



To all ARISF Members

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Dear President,
Dear Secretary General,
Dear Colleagues,

We hope this letter finds you well and in good health.

As you know, on January 1st a new World Anti-Doping Code came into force ("Code"). In addition, new WADA International Standards on Education and Results Management impose a set of further obligations on International Federations.

We are pleased to inform you that the ITA and its more than 60 full-time anti-doping experts are ready to assist your organisation with any of these obligations to ensure that you remain at all times in full compliance with your WADA-related obligations and that you have a robust anti-doping program in place.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding with GAISF, the ITA has already assisted last year more than 60 International Federations ("IF") with the update of their anti-doping rules in line with the new Code. We hope that you have benefited from our support and were satisfied with it.

In addition to the full spectrum of Code-compliant anti-doping activities that ITA currently provides, we wish to inform you that we have recently implemented a set of new initiatives that will provide you with cost-efficient solutions using the collective force of all ITA Partners.

In particular, we are pleased to provide the following services to you:

1. Education

According to the new Code and the new International Standard for Education ("ISE"), education must be a key component of any anti-doping program. Code Signatories are now responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of an effective Education Plan. The role of the ITA is to assist its Partners in fulfilling this responsibility in a manner that complies with the Code, helps preserve the spirit of sport and fosters a clean sport environment.

The ITA is available to support its Partners with all aspects of Code Compliance in the area of Education. This includes, but is not limited to:

- ✓ Education Plan development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- ✓ Clean Sport Communication Plan/Campaign
- ✓ Webinar Education
- ✓ Event-Based Education
- ✓ Educator Training

In addition, all ITA Partners can register for the series of free monthly webinars for athletes, administrators, and athlete support personnel (12 sessions are scheduled in 2021).

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Please do not hesitate to contact education@ita.sport for more information on any of the above items.

2. Whistleblowing Platform and Intelligence & Investigations Watch

Under the Code and the International Standard for Testing and Investigations (“ISTI”), IFs shall have the capability to obtain, assess and process anti-doping intelligence from all available sources in order to help deter and detect doping. As part of these efforts, IFs are required to develop and implement policies and procedures to facilitate and encourage whistleblowers.

In this respect, we are pleased to inform you that the ITA has implemented a centralized and highly secured whistleblowing platform called “REVEAL”. This will allow you to promote across your platforms and community the ability to reveal malpractices in the area of doping and have all your athletes and National Member Federations access the platform as well (please see www.reveal.sport).

Any information submitted through this platform will be treated confidentially and be reviewed by our in-house investigation experts. The ITA will then be available to do the follow up on your behalf if you so wish or will provide you with the relevant information for you to carry out the follow up actions in compliance with the Code.

Please do not hesitate to contact report-doping@ita.sport for more information about this service.

3. Long-term Storage of Samples & Re-analysis

Under the Code and Article 4.7.3 of the ISTI, IFs shall implement a policy for the retention and re-analysis of anti-doping samples. We are pleased to inform you that with the support of the International Olympic Committee and the World Anti-Doping Agency, the ITA has set up a dedicated and highly secured Centralized Long-Term Storage Facility. This facility is located in Switzerland and managed by the ITA under the highest security and data protection standards. Any IF can thus make use of this central facility to store its samples in a cost-efficient manner. The ITA would be pleased to give you more information on this and support you with the development of a Code-compliant sample retention & re-analysis policy together with the logistics around its implementation.

Please do not hesitate to contact storage@ita.sport should you be interested to know more about this area.

4. Results Management and 1st Instance Decisions

With the management of more than 300 anti-doping rule violations since its inception, the ITA is well equipped to support you with any of your needs in the area of Results Management. Should you have any question on this matter or need any advice in relation to the Results Management process, please do feel free to get in touch with us at legal@ita.sport.

In addition, pursuant to the International Standard for Results Management (“ISRM”) valid as of 1st January, IFs shall put in place a first instance hearing panel that meets the requirement of “operational independence”.

In this regard, we wish to inform you that the Court of Arbitration for Sport has set up an Anti-Doping Division (“CAS ADD”) that can act as your first instance hearing panel

and thereby comply with the ISRM requirements. We therefore strongly encourage you to get in touch with them at antidoping@tas-cas.org to seek more information about CAS ADD services.

If for any reason, your IF cannot delegate the first instance decision-making process to the CAS ADD and needs an ad hoc solution to comply with the ISRM, you may make use of the International Hearing Panel ("IHP"), a dedicated first instance body set up by the ITA and operated independently by Sport Resolutions, a not-for-profit company specialized in dispute resolution.

The IHP has been established to enable IFs (in particular non-Olympic IFs) to comply with the "operational independence" criterion and to offer an efficient means to resolve anti-doping disputes in a cost- and time-effective manner. The IHP is operated independently from IFs and the ITA and composed of international anti-doping experts.

Any IFs wishing to appoint the IHP to determine first instance anti-doping matters pursuant to their anti-doping rules may contact us for further information at legal@ita.sport.

5. International Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee (ITA ITUEC)

The ITA has set up for all interested IFs a centralized International TUE Panel that can review efficiently and independently all TUE applications filed by your athletes. The ITA International TUE Committee (ITUEC) is comprised of more than 20 international renowned sport medical experts covering all continents and clinical specialties required to review TUE applications.

The ITA ITUEC has experts in both individual and team sports as well as medical experts in para-sports. If relevant, we would be happy to discuss the integration of your current TUE Committee within the ITA ITUEC.

Should you be interested in this service or need any further information please do not hesitate to contact tue@ita.sport.

6. Code Compliance Support

In light of the increasing needs in the context of the WADA Code-compliance monitoring activities, as well as in anticipation of the entry into force of the 2021 Code and Standards, the ITA has created last year a Regulatory Compliance Unit fully dedicated to supporting IFs and Major Events Organizers (MEOs) in their Code compliance efforts.

The ITA manages daily a significant number of WADA-compliance enquires and proceedings on behalf of its Partners, such as Code Compliance Questionnaires, Corrective Action Plans and Reports, Audits, Information Requests and other types of findings.

Should you require any support in this area or for an initial assessment of your compliance status, please do not hesitate to contact compliance@ita.sport

7. Staying up to date on Anti-Doping Matters as Reported by the Media

We are pleased to offer free of charge “Clean Sport Matters”, a bi-weekly media roundup with a selection of the most relevant articles reported in the media on anti-doping. Please feel free to sign up to it by sending an email to communication@ita.sport.

We hope that the above will be of use to you and remain at your disposal should you wish to discuss any other area of your anti-doping program.

We look forward to supporting you with your anti-doping efforts and making sure that while we work on delivering your WADA-compliant program, your federation can fully focus on developing and promoting its sport.

Yours sincerely,



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