14.1.6 Protection of Confidential Information by an Employee or Agent of IWF

IWF shall ensure that information concerning Adverse Analytical Findings, Atypical Findings, and other asserted anti-doping rule violations remains confidential until such information is Publicly Disclosed in accordance with Article 14.3. IWF shall ensure that its employees (whether permanent or otherwise), contractors, agents, consultants, and Delegated Third Parties are subject to fully enforceable contractual duty of confidentiality and to fully enforceable procedures for the investigation and disciplining of improper and/or unauthorized disclosure of such confidential information.

14.2 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violation or violations of *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension* Decisions and Request for Files

- Anti-doping rule violation decisions or decisions related to violations of *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension* rendered pursuant to Article 7.6, 8.2, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.14.3 or 13.5 shall include the full reasons for the decision, including, if applicable, a justification for why the maximum potential sanction was not imposed. Where the decision is not in English or French, IWF shall provide an English or French summary of the decision and the supporting reasons.
- An Anti-Doping Organization having a right to appeal a decision received pursuant to Article 14.2.1 may, within fifteen (15) days of receipt, request a copy of the full case file pertaining to the decision.

14.3 Public Disclosure

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- After notice has been provided to the Athlete or other Person in accordance with the International Standard for Results Management, and to the applicable Anti-Doping Organizations in accordance with Article 14.1.2, the identity of any Athlete or other Person who is notified of a potential anti-doping rule violation, the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method and the nature of the violation involved, and whether the Athlete or other Person is subject to a Provisional Suspension may be Publicly Disclosed by IWF.
- No later than twenty (20) days after it has been determined in a final appellate decision under Article 13.2.1 or 13.2.2, or such appeal has been waived, or a hearing in accordance with Article 8 has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not otherwise been timely challenged, or the matter has been resolved under Article 10.8, or a new period of *Ineligibility*, or reprimand, has been imposed under Article 10.14.3, IWF must *Publicly Disclose* the disposition of the anti-doping matter, including the sport, the anti-doping rule violated, the name of the *Athlete* or other *Person* committing the violation, the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* involved (if any) and the *Consequences* imposed. IWF must also *Publicly Disclose* within twenty (20) days the results of appellate decisions concerning anti-doping rule violations, including the information described above.⁷⁵
- After an anti-doping rule violation has been determined to have been committed in an appellate decision under Article 13.2.1 or 13.2.2 or such appeal has been waived, or in a hearing in accordance with Article 8 or where such hearing has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not otherwise been timely challenged, or the matter has been resolved under Article 10.8, IWF may make public such determination or decision and may comment publicly on the matter.
- In any case where it is determined, after a hearing or appeal, that the *Athlete* or other *Person* did not commit an anti-doping rule violation, the fact that the decision has been appealed may be *Publicly Disclosed*. However, the decision itself and the underlying facts may not be *Publicly Disclosed* except with the consent of the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision. IWF shall use reasonable efforts to obtain such consent, and if consent is obtained, shall *Publicly Disclose* the decision in its entirety or in such redacted form as the *Athlete* or other *Person* may approve.
- 14.3.5 Publication shall be accomplished at a minimum by placing the required information on IWF's website and leaving the information up for the longer of one (1) month or the duration of any period of *Ineligibility*.
- 14.3.6 Except as provided in Articles 14.3.1 and 14.3.3, no Anti-Doping Organization, Member Federation, or WADA-accredited laboratory, or any official of any such body, shall publicly comment on the specific facts of any pending case (as opposed to general description of process and science) except in response to public comments attributed to, or based on information provided by, the Athlete, other Person or their entourage or other representatives.
- 14.3.7 The mandatory *Public Disclosure* required in Article 14.3.2 shall not be required where the *Athlete* or other *Person* who has been found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation is a *Minor, Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*.

Any optional *Public Disclosure* in a case involving a *Minor, Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete* shall be proportionate to the facts and circumstances of the case.

14.4 Statistical Reporting

IWF shall, at least annually, publish publicly a general statistical report of its *Doping Control* activities, with a copy provided to *WADA*. IWF may also publish reports showing the name of each *Athlete* tested and the date of each *Testing*.

14.5 Doping Control Information Database and Monitoring of Compliance

To enable WADA to perform its compliance monitoring role and to ensure the effective use of resources and sharing of applicable Doping Control information among Anti-Doping Organizations, IWF shall report to WADA through ADAMS Doping Control-related information, including, in particular:

- (a) Athlete Biological Passport data for International-Level Athletes and National-Level Athletes,
- (b) Whereabouts information for Athletes including those in Registered Testing Pools,
- (c) TUE decisions, and
- (d) Results Management decisions,

as required under the applicable International Standard(s).

- 14.5.1 To facilitate coordinated test distribution planning, avoid unnecessary duplication in *Testing* by various *Anti-Doping Organizations*, and to ensure that *Athlete Biological Passport* profiles are updated, IWF shall report all *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition* tests to *WADA* by entering the *Doping Control* forms into *ADAMS* in accordance with the requirements and timelines contained in the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations*.
- To facilitate WADA's oversight and appeal rights for TUEs, IWF shall report all TUE applications, decisions and supporting documentation using ADAMS in accordance with the requirements and timelines contained in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.
- To facilitate WADA's oversight and appeal rights for Results Management, IWF shall report the following information into ADAMS in accordance with the requirements and timelines outlined in the International Standard for Results Management: (a) notifications of anti-doping rule violations and related decisions for Adverse Analytical Findings; (b) notifications and related decisions for other anti-doping rule violations that are not Adverse Analytical Findings; (c) whereabouts failures; and (d) any decision imposing, lifting or reinstating a Provisional Suspension.
- The information described in this Article will be made accessible, where appropriate and in accordance with the applicable rules, to the Athlete, the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization, and any other Anti-Doping Organizations with Testing authority over the Athlete.

14.6 Data Privacy

14.6.1 IWF and the ITA may collect, store, process or disclose *person*al information relating to *Athletes* and other *Person*s where necessary and appropriate to

conduct its Anti-Doping Activities under the Code, the International Standards (including specifically the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information), these Anti-Doping Rules, and in compliance with applicable law.

14.6.2 Without limiting the foregoing, IWF shall:

- (a) Only process *person*al information in accordance with a valid legal ground;
- (b) Notify any *Participant* or *Person* subject to these Anti-Doping Rules, in a manner and form that complies with applicable laws and the *International Standard* for the Protection of Privacy and *Person*al Information, that their *person*al information may be processed by IWF and other *Persons* for the purpose of the implementation of these Anti-Doping Rules;
- (c) Ensure that any third-party agents (including any *Delegated Third Party*) with whom IWF shares the *person*al information of any *Participant* or *Person* is subject to appropriate technical and contractual controls to protect the confidentiality and privacy of such information.

14.7 Means of Notice

Any notice given under these Anti-Doping Rules shall be delivered (by email) to Athletes or other Persons. The notification may also take place via the Athlete or other Person's Member Federation and for such purpose, it is the responsibility of the Member Federation to notify the Athlete or other Person and the Member Federation shall confirm to IWF that they have delivered the notification to the Athlete or other Person.

Any notice given under these Anti-Doping Rules shall, in the absence of earlier or actual proof of receipt, be deemed to have been duly given as follows:

- (a) if delivered *person*ally by hand against receipt, on the date of delivery;
- (b) if sent by post, seven calendar days after the date of posting;
- (c) if sent by email, immediately at the time at which it was sent.

ARTICLE 15 IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

15.1 Automatic Binding Effect of Decisions by Signatory Anti-Doping Organizations

- A decision of an anti-doping rule violation made by a *Signatory Anti-Doping Organization*, an appellate body (Article 13.2.2 of the Code) or *CAS* shall, after the parties to the proceeding are notified, automatically be binding beyond the parties to the proceeding upon IWF and its *Member Federations*, as well as every *Signatory* in every sport with the effects described below:
 - A decision by any of the above-described bodies imposing a *Provisional Suspension* (after a *Provisional Hearing* has occurred or the *Athlete* or other *Person* has either accepted the *Provisional Suspension* or has waived the right to a *Provisional Hearing*, expedited hearing or expedited appeal offered in accordance with Article 7.4.3) automatically prohibits the *Athlete* or other *Person* from participation (as described in Article 10.14.1) in all sports within the authority of any *Signatory* during the *Provisional Suspension*.

- **15.1.1.2** A decision by any of the above-described bodies imposing a period of *Ineligibility* (after a hearing has occurred or been waived) automatically prohibits the *Athlete* or other *Person* from participation (as described in Article 10.14.1) in all sports within the authority of any *Signatory* for the period of *Ineligibility*.
- **15.1.1.3** A decision by any of the above-described bodies accepting an anti-doping rule violation automatically binds all *Signatories*.
- **15.1.1.4** A decision by any of the above-described bodies to *Disqualify* results under Article 10.10 for a specified period automatically *Disqualifies* all results obtained within the authority of any *Signatory* during the specified period.
- **15.1.2** IWF and its *Member Federations* shall recognize and implement a decision and its effects as required by Article 15.1.1, without any further action required, on the earlier of the date IWF receives actual notice of the decision or the date the decision is placed into *ADAMS*.
- 15.1.3 A decision by an Anti-Doping Organization, a national appellate body or CAS to suspend, or lift, Consequences shall be binding upon IWF and its Member Federations without any further action required, on the earlier of the date IWF receives actual notice of the decision or the date the decision is placed into ADAMS.
- 15.1.4 Notwithstanding any provision in Article 15.1.1, however, a decision of an anti-doping rule violation by a *Major Event Organization* made in an expedited process during an *Event* shall not be binding on IWF or its *Member Federations* unless the rules of the *Major Event Organization* provide the *Athlete* or other *Person* with an opportunity to an appeal under non-expedited procedures.⁷⁶

15.2 Implementation of Other Decisions by Anti-Doping Organizations

IWF and its *Member Federations* may decide to implement other anti-doping decisions rendered by *Anti-Doping Organizations* not described in Article 15.1.1 above, such as a *Provisional Suspension* prior to a *Provisional Hearing* or acceptance by the *Athlete* or other *Person*.⁷⁷

15.3 Implementation of Decisions by Body that is not a *Signatory*

An anti-doping decision by a body that is not a *Signatory* to the *Code* shall be implemented by IWF and its *Member Federations*, if IWF finds that the decision purports to be within the authority of that body and the anti-doping rules of that body are otherwise consistent with the *Code*.⁷⁸

- 76 [Comment to Article 15.1.4: By way of example, where the rules of the Major Event Organization give the Athlete or other Person the option of choosing an expedited CAS appeal or a CAS appeal under normal CAS procedure, the final decision or adjudication by the Major Event Organization is binding on other Signatories regardless of whether the Athlete or other Person chooses the expedited appeal option.]
- [Comment to Articles 15.1 and 15.2: Anti-Doping Organization decisions under Article 15.1 are implemented automatically by other Signatories without the requirement of any decision or further action on the Signatories' part. For example, when a National Anti- Doping Organization decides to Provisionally Suspend an Athlete, that decision is given automatic effect at the International Federation level. To be clear, the "decision" is the one made by the National Anti-Doping Organization, there is not a separate decision to be made by the International Federation. Thus, any claim by the Athlete that the Provisional Suspension was improperly imposed can only be asserted against the National Anti-Doping Organization. Implementation of Anti-Doping Organizations under Article 15.2 is subject to each Signatory's discretion. A Signatory's implementation of a decision under Article 15.1 or Article 15.2 is not appealable separately from any appeal of the underlying decision. The extent of recognition of TUE decisions of other Anti-Doping Organizations shall be determined by Article 4.4 and the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.]
 - [Comment to Article 15.3: Where the decision of a body that has not accepted the Code is in some respects Code compliant and in other respects not Code compliant, IWF, other Signatories and Member Federations should attempt

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ARTICLE 16 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

No anti-doping rule violation proceeding may be commenced against an *Athlete* or other *Person* unless he or she has been notified of the anti-doping rule violation as provided in Article 7, or notification has been reasonably attempted, within ten (10) years from the date the violation is asserted to have occurred.⁷⁹

ARTICLE 17 EDUCATION

17.1 Education Activities by IWF

17.1.1 IWF shall plan, implement, evaluate and promote *Education* in line with the requirements of Article 18.2 of the Code and the *International Standard* for *Education*.

17.2 Education Obligations for Athletes and Other Persons

17.2.1 All Athletes included in the IWF Registered Testing Pool shall, within four (4) months from the notification of their inclusion, successfully complete an anti-doping Education course designated by IWF or equivalent class provided by their National Anti-Doping Organization and register such completion.

IWF shall monitor the suitability of *National Anti-Doping Organization*'s course to ensure it complies with the requirements. In the event that IWF determines that the anti-doping *Education* course delivered by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* does not satisfy the requirements, IWF may request the *Athlete* to undergo the IWF anti-doping *Education* course and may extend the time limit to complete the program.

Each Athlete shall be personally responsible for complying with this obligation. Any Athlete who has not met this requirement by the set deadline shall be automatically ineligible from competing at any IWF Event until successful completion of the course and its registration.

17.2.2 IWF may also decide to request that *Athletes* complete *Education* activities before and/or during their participation in select *Events* (e.g.: Junior/Youth World Championships) as a condition of such participation. The list of *Events* for which *Athletes* will be required to complete *Education* activities as a condition of participation will be published on IWF's website.

Failure by an Athlete to complete Education activities as requested by IWF may result in the imposition of sanctions under IWF's disciplinary rules and that

to apply the decision in harmony with the principles of the Code. For example, if in a process consistent with the Code a non-Signatory has found an Athlete to have committed an anti-doping rule violation on account of the presence of a Prohibited Substance in the Athlete's body but the period of Ineligibility applied is shorter than the period provided for in the Code, then IWF and all other Signatories should recognize the finding of an anti-doping rule violation and the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization should conduct a hearing consistent with Article 8 to determine whether the longer period of Ineligibility provided in the Code should be imposed. IWF or other Signatory's implementation of a decision, or their decision not to implement a decision under Article 15.3, is appealable under Article 13.]

[Comment to Article 16: For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of Article 16 shall also apply to any other violation of these Anti-Doping Rules, including violations of Article 5, 12 and 18.]

Athlete may be declared ineligible to compete in *IWF Events* by IWF, unless the Athlete provides to IWF a justification for such failure, which shall be assessed by IWF on a case by case basis.

17.3 Education Obligations for Member Federations

- 17.3.1 Upon request of IWF, the *Member Federation* hosting an IWF World Championship (Youth, Junior or Senior) shall be responsible for organising and/or supporting the organisation of at least one anti-doping *Educational* seminar in connection with the *Event*, under IWF's supervision and direction. Any costs related to such *educational* activities shall be borne by the *Member Federation*. Failure to do so may result in sanctions under Article 12 of these Anti-Doping Rules.
- 17.3.2 Should two (2) or more violations of these Anti-Doping Rules sanctioned by IWF or Anti-Doping Organizations other than the Member Federation or its National Anti-Doping Organization have been committed by Athletes or other Persons affiliated to the Member Federation within a 12-month period⁸⁰, without prejudice to any other sanction that may be imposed against the Member Federation in accordance with these Anti-Doping Rules, the Member Federation shall have the obligation to put in place an anti-doping Education program designed by IWF. The Member Federation shall bear the costs for such program and shall put best efforts to ensure its implementation. Noncompliance with this requirement may result in sanctions under Article 12 of these Anti-Doping Rules.

ARTICLE 18 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

18.1 Adoption of Compliant Rules and Regulations

- All Member Federations as a condition of membership to IWF and their members shall comply with the Code, International Standards, and these Anti-Doping Rules. All Member Federations and other members shall include in their policies, rules and programs the provisions necessary to ensure that IWF may enforce these Anti-Doping Rules (including carrying out Testing) directly in respect of Athletes (including National-Level Athletes) and other Persons under their anti-doping authority as specified in the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Rules (Section "Scope of these Anti-Doping Rules"). For the purpose of these Anti-Doping Rules, a Member Federation shall be liable and deemed responsible for the acts and omissions of its servants, agents, employees, directors or officials any third party appointed by the Member Federation in the fulfilment of any obligations under these Anti-Doping Rules
- **18.1.2** Each *Member Federation* shall incorporate these Anti-Doping Rules either directly or by reference into its governing documents, constitution and/or

[[]Comment to Article 17.3.2: For the purpose of determining whether two or more violations of these Anti-Doping Rules have occurred within a 12-month period, the date of the Adverse Analytical Finding or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation has occurred shall be considered.]

rules as part of the rules of sport that bind their members so that the *Member Federation* may enforce them itself directly in respect of *Athletes* (including *National-Level Athletes*) and other *Persons* under its anti-doping authority.

- 18.1.3 By adopting these Anti-Doping Rules, and incorporating them into their governing documents and rules of sport, *Member Federations* shall cooperate with and support IWF in that function. They shall also recognize, abide by and implement the decisions made pursuant to these Anti-Doping Rules, including the decisions imposing sanctions on *Persons* under their authority.
- **18.1.4** All *Member Federations* shall take appropriate action to enforce compliance with the *Code, International Standards*, and these Anti-Doping Rules by *interalia*:
 - (i) conducting *Testing* only under the documented authority of IWF and using their *National Anti-Doping Organization* or other *Sample* collection authority to collect *Samples* in compliance with the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations*;
 - (ii) recognizing the authority of the *National Anti-Doping Organization* in their country in accordance with Article 5.2.1 of the *Code* and assisting as appropriate with the *National Anti-Doping Organization*'s implementation of the national *Testing* program for their sport;
 - (iii) analyzing all Samples collected using a WADA-accredited or WADA-approved laboratory in accordance with Article 6.1; and
 - (iv) ensuring that any national level anti-doping rule violation cases discovered by *Member Federations* are adjudicated by an *Operationally Independent* hearing panel in accordance with Article 8.1 and the *International Standard* for *Results Management*.
 - (v) ensuring that all *Athletes* under their jurisdiction can be subject to unannounced *Out-of-Competition Testing* under the IWF's *Testing* authority throughout the year.
- 18.1.5 All Member Federations shall establish rules requiring all Athletes preparing for or participating in a Competition or activity authorized or organized by a Member Federation or one of its member organizations, and all Athlete Support Personnel associated with such Athletes, to agree to be bound by these Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the Results Management authority of the Anti-Doping Organization in conformity with the Code as a condition of such participation.

18.2 Mechanisms to Report Doping

- 18.2.1 All Member Federations shall report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping rule violation to IWF and to their National Anti-Doping Organizations and shall cooperate with investigations conducted by any Anti-Doping Organization with authority to conduct the investigation.
- 18.2.2 All *Member Federations* shall take reasonable steps to promote actively an open environment that encourages *Athletes*, *Athlete Support Personnel* and other whistle-blowers to report on doping and other non-compliant situation.

- **18.2.3** All *Member Federations* shall specifically adopt a policy or rule implementing Article 2.11 of these Anti-Doping Rules (Acts by an *Athlete* or *Other Person* to discourage or retaliate against reporting to authorities).
- 18.2.4 All *Member Federations* shall put in place the ITA Reveal platform to enable doping suspicions and other non-compliant situations to be reported directly to the ITA.

18.3 Personnel Related to Anti-Doping

- 18.3.1 No Member Federation shall knowingly elect, appoint or employ an Athlete Support Personnel in any position (other than authorized anti-doping Education or rehabilitation programs) who is Provisionally Suspended or is serving a period of Ineligibility under the Anti-Doping Rules or, has served a period of Ineligibility within the previous six (6) years.
- 18.3.2 All Member Federations shall have disciplinary rules in place to prevent Athlete Support Personnel who are Using Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods without valid justification from providing support to Athletes under the authority of IWF or the National Federation.
- Member Federations shall a) actively monitor all Athlete Support Personnel who fall under either of Articles 2.10.1.1, 2.10.1.2 or 2.10.1.3, within their jurisdiction; b) advise its affiliated Athletes and IWF of the identity of all such Athlete Support Personnel that they are or become aware of; and c) ultimately, ensure that none of their affiliated Athletes associate with Athlete Support Personnel in violation of Article 2.10. In the event of such prohibited association, the Member Federation shall immediately notify IWF and the relevant National Anti-Doping Organization. In case of repeated failures to comply with the duties set out under this Article, a sanction may be imposed on the Member Federation pursuant to Article 12 of these Anti-Doping Rules.
- All Member Federations shall provide IWF with an (up-to-date) list of the Athlete Support Personnel associated with each of their affiliated Athletes belonging to the IWF's Registered Testing Pool or Testing Pool (where applicable) and to the Member Federation's National Team by 15 January of each calendar year and shall ensure that any change during the calendar year is promptly reported to IWF.81

18.4 Investigation of Anti-Doping Rule Violations

18.4.1 Member Federations must investigate any anti-doping rule violation when requested by IWF in order to ascertain which Persons were involved in the violation. Member Federations must also conduct an automatic investigation of Athlete Support Personnel in the case of any anti-doping rule violation involving a Minor, Protected Person or Athlete Support Person who has provided support to more than one Athlete found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation. Member Federations have a duty to provide updates to IWF upon request and promptly produce a report to IWF upon conclusion of these investigations. Failure to do so may lead to sanctions being imposed on the Member Federation.

[[]Comment to Article 18.3.4: the information to be provided to IWF will include at least the name, gender, date of birth and role of each Athlete Support Person. The IWF will publish on its website a standard form to be used for the purposes of this Article. The information will be used by IWF for Testing and investigation purposes. When processing the information, it is each Member Federation's duty to ensure that the provisions of the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information and of any applicable law are duly respected.]

18.4.2 All *Member Federations* shall cooperate and assist fully with any investigation conducted by IWF, the ITA and/or WADA.

18.5 Investigative Powers of IWF and Demands to Member Federations

- Pursuant to Article 5.8.1, IWF and its *Delegated Third Parties* may make *Demands* to a *Member Federation* to provide IWF with any information, record, article or thing in its possession or control that IWF reasonably believes may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of an anti-doping rule violation or other breach of these Anti-Doping Rules. In this regard, IWF may require a *Member Federation* to:
 - (a) procure the attendance and co-operation of any of its office holders, employees, servants, agents, consultants or advisors before IWF for an interview, or to answer any question, or to provide a written statement setting out their knowledge of any relevant facts and circumstances;
 - (b) provide (or procure to the best of its ability the provision by any third party) for inspection, copying and/or downloading any records or files in hardcopy or electronic format, that IWF believes in good faith may contain relevant information (such as itemised telephone bills, bank statements, ledgers, notes, files, correspondence, emails, messages, servers);
 - (c) provide (or procure to the best of its ability the provision by any third party) for inspection, copying and/or downloading any electronic storage device in which IWF believes in good faith relevant information may be stored (such as cloud-based servers, computers, hard drives, tapes, disks, mobile telephones, laptop computers, tablets and other mobile storage devices);
 - (d) provide full and unlimited access to the *Member Federation*'s premises for the purpose of securing information, records, articles or things the subject of a *Demand*;
 - (e) provide passwords, login credentials and other identifying information required to access electronically stored records that are the subject of a *Demand*;
 - (f) procure the full co-operation of its office holders, employees, servants, agents, consultants and contractors in responding to the *Demand*.
- 18.5.2 Subject to Article 18.13, a *Member Federation* must comply with a *Demand* in such reasonable period of time as determined by IWF and set out in the *Demand*. Each *Member Federation* (and each of its office-holders, employees, servants, agents, consultants or advisors) waives and forfeits any rights, defences and privileges provided by any law in any jurisdiction to withhold any information, record, article or thing requested in a *Demand*.
- 18.5.3 The process of review of a *Demand* before the Demand Review Board detailed in Article 5.8.5 and Article 5.8.6 shall apply mutatis mutandis to a *Demand* made under Article 18.5 other than in case of a *Demand* made under Article 18.5.4.
- 18.5.4 Where a *Demand* relates to any information, record, article or thing that IWF reasonably believes is capable of being damaged, altered, destroyed or hidden (any electronic storage device or electronically stored information shall

be deemed to meet this criterion), then for the purposes of preserving the evidence, IWF may require *Member Federation* to comply immediately with the *Demand*. In such cases, IWF may, in its discretion, request a preliminary approval from the Demand Review Board on a good faith basis and legitimate interest for the *Demand*. For the avoidance of doubt the mechanism detailed in Articles 5.8.5 and 5.8.6 is not available to *Member Federation* when a *Demand* is made under this provision.

- 18.5.5 If a *Member Federation* refuses without compelling justification to comply with a *Demand* within the set deadline, such conduct shall be considered as breach of its obligations and shall lead to consequences as per Article 12.3.1 of these Anti-Doping Rules.
- Any information, record, article or thing provided to IWF under this Article will be kept confidential except when it becomes necessary to disclose such information, record, article or thing to further the investigation of and/or to bring, or as part of, proceedings relating to an anti-doping rule violation or other breach of the Anti-Doping Rules, or when such information, record, article or thing is reported to administrative, professional or judicial authorities pursuant to an investigation or prosecution of non-sporting laws or regulations, or is otherwise required by law.

18.6 Whereabouts

18.6.1 Member Federations shall ensure that their affiliated Athletes comply with their obligations to provide whereabouts information and remain accessible for Testing by IWF, as mandated under Code Article 5.5. In case of repeated failure by a Member Federation to cooperate in the provision of whereabouts information including under Article 5.5.16, a sanction may be imposed on the Member Federation pursuant to Article 12 of these Anti-Doping Rules, in addition to the automatic ineligibility consequences outlined in Article 5.5.16 and Article 5.5.17.

18.7 Other Obligations

- 18.7.1 If medals or other prizes obtained at *IWF Events* are to be forfeited due to *Disqualification* based on these Anti-Doping Rules, the *Member Federation* concerned shall ensure that such medals or other prizes are delivered to IWF within (30) days of the receipt of the final appellate decision on *Disqualification* or the expiry of the time-limit to appeal.
- **18.7.2** All *Member Federations* are obliged to notify IWF of decisions issued at national level regarding anti-doping rule violations committed by their affiliated *Athletes* or other *Persons*.
- **18.7.3** All *Member Federations* shall conduct anti-doping *Education* in coordination with their *National Anti-Doping Organizations*.
- 18.7.4 Without prejudice to Article 18.5, all *Member Federations* shall use their best efforts to provide to IWF a statement signed by each coach, trainer and/or medical personnel associated with any of its affiliated *Athletes* belonging to the IWF's *Registered Testing Pool* or *Testing Pool* by which such coach, trainer and/or medical *person*nel expressly agrees to be bound by these Anti-Doping Rules and subject to the jurisdiction of IWF. In the event that a *Member*

Federation manifestly and/or repeatedly breaches this provision, a sanction may be imposed on such Member Federation.⁸²

18.8 Categorization of *Member Federations* and Related Obligations

- 18.8.1 For the purposes of Articles 18.8, 18.9 and 18.10, Member Federations shall be categorized according to their doping risk to the sport in descending order, categories 'A', 'B' and 'C' (category 'A' Member Federations having the highest doping risk to the sport and category 'C' Member Federations having the lowest doping risk to the sport).
- 18.8.2 The specific obligations of a *Member Federation* as set out in Articles 18.9 and 18.10 will be determined by its assigned category. Certain obligations will apply to all *Member Federations* whilst others will apply only to certain categories of *Member Federations*.
- **18.8.3** IWF shall determine in its absolute discretion the category of each *Member Federation* by taking into account without limitation the following factors:
 - (1) the doping history of *Athletes*, *Athlete Support Personnel* and other Persons under the jurisdiction of the *Member Federation*;
 - (2) confidential intelligence or other information obtained by IWF;
 - (3) the success of the Member Federation in International Events;
 - (4) any significant improvement in the performance of the Member Federation's *Athletes* at any level of competition;
 - (5) the number of *Athletes* representing the *Member Federation* in one or more *International Events*;
 - (6) the Testing history of Athletes competing in International Events;
 - (7) existing limitations with regards to conducting spot checking *Testing* in the *Member Federation*'s country or region;
 - (8) Testing gaps prior to International Events on the Member Federation's affiliated Athletes;
 - (9) compliance by the Member Federation with this Article 18;
 - (10) any other matter that IWF in its absolute discretion deems fit.
- **18.8.4** In respect of a determination of IWF under Article 18:
 - (1) IWF may adopt such process for making a determination as it deems fit;
 - (2) IWF is not required to give reasons for its determination;
 - (3) IWF may make changes to the categorization of Member Federations at any time;
 - (4) IWF is not required to disclose any confidential intelligence or other information that formed part of its decision making:
 - (5) the determination is not subject to appeal or review.

18.9 Specific Obligations for Category 'A' and 'B' Member Federations

18.9.1 Category 'A' and Category 'B' *Member Federations* have the obligation to ensure that all *Athletes* who take part in the IWF Junior World Championships, IWF Senior World Championships and the Olympic Games ("Selected Events"), and who are not already in the IWF's *Registered Testing Pool*, are tested and educated in accordance with the requirements of Articles 18.9 and 18.10.

- 18.9.2 It is acknowledged that, in some jurisdictions, *Member Federations* may delegate or assign the *Testing* requirement to a relevant third party or that such functions are under the authority of the relevant *National Anti-Doping Organization* as a matter of applicable national legislation or regulation. In such cases, a *Member Federation* may achieve compliance with these Anti-Doping Rules through the actions of the third party but, if the third party fails to meet the requirements, the *Member Federation* will be held to be in breach of its obligations under this Article.
- 18.9.3 Category 'A' Member Federations shall ensure that at least two (2) no notice Out-of-Competition tests are conducted on their affiliated Athletes competing in a Selected Event in the six (6) months prior to the commencement of the Selected Event.
- 18.9.4 Category 'B' Member Federations shall ensure that at least one (1) no notice Out-of-Competition test is conducted on their affiliated Athletes competing in a Selected Event in the six (6) months prior to the commencement of the Selected Event.
- 18.9.5 All such tests are to be conducted under the *Testing* authority and *Results Management* authority of the appropriate *National Anti-Doping Organization / Regional Anti-Doping Organization* and for Category 'A' *Member Federations*, the tests are to be conducted at least fourteen (14) days apart. For the avoidance of doubt, the count of fourteen (14) days shall begin on the day after the prior test has been successfully conducted.
- 18.9.6 Category 'A' and Category 'B' Member Federations shall ensure that Samples are collected by their National Anti-Doping Organization or other reputable Sample collection agency in compliance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.
- 18.9.7 Any cost arising from the collection and analysis of the test shall be borne by the concerned *Member Federation* and/or the *National Anti-Doping Organization* or other relevant third party. IWF is in no manner responsible for the payment of the test(s).
- 18.9.8 Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case of circumstances outside of the control of the *Member Federation*, a Category 'A' or Category 'B' *Member Federations* may submit a request to IWF to conduct the required *Testing* on one or more of the relevant pool of *Athletes* in order to fulfil the *Testing* requirements of Article 18.9.3 or 18.9.4. In such cases, the following conditions will apply:
 - (1) The *Member Federation* shall submit any request to conduct any test as early as possible and in any event at least two (2) months prior to the commencement of the Selected Events.
 - (2) It shall be the obligation of the *Member Federation* to ensure that accurate whereabouts information of the relevant pool of *Athletes* is submitted to IWF. Such information shall be submitted in *ADAMS* and shall include, at the minimum (i) an overnight accommodation, (ii) the training schedule and (iii) the home address of each *Athlete*.
 - (3) If, due to inaccurate whereabouts information provided by a Member Federation or the *Athlete* an unsuccessful attempt occurs, it remains

- the responsibility of the *Member Federation* to ensure that the *Testing* requirements of Article 18.9.3 and 18.9.4 respectively are fulfilled.
- (4) For the sake of clarity, as detailed in Article 18.9.7 the Member Federation is responsible for any cost arising from the collection and analysis of the test and such costs need to be paid by the Member Federation to IWF in advance i.e. at least two (2) months prior to the commencement of the Selected Event as per the cost estimations provided by IWF to the *Member Federation*.
- **18.9.9** IWF may in its discretion decide to accept the request of the *Member Federation* in which case (notwithstanding Article 18.9.5) such tests shall be conducted under the *Testing* authority and *Results Management* authority of the IWF with all the resulting consequences.
- 18.9.10 For the avoidance of doubt, it is reiterated that the *Testing* requirements of Article 18.9.3 and 18.9.4 are incumbent upon each individual *Member Federation*. Although a *Member Federation* can make a request to IWF to conduct the required tests, the requirement to ensure that the minimum tests are conducted remains the obligation of the *Member Federation*.
- 18.9.11 Without prejudice to the *Education* requirements detailed in Article 17 and any other requirement under separate relevant IWF regulations (e.g. Olympic Qualification System), Category 'A' *Member Federations* shall ensure that every *Athlete* competing in a Selected Event and all coaches and medical professionals under their jurisdiction participating in a Selected Event mandatorily complete an anti-doping *Education* course designated or approved by IWF in advance of the Selected Event in question.
- **18.9.12** Category 'B' *Member Federations* shall use their best endeavours to ensure that every *Athlete* competing in a Selected Event and all coaches and medical professionals under their jurisdiction participating in a Selected Event is subject to an anti-doping *Education* programme.
- 18.9.13 No later than sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of a Selected Event, Category 'A' Member Federations shall submit a report to IWF a list of all Athletes and coaches and medical professionals who have completed the anti-doping Education course mandated by IWF.
- 18.9.14 Unless otherwise approved by IWF in exceptional circumstances, Athletes from Category 'A' Member Federations for whom the Testing and/or the Education requirements of Article 18.9.3 and Article 18.9.11 respectively have not been met and Athletes from Category 'B' Member Federations for whom the Testing requirements of Article 18.9.4 have not been met shall be automatically ineligible from competing at the ensuing Selected Event.

18.10 Specific Obligations for Category 'C' Member Federations

- **18.10.1** Category 'C' *Member Federations* shall use their best endeavours to ensure that *Athletes* competing in a Selected Event are subject to *Testing* by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* prior to the Selected Event.
- **18.10.2** Upon request of IWF, Category 'C' *Member Federations* shall report on an annual basis in a form and manner as determined by IWF, all *Testing* conducted at national level.

18.10.3 Category 'C' *Member Federations* shall use their best endeavours to ensure that *Athletes* competing in a Selected Event are subject to anti-doping *Education* programmes.

18.11 Consequences for Breach of Article 18

- 18.11.1 In the event that a *Member Federation* breaches any *Member Federation*'s obligation under Article 18, a sanction may be imposed on such *Member Federation* pursuant to Article 12 of these Anti-Doping Rules.
- **18.11.2** Any disciplinary procedure for breaches of Article 18 shall be governed by the procedural rules and appeal mechanisms detailed in Article 12.

ARTICLE 19 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF IWF

19.1 In addition to the roles and responsibilities described in Article 20.3 of the *Code* for International Federations, IWF shall report to *WADA* on IWF's compliance with the *Code* and the *International Standards* in accordance with Article 24.1.2 of the *Code*.

- Subject to applicable law, and in accordance with Article 20.3.4 of the *Code*, all IWF board members, directors, officers, employees and those of appointed *Delegated Third Parties* who are involved in any aspect of *Doping Control*, must sign a form provided by IWF, agreeing to be bound by these Anti-Doping Rules as *Persons* in conformity with the *Code* for direct and intentional misconduct.
- 19.3 Subject to applicable law, and in accordance with Article 20.3.5 of the *Code*, any IWF employee who is involved in *Doping Control* (other than authorized anti-doping *Education* or rehabilitation programs) must sign a statement provided by IWF confirming that they are not *Provisionally Suspended* or serving a period of Ineligibility and have not been directly or intentionally engaged in conduct within the previous six (6) years which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping rules if *Code*-compliant rules had been applicable to them.

ARTICLE 20 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATHLETES

- **20.1** To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Rules.
- **20.2** To be available for *Sample* collection at all times.⁸³

[[]Comment to Article 20.2: With due regard to an Athlete's human rights and privacy, legitimate anti-doping considerations sometimes require Sample collection late at night or early in the morning. For example, it is known that some Athletes Use low doses of EPO during these hours so that it will be undetectable in the morning.]

- **20.3** To take responsibility, in the context of anti-doping, for what they ingest and *Use*.
- To inform medical *person*nel of their obligation not to *Use Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* and to take responsibility to make sure that any medical treatment received does not violate these Anti-Doping Rules.
- **20.5** To disclose to IWF and their *National Anti-Doping Organization* any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that the *Athlete* committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten (10) years.
- 20.6 To cooperate with Anti-Doping Organizations investigating anti-doping rule violations.
 Failure by any Athlete to cooperate in full with Anti-Doping Organizations investigating anti-doping rule violations may result in a charge of Failure to Cooperate.
- **20.7** To disclose the identity of their *Athlete Support Personnel* upon request by IWF or a *Member Federation*, or any other *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority over the *Athlete*.
- **20.8** Offensive conduct towards a *Doping Control* official or other *Person* involved in *Doping Control* by an *Athlete*, which does not otherwise constitute *Tampering*, may result in a charge of misconduct under IWF's disciplinary rules.

ARTICLE 21 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL

- **21.1** To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Rules.
- **21.2** To cooperate with the *Athlete Testing* program.
- 21.3 To use their influence on *Athlete* values and behavior to foster anti-doping attitudes.
- To disclose to IWF and their *National Anti-Doping Organization* any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that they committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten (10) years.
- To cooperate with Anti-Doping Organizations investigating anti-doping rule violations.

 Failure by any Athlete Support Personnel to cooperate in full with Anti-Doping Organizations investigating anti-doping rule violations may result in a charge Failure to Cooperate.
- 21.6 Athlete Support Personnel shall not Use or Possess any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method without valid justification.
 Any such Use or Possession may result in a charge of misconduct under IWF's disciplinary rules.
- 21.7 Offensive conduct towards a *Doping Control* official or other *Person* involved in *Doping Control* by *Athlete Support Personnel*, which does not otherwise constitute *Tampering*, may result in a charge of misconduct under IWF's disciplinary rules.

ARTICLE 22 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER PERSONS SUBJECT TO THESE ANTI-DOPING RULES

- **22.1** To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Rules.
- To disclose to IWF and their *National Anti-Doping Organization* any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that they committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten (10) years.

- **22.3** To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.
 - Failure by any other *Person* subject to these Anti-Doping Rules to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations may result in a disciplinary charge of *Failure* to *Cooperate*.
- Not to *Use* or *Possess* any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* without valid justification.
- 22.5 Offensive conduct towards a *Doping Control* official or other *Person* involved in *Doping Control* by a *Person*, which does not otherwise constitute *Tampering*, may result in a charge of misconduct under IWF's disciplinary rules.

ARTICLE 23 INTERPRETATION OF THE CODE

The official text of the *Code* shall be maintained by *WADA* and shall be published in English and French. In the event of any conflict between the English and French versions, the English version shall prevail.

- The comments annotating various provisions of the *Code* shall be used to interpret the *Code*.
- 23.3 The *Code* shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to the existing law or statutes of the *Signatories* or governments.
- The headings used for the various Parts and Articles of the *Code* are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of the *Code* or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.
- Where the term "days" is used in the *Code* or an *International Standard*, it shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- 23.6 The Code shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the date the Code

is accepted by a *Signatory* and implemented in its rules. However, pre-*Code* anti-doping rule violations would continue to count as "First violations" or "Second violations" for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for subsequent post-*Code* violations.

The Purpose, Scope and Organization of the World Anti-Doping Program and the *Code* and Appendix 1, Definitions, shall be considered integral parts of the *Code*.

ARTICLE 24 FINAL PROVISIONS

Where the term "days" is used in these Anti-Doping Rules, it shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specified.

- 24.2 These Anti-Doping Rules shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to existing law or statutes.
- These Anti-Doping Rules have been adopted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the *Code* and the *International Standards* and shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with applicable provisions of the *Code* and the *International Standards*. The *Code* and the *International Standards* shall be considered integral parts of these Anti-Doping Rules and shall prevail in case of conflict.
- 24.4 The Introduction and Appendix 1 shall be considered integral parts of these Anti-Doping Rules.
- 24.5 The comments annotating various provisions of these Anti-Doping Rules shall be used to interpret these Anti-Doping Rules.
- 24.6 These Anti-Doping Rules shall enter into force on 10 March 2025 (the "Effective Date"). They repeal previous versions of IWF's Anti-Doping Rules.
- 24.7 These Anti-Doping Rules shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the Effective Date. However:
 - 24.7.1 Anti-doping rule violations taking place prior to the Effective Date count as "first violations" or "second violations" for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for violations taking place after the Effective Date.
 - Any anti-doping rule violation case which is pending as of the Effective Date and any anti-doping rule violation case brought after the Effective Date based on an anti-doping rule violation which occurred prior to the Effective Date, shall be governed by the substantive anti-doping rules in effect at the time the alleged anti-doping rule violation occurred, and not by the substantive anti-doping rules set out in these Anti-Doping Rules, unless the panel hearing the case determines the principle of "lex mitior" appropriately applies under the circumstances of the case. For these purposes, the retrospective periods in which prior violations can be considered for purposes of multiple violations under Article 10.9.4 and the statute of limitations set forth in Article 16 are procedural rules, not substantive rules, and should be applied retroactively along with all of the other procedural rules in these Anti-Doping Rules (provided, however, that Article 16 shall only be applied retroactively if the

statute of limitation period has not already expired by the Effective Date).

- Any Article 2.4 whereabouts failure (whether a filing failure or a missed test, as those terms are defined in the *International Standard* for *Results Management*) prior to the Effective Date shall be carried forward and may be relied upon, prior to expiry, in accordance with the *International Standard* for *Results Management*, but it shall be deemed to have expired twelve (12) months after it occurred.
- With respect to cases where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the Effective Date, but the Athlete or other Person is still serving the period of Ineligibility as of the Effective Date, the Athlete or other Person may apply to IWF or other Anti-Doping Organization which had Results Management responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of Ineligibility in light of these Anti-Doping Rules. Such application must be made before the period of Ineligibility has expired. The decision rendered may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.2. These Anti-Doping Rules shall have no application to any case where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered and the period of Ineligibility has expired.
- 24.7.5 For purposes of assessing the period of *Ineligibility* for a second violation under Article 10.9.1, where the sanction for the first violation was determined based on rules in force prior to the Effective Date, the period of *Ineligibility* which would have been assessed for that first violation had these Anti-Doping Rules been applicable, shall be applied.⁸⁴
- Changes to the *Prohibited List* and *Technical Documents* relating to substances or methods on the *Prohibited List* shall not, unless they specifically provide otherwise, be applied retroactively. As an exception, however, when a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* has been removed from the *Prohibited List*, an *Athlete* or other *Person* currently serving a period of *Ineligibility* on account of the formerly *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* may apply to IWF or other *Anti-Doping Organization* which had *Results Management* responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* in light of the removal of the substance or method from the *Prohibited List*.
- 24.7.7 The CAS *ADD* shall have jurisdiction over any case where the notice asserting an anti-doping rule violation has been served to an *Athlete* or other *Person* after the Effective Date, even if the asserted violation occurred before the Effective Date.⁸⁵

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[[]Comment to Article 24.7.5: Other than the situation described in Article 24.7.5, where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the Effective Date and the period of Ineligibility imposed has been completely served, these Anti-Doping Rules may not be used to re-characterize the prior violation.]

[[]Comment to Article 24.7.7: If, on the occasion of a future edition of IWF Anti-Doping Rules, IWF renounces to delegate to the CAS ADD the hearing process of an anti-doping rule violation, such anti-doping rule violation shall be heard and adjudicated as provided for under IWF regulations in force when the notice asserting an anti-doping rule violation is served to an Athlete or other Person, even if the anti-doping rule violation is governed by the substantive provisions set out in these Anti-Doping Rules.]

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DEFINITIONS86

ADAMS: The Anti-Doping Administration and Management System is a Web-based database management tool for data entry, storage, sharing, and reporting designed to assist stakeholders and *WADA* in their anti-doping operations in conjunction with data protection legislation.

Administration: Providing, supplying, supervising, facilitating, or otherwise participating in the Use or Attempted Use by another Person of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method. However, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method Used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification and shall not include actions involving Prohibited Substances which are not prohibited in Out-of-Competition Testing unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate that such Prohibited Substances are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

Adverse Analytical Finding: A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory that, consistent with the *International Standard* for Laboratories, establishes in a Sample the presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers or evidence of the Use of a Prohibited Method.

Adverse Passport Finding: A report identified as an *Adverse Passport Finding* as described in the applicable *International Standards*.

Aggravating Circumstances: Circumstances involving, or actions by, an Athlete or other Person which may justify the imposition of a period of Ineligibility greater than the standard sanction. Such circumstances and actions shall include, but are not limited to: the Athlete or other Person Used or Possessed multiple Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods, Used or Possessed a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method on multiple occasions or committed multiple other anti-doping rule violations; a normal individual would be likely to enjoy the performance-enhancing effects of the anti-doping rule violation(s) beyond the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility; the Athlete or Person engaged in deceptive or obstructive conduct to avoid the detection or adjudication of an anti-doping rule violation; or the Athlete or other Person engaged in Tampering during Results Management. For the avoidance of doubt, the examples of circumstances and conduct described herein are not exclusive and other similar circumstances or conduct may also justify the imposition of a longer period of Ineligibility.

Anti-Doping Activities: Anti-doping Education and information, test distribution planning, maintenance of a Registered Testing Pool, managing Athlete Biological Passports, conducting Testing, organizing analysis of Samples, gathering of intelligence and conduct of investigations, processing of TUE applications, Results Management, monitoring and enforcing compliance with any Consequences imposed, and all other activities related to anti-doping to be carried out by or on behalf of an Anti-Doping Organization, as set out in the Code and/or the International Standards.

Anti-Doping Organization: WADA or a Signatory that is responsible for adopting rules for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the Doping Control process. This includes, for

example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other *Major Event Organizations* that conduct *Testing* at their *Events*, International Federations, and *National Anti-Doping Organizations*.

Athlete: Any *Person* who competes in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation) or the national level (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*). An *Anti-Doping Organization* has discretion to apply anti-doping rules to an *Athlete* who is neither an *International-Level Athlete* nor a *National-Level Athlete*, and thus to bring them within the definition of "*Athlete*". In relation to *Athletes* who are neither *International-Level* nor *National-Level Athletes*, an *Anti-Doping Organization* may elect to: conduct limited *Testing* or no *Testing* at all; analyze *Samples* for less than the full menu of *Prohibited Substances*; require limited or no whereabouts information; or not require advance *TUEs*. However, if an Article 2.1, 2.3 or 2.5 anti-doping rule violation is committed by any *Athlete* over whom an *Anti-Doping Organization* has elected to exercise its authority to test and who competes below the international or national level, then the *Consequences* set forth in the *Code* must be applied. For purposes of Article 2.8 and Article 2.9 and for purposes of anti-doping information and *Education*, any *Person* who participates in sport under the authority of any *Signatory*, government, or other sports organization accepting the *Code* is an *Athlete*.87

Athlete Biological Passport: The program and methods of gathering and collating data as described in the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations* and *International Standard* for Laboratories.

Athlete Support Personnel: Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical *person*nel, parent or any other *Person* working with, treating or assisting an *Athlete* participating in or preparing for sports *Competition*.

Attempt: Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an anti-doping rule violation. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on an *Attempt* to commit a violation if the *Person* renounces the *Attempt* prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the *Attempt*.

Atypical Finding: A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory which requires further investigation as provided by the *International Standard* for Laboratories or related *Technical Documents* prior to the determination of an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

Atypical Passport Finding: A report described as an *Atypical Passport Finding* as described in the applicable *International Standards*.

CAS: The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Code: The World Anti-Doping Code.

Competition: A single race, match, game or singular sport contest. For example, a basketball game or the finals of the Olympic 100-meter race in athletics. For stage races and other sport contests where prizes are awarded on a daily or other interim basis the distinction between a *Competition* and an *Event* will be as provided in the rules of IWF.

[[]Comment to Athlete: Individuals who participate in sport may fall in one of five categories: 1] International-Level Athlete, 2] National-Level Athlete, 3] individuals who are not International- or National-Level Athletes but over whom the International Federation or National Anti-Doping Organization has chosen to exercise authority, 4] Recreational Athlete, and 5] individuals over whom no International Federation or National Anti-Doping Organization has, or has chosen to, exercise authority. All International- and National-Level Athletes are subject to the anti-doping rules of the Code, with the precise definitions of international and national level sport to be set forth in the anti-doping rules of the International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations.]

Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations ("Consequences"): An Athlete's or other Person's violation of an anti-doping rule may result in one or more of the following: (a) <u>Disqualification</u> means the Athlete's results in a particular Competition or Event are invalidated, with all resulting Consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes; (b) <u>Ineligibility</u> means the Athlete or other Person is barred on account of an anti-doping rule violation for a specified period of time from participating in any Competition or other activity or funding as provided in Article 10.14; (c) <u>Provisional Suspension</u> means the Athlete or other Person is barred temporarily from participating in any Competition or activity prior to the final decision at a hearing conducted under Article 8; (d) <u>Financial Consequences</u> means a financial sanction imposed for an anti-doping rule violation or to recover costs associated with an anti-doping rule violation; and (e) <u>Public Disclosure</u> means the dissemination or distribution of information to the general public or Persons beyond those Persons entitled to earlier notification in accordance with Article 14.

Contaminated Product: A product that contains a *Prohibited Substance* that is not disclosed on the product label or in information available in a reasonable Internet search.

Decision Limit: The value of the result for a threshold substance in a *Sample*, above which an *Adverse Analytical Finding* shall be reported, as defined in the *International Standard* for Laboratories.

Delegated Third Party: Any *Person* to which IWF delegates any aspect of *Doping Control* or anti-doping *Education* programs including, but not limited to, third parties or other *Anti-Doping Organizations* that conduct *Sample* collection or other *Doping Control* services or anti-doping *Educational* programs for IWF, or individuals serving as independent contractors who perform *Doping Control* services for IWF (e.g., the ITA, non-employee *Doping Control* officers or chaperones). This definition does not include *CAS*.

Demand: Any request made in writing in accordance with Article 5.8 or Article 18.5 to an *Athlete* or other *Person* (including a *Member Federation*) to provide IWF with any information, record, article or thing in their possession or control that IWF reasonably believes may evidence or lead to the discovery of evidence of an anti-doping rule violation or other breach of these Anti-Doping Rules.

Disqualification: See Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations above.

Doping Control: All steps and processes from test distribution planning through to ultimate disposition of any appeal and the enforcement of *Consequences*, including all steps and processes in between, including but not limited to *Testing*, *investigations*, whereabouts, *TUEs*, *Sample* collection and handling, laboratory analysis, *Results Management*, and *investigations* or proceedings relating to violations of Article 10.14 (Status During *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension*).

Education: The process of learning to instill values and develop behaviors that foster and protect the spirit of sport, and to prevent intentional and unintentional doping.

Event: A series of individual *Competitions* conducted together under one ruling body (e.g., the Olympic Games, IWF World Championships, or Pan American Games).

Event Period: The time between the beginning and end of an *Event*, as established by the ruling body of the *Event*. For IWF, the *Event Period* is considered the period which starts at 11:59 p.m. of the day before the *Event* and finishes at 11:59 p.m. of the day on which the *Event* effectively ends.

Event Venues: Those venues so designated by the ruling body for the *Event*. For IWF, the *Event Venues* are considered the official training, accommodation and competition venues for the *Event*.

Failure to Cooperate: Breach by an *Athlete* or other *Person* of their respective obligations to cooperate as set forth in these Anti-Doping Rules, including but not limited to Articles 5.5.14, 5.8, 18.8, 21.4, 21.5, 22.2 and 22.3, which otherwise does not amount to an anti-doping rule violation defined in Article 2.

Fault: Fault is any breach of duty or any lack of care appropriate to a particular situation. Factors to be taken into consideration in assessing an Athlete or other Person's degree of Fault include, for example, the Athlete's or other Person's experience, whether the Athlete or other Person is a Protected Person, special considerations such as impairment, the degree of risk that should have been perceived by the Athlete and the level of care and investigation exercised by the Athlete in relation to what should have been the perceived level of risk. In assessing the Athlete's or other Person's degree of Fault, the circumstances considered must be specific and relevant to explain the Athlete's or other Person's departure from the expected standard of behavior. Thus, for example, the fact that an Athlete would lose the opportunity to earn large sums of money during a period of Ineligibility, or the fact that the Athlete only has a short time left in a career, or the timing of the sporting calendar, would not be relevant factors to be considered in reducing the period of Ineligibility under Article 10.6.1 or 10.6.2.88

Financial Consequences: see Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations, above.

In-Competition: The period commencing at 11:59 p.m. on the day before a *Competition* in which the *Athlete* is scheduled to participate through the end of such *Competition* and the *Sample* collection process related to such *Competition*.⁸⁹

Independent Observer Program: A team of observers and/or auditors, under the supervision of WADA, who observe and provide guidance on the Doping Control process prior to or during certain Events and report on their observations as part of WADA's compliance monitoring program.

Individual Sport: Any sport that is not a Team Sport.

Ineligibility: See Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations above.

Institutional Independence: Hearing panels on appeal shall be fully independent institutionally from the *Anti-Doping Organization* responsible for *Results Management*. They must therefore not in any way be administered by, connected or subject to the *Anti-Doping Organization* responsible for *Results Management*.

International Event: An Event or Competition where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation, a *Major Event Organization*, or another international sport organization is the ruling body for the Event or appoints the technical officials for the *Event*.

[[]Comment to Fault: The criteria for assessing an Athlete's degree of Fault is the same under all Articles where Fault is to be considered. However, under Article 10.6.2, no reduction of sanction is appropriate unless, when the degree of Fault is assessed, the conclusion is that No Significant Fault or Negligence on the part of the Athlete or other Person was involved.]

^{89 [}Comment to In-Competition: Having a universally accepted definition for In-Competition provides greater harmonization among Athletes across all sports, eliminates or reduces confusion among Athletes about the relevant timeframe for In-Competition Testing, avoids inadvertent Adverse Analytical Findings in between Competitions during an Event and assists in preventing any potential performance enhancement benefits from substances prohibited Out-of-Competition being carried over to the Competition period.]

International-Level Athlete: Athletes who compete in sport at the international level, as defined by each International Federation, consistent with the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations*. For the sport of weightlifting, *International-Level Athletes* are defined as set out in the Scope section of the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Rules. 90

International Standard: A standard adopted by WADA in support of the Code. Compliance with an International Standard (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the International Standard were performed properly. International Standards shall include any Technical Documents issued pursuant to the International Standard.

IWF Event: IWF Events are international weightlifting competitions registered as "IWF Events" in the IWF Calendar.

IWF Calendar Event: An Event listed in the IWF Calendar. The IWF Calendar includes IWF Events and other Events. The IWF Calendar Event is published on the IWF website.

Major Event Organizations: The continental associations of *National Olympic Committees* and other international multi-sport organizations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other *International Event*.

Marker: A compound, group of compounds or biological variable(s) that indicates the *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

Member Consequences: For the purposes of Article 12 of these Anti-Doping Rules, *Member Consequences* may include the imposition of one or more of the following consequences, individually or cumulatively, against a *Member Federation*:

- 1) (a) exclusion of the *Member Federation*'s affiliated *Athletes* and Officials from participation in any IWF *Events* in any capacity or form whatsoever; or alternatively
 - (b) exclusion of the *Member Federation*'s affiliated *Athletes* and Officials from participation in any IWF *Events* other than in a neutral capacity and under a neutral flag, in which case the results obtained by the *Athletes*, including any medals, points and prizes shall not be assigned to or computed in favor of the *Athletes' Member Federation*; and/or
- withdrawal of the right to organize IWF *Events*, IWF Congress, IWF Executive Board meetings, meetings of IWF Commissions and Committees (if the right to organize such event taking place during the period of sanction has been allocated to the *Member Federation* prior to the notification of the sanction, the event shall be considered as revoked): and/or
- 3) exclusion of all or some of the *Member Federation*'s board members, directors, officers, employees and/or other officials from participation in any IWF activity; and/or
- 4) exclusion from participation in the IWF Congress with voting rights; and/or
- 5) withdrawal of the right to submit proposals for inclusion on the Agenda of the IWF Congress; and/or
- 6) withdrawal of the right to take part in and benefit from the IWF Development program apart from *Education* and anti-doping seminars.

[[]Comment to International-Level Athlete: Consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, IWF is free to determine the criteria it will use to classify Athletes as International-Level Athletes, e.g., by ranking, by participation in particular International Events, by type of license, etc. However, it must publish those criteria in clear and concise form, so that Athletes are able to ascertain quickly and easily when they will become classified as International-Level Athletes. For example, if the criteria include participation in certain International Events, then the International Federation must publish a list of those International Events.]

This definition identifies the range of consequences that may be applied in each case of a violation of Article 12 of these Anti-Doping Rules. The specific contents, conditions and extent of the *Member Consequences* to be imposed in each case of a violation of Article 12 of these Anti-Doping Rules shall be determined by the Independent Panel at its discretion, taking into account the seriousness of the underlying anti-doping rule violations (for violations of Article 12.3.2 of these Anti-Doping Rules) and the gravity of the circumstances surrounding the case. 91

Member Federation: A national or regional entity which is a member of or is recognized by IWF as the entity governing weightlifting in that nation or region.

Metabolite: Any substance produced by a biotransformation process.

Minimum Reporting Level: The estimated concentration of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolite(s)* or *Marker(s)* in a *Sample* below which *WADA*-accredited laboratories should not report that *Sample* as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

Minor: A natural *Person* who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years.

National Anti-Doping Organization: The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules, direct the collection of *Samples*, the management of test results, and the conduct of hearings at the national level. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country's *National Olympic Committee* or its designee.

National Event: A sport Event or Competition involving International- or National-Level Athletes that is not International Event.

National-Level Athlete: Athletes who compete in sport at the national level, as defined by each National Anti-Doping Organization, consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

National Olympic Committee: The organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The term *National Olympic Committee* shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical *National Olympic Committee* responsibilities in the anti-doping area.

No Fault or Negligence: The Athlete or other Person's establishing that he or she did not know or suspect, and could not reasonably have known or suspected even with the exercise of utmost caution, that he or she had Used or been administered the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method or otherwise violated an anti-doping rule. Except in the case of a Protected Person or Recreational Athlete, for any violation of Article 2.1, the Athlete must also establish how the Prohibited Substance entered the Athlete's system.

No Significant Fault or Negligence: The Athlete or other Person's establishing that any Fault or Negligence, when viewed in the totality of the circumstances and taking into account the criteria for No Fault or Negligence, was not significant in relationship to the anti-doping rule violation. Except in the case of a Protected Person or Recreational Athlete, for any violation of Article 2.1, the Athlete must also establish how the Prohibited Substance entered the Athlete's system.

Operational Independence: This means that (1) board members, staff members, commission members, consultants and officials of the *Anti-Doping Organization* with responsibility for

⁹¹ For the avoidance of doubt, the Independent Panel may decide to impose different periods of application, up to the maximum ranges set forth in Articles 12.3.1 and 12.3.2, for each of the specific consequences applied as part of the Member Consequences imposed in each case.

Results Management or its affiliates (e.g., member federation or confederation), as well as any Person involved in the investigation and pre-adjudication of the matter cannot be appointed as members and/or clerks (to the extent that such clerk is involved in the deliberation process and/or drafting of any decision) of hearing panels of that Anti-Doping Organization with responsibility for Results Management and (2) hearing panels shall be in a position to conduct the hearing and decision-making process without interference from the Anti-Doping Organization or any third party. The objective is to ensure that members of the hearing panel or individuals otherwise involved in the decision of the hearing panel, are not involved in the investigation of, or decisions to proceed with, the case.

Out-of-Competition: Any period which is not *In-Competition*.

Participant: Any Athlete or Athlete Support Person.

Person: A natural *Person* or an organization or other entity.

Possession: The actual, physical *Possession*, or the constructive *Possession* (which shall be found only if the *Person* has exclusive control or intends to exercise control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists); provided, however, that if the *Person* does not have exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists, constructive *Possession* shall only be found if the *Person* knew about the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* and intended to exercise control over it. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on *Possession* if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the *Person* has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the *Person* has taken concrete action demonstrating that the *Person* never intended to have *Possession* and has renounced *Possession* by explicitly declaring it to an *Anti-Doping Organization*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, the purchase (including by any electronic or other means) of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* constitutes *Possession* by the *Person* who makes the purchase.

Prohibited List: The List identifying the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

Prohibited Method: Any method so described on the *Prohibited List*.

Prohibited Substance: Any substance, or class of substances, so described on the *Prohibited List*

Protected Person: An Athlete or other natural Person who at the time of the anti-doping rule violation: (i) has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years; (ii) has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years and is not included in any Registered Testing Pool and has never competed in any International Event in an open category; or (iii) for reasons other than age has been determined to lack legal capacity under applicable national legislation.⁹³

- [Comment to Possession: Under this definition, anabolic steroids found in an Athlete's car would constitute a violation unless the Athlete establishes that someone else used the car; in that event, IWF must establish that, even though the Athlete did not have exclusive control over the car, the Athlete knew about the anabolic steroids and intended to have control over them. Similarly, in the example of anabolic steroids found in a home medicine cabinet under the joint control of an Athlete and spouse, IWF must establish that the Athlete knew the anabolic steroids were in the cabinet and that the Athlete intended to exercise control over them. The act of purchasing a Prohibited Substance alone constitutes Possession, even where, for example, the product does not arrive, is received by someone else, or is sent to a third party address.]
- [Comment to Protected Person: The Code treats Protected Persons differently than other Athletes or Persons in certain circumstances based on the understanding that, below a certain age or intellectual capacity, an Athlete or other Person may not possess the mental capacity to understand and appreciate the prohibitions against conduct contained in the Code. This would include, for example, a Paralympic Athlete with a documented lack of legal capacity due to an intellectual impairment. The term "open category" is meant to exclude competition that is limited to junior or age group categories.]

Provisional Hearing: For purposes of Article 7.4.3, an expedited abbreviated hearing occurring prior to a hearing under Article 8 that provides the *Athlete* with notice and an opportunity to be heard in either written or oral form.⁹⁴

Provisional Suspension: See Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations above.

Publicly Disclose or Publicly Report: See Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations above.

Recreational Athlete: A natural *Person* who is so defined by the relevant *National Anti-Doping Organization*; provided, however, the term shall not include any *Person* who, within the five (5) years prior to committing any anti-doping rule violation, has been an *International-Level Athlete* (as defined by each International Federation consistent with the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations*) or *National-Level Athlete* (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization* consistent with the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations*), has represented any country in an *International Event* in an open category or has been included within any *Registered Testing Pool* or other whereabouts information pool maintained by any International Federation or *National Anti-Doping Organization*.⁹⁵

Regional Anti-Doping Organization: A regional entity designated by member countries to coordinate and manage delegated areas of their national anti-doping programs, which may include the adoption and implementation of anti-doping rules, the planning and collection of *Samples*, the management of results, the review of *TUE*s, the conduct of hearings, and the conduct of *Educational* programs at a regional level.

Registered Testing Pool: The pool of highest-priority Athletes established separately at the international level by International Federation and at the national level by National Anti-Doping Organizations, who are subject to focused In-Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing as part of that International Federation's or National Anti-Doping Organization's test distribution plan and therefore are required to provide whereabouts information as provided in Article 5.5 and the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

Results Management: The process encompassing the timeframe between notification as per Article 5 of the *International Standard* for *Results Management*, or in certain cases (e.g., *Atypical Finding, Athlete Biological Passport*, whereabouts failure), such pre-notification steps expressly provided for in Article 5 of the *International Standard* for *Results Management*, through the charge until the final resolution of the matter, including the end of the hearing process at first instance or on appeal (if an appeal was lodged).

Sample or Specimen: Any biological material collected for the purposes of Doping Control. 96

Signatories: Those entities accepting the *Code* and agreeing to implement the *Code*, as provided in Article 23 of the *Code*.

Specified Method: See Article 4.2.2.

- [Comment to Provisional Hearing: A Provisional Hearing is only a preliminary proceeding which may not involve a full review of the facts of the case. Following a Provisional Hearing, the Athlete remains entitled to a subsequent full hearing on the merits of the case. By contrast, an "expedited hearing", as that term is used in Article 7.4.3, is a full hearing on the merits conducted on an expedited time schedule.]
- 95 [Comment to Recreational Athlete: The term "open category" is meant to exclude competition that is limited to junior or age group categories.]
- 96 [Comment to Sample or Specimen: It has sometimes been claimed that the collection of blood Samples violates the tenets of certain religious or cultural groups. It has been determined that there is no basis for any such claim.]

Specified Substance: See Article 4.2.2.

Strict Liability: The rule which provides that under Article 2.1 and Article 2.2, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault, Negligence*, or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete's* part be demonstrated by the *Anti-Doping Organization* in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation.

Substance of Abuse: See Article 4.2.3

Substantial Assistance: For purposes of Article 10.7.1, a *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* must: (1) fully disclose in a signed written statementor recorded interview all information he or she possesses in relation to anti-doping rule violations or other proceeding described in Article 10.7.1.1, and (2) fully cooperate with the investigation and adjudication of any case or matter related to that information, including, for example, presenting testimony at a hearing if requested to do so by an *Anti-Doping Organization* or hearing panel. Further, the information provided must be credible and must comprise an important part of any case or proceeding which is initiated or, if no case or proceeding is initiated, must have provided a sufficient basis on which a case or proceeding could have been brought.

Tampering: Intentional conduct which subverts the *Doping Control* process but which would not otherwise be included in the definition of *Prohibited Methods. Tampering* shall include, without limitation, offering or accepting a bribe to perform or fail to perform an act, preventing the collection of a *Sample*, affecting or making impossible the analysis of a *Sample*, falsifying documents submitted to an *Anti-Doping Organization* or *TUE* committee or hearing panel, procuring false testimony from witnesses, committing any other fraudulent act upon the *Anti-Doping Organization* or hearing body to affect *Results Management* or the imposition of *Consequences*, and any other similar intentional interference or *Attempted* interference with any aspect of *Doping Control*.⁹⁷

Target Testing: Selection of specific Athletes for Testing based on criteria set forth in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

Team Sport: A sport in which the substitution of players is permitted during a *Competition*.

Technical Document: A document adopted and published by WADA from time to time containing mandatory technical requirements on specific anti-doping topics as set forth in an *International Standard*.

Testing: The parts of the *Doping Control* process involving test distribution planning, *Sample* collection, *Sample* handling, and *Sample* transport to the laboratory.

Testing Pool: The tier below the *Registered Testing Pool* which includes *Athletes* from whom some whereabouts information is required in order to locate and *Test* the *Athlete Out-of-Competition*.

Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE): A Therapeutic Use Exemption allows an Athlete with a medical condition to Use a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method, but only if the conditions set out in Article 4.4 and the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions are met.

[[]Comment to Tampering: For example, this Article would prohibit altering identification numbers on a Doping Control form during Testing, breaking the B bottle at the time of B Sample analysis, altering a Sample by the addition of a foreign substance, or intimidating or attempting to intimidate a potential witness or a witness who has provided testimony or information in the Doping Control process. Tampering includes misconduct which occurs during the Results Management process. See Article 10.9.3.3. However, actions taken as part of a Person's legitimate defense to an anti-doping rule violation charge shall not be considered Tampering. Offensive conduct towards a Doping Control official or other Person involved in Doping Control which does not otherwise constitute Tampering shall be addressed in the disciplinary rules of sport organizations.]

Trafficking: Selling, giving, transporting, sending, delivering or distributing (or *Possessing* for any such purpose) a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* (either physically or by any electronic or other means) by an *Athlete, Athlete Support Person* or any other *Person* subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organization* to any third party; provided, however, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical *person*nel involving a *Prohibited Substance Used* for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification, and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

UNESCO Convention: The International Convention against Doping in Sport adopted by the 33rd session of the UNESCO General Conference on 19 October, 2005 including any and all amendments adopted by the States Parties to the Convention and the Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

Use: The utilization, application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

WADA: The World Anti-Doping Agency.

Without Prejudice Agreement: For purposes of Articles 10.7.1.1 and 10.8.2, a written agreement between an Anti-Doping Organization and an Athlete or other Person that allows the Athlete or other Person to provide information to the Anti-Doping Organization in a defined time-limited setting with the understanding that, if an agreement for Substantial Assistance or a case resolution agreement is not finalized, the information provided by the Athlete or other Person in this particular setting may not be used by the Anti-Doping Organization against the Athlete or other Person in any Results Management proceeding under the Code, and that the information provided by the Anti-Doping Organization in this particular setting may not be used by the Athlete or other Person against the Anti-Doping Organization in any Results Management proceeding under the Code. Such an agreement shall not preclude the Anti-Doping Organization, Athlete or other Person from using any information or evidence gathered from any source other than during the specific time-limited setting described in the agreement.