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1.0 INTRODUCTION

It is Netball Ireland's (NI) ethos that doping is contrary to the spirit of competitive sport and good sportsmanship, and every NI member has a duty to ensure that netball is free of doping. NI adhere to guidance from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), World Netball, and Sports Ireland (SI) in relation to anti-doping rules, regulations, and standards.

2.0 PURPOSE

NI promotes clean sport, and the purpose of this policy is to ensure equality and fairness for all athletes at every level of competition by prevent doping within netball. NI fully subscribes to and complies with the WADA, World Netball and SI anti-doping rules, policies and guidelines which protects each players' fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport, thus promoting health, fairness, and equality for all NI athletes.

3.0 SCOPE

This procedure applies to all national squad and league players, coaches, team management and support personnel, and all NI committee members and designates.

4.0 PROHIBITED LIST


WADA shall, no less than annually, publish the Prohibited List as an International Standard which will be distributed promptly by WADA.

The Prohibited List will identify the substances and methods which are prohibited (both in and outside of competition) because of their potential to enhance performance in current/future competitions.

The Prohibited List is available on WADA's website, www.wada-ama.org.

5.0 THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION (TUE)

Players can apply for a TUE for approval to use a prohibited substance or method for the prescribed treatment of a legitimate medical condition. They must be able to provide medical evidence to confirm their diagnosis and prescription, and reference that there are no reasonable alternative medications.

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The International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions ensures that the process of granting TUEs is harmonized across sports and countries, and international athletes need to apply through their International Federation.

For NI players, TUE applications are processed by World Netball – the process for which is provided, in advance, by official event organisers. For more information, including when and where to apply, see World Netball website (www.netball.sport).

6.0 ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Every individual is responsible for ensuring that no prohibited substance (as per 4.0) enters their body. Players are responsible for any prohibited substance, or its metabolites or markers, found to be present in their samples.
- It is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing use on the individual's part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping violation. Accordingly, if a player tests positive for any banned substance they are deemed to be in violation of this policy – the consequences of which are outlined in 9.0.
- It is the personal responsibility of the of each individual to be aware of the WADA Prohibited List (www.wada-ama.org).
- Players must thoroughly research any medicinal or supplement products before use to ensure no banned ingredients/substances are in the product/s. In this instance, NI recommend seeking further advice from WADA, and all information and advice revealed should be kept by players as evidence of their research
- Players must be aware that medical product ingredients vary from country to country but also between various brands. It is the player's responsibility to ensure they are vigilant in only consuming products they have confirmed do not contain any prohibited ingredients or substances.
- No person should advocate the use of banned, performance-enhancing substances or the use of prescribed drugs for the sole purpose of enhancing player performance.
- Players, coaches, team management, and support personnel must report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping violation to NI – see NI-1015 Complaint, Dispute and Disciplinary Policy for further reference.
- Any report made to NI in relation to an anti-doping violation will be processed in line with NI's Complaint, Dispute and Disciplinary Policy, and those reporting a possible infringement will be required to co-operate with and provide relevant information to NI in relation to any subsequent investigation/s.

7.0 WORLD NETBALL & SPORT IRELAND (SI) COMPLIANCE

World Netball is a signatory to the WADA World Anti-Doping Code and adopted its own set of Anti-Doping Rules, which all member countries (including NI) are required to accept and all players must abide by. See www.netball.sport for further reference.

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SI is the authority tasked with the development of sport in the Republic of Ireland (ROI), NI have therefore adopted SI's Anti-Doping Rules. See www.sportireland.ie for further reference.

NI comply with the governance of World Netball and SI, therefore:

- The World Netball and SI Anti-Doping Rules apply to all NI players and other personnel (as per 3.0) participating in netball and provides sanctions for any person found guilty of an anti-doping offence.
- All individuals (as per 3.0) shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (as per 8.0) and what the Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods are (as per 4.0) as to avoid any violation and subsequent consequence/s.
- All NI players are subject to World Netball/SI doping controls – doping control tests include urine analyses, blood tests, and other authorised techniques for detecting prohibited substances or methods.

8.0 VIOLATIONS

The following constitute anti-doping violations (as per World Netball and SI Anti-Doping Rules).

All the following apply to players, and the ones marked ** are also applicable to coaches/team management/support personnel:

- Presence of a prohibited substance, or its metabolites or markers, in a player's sample.
- Use or attempted use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method. This may be established by any reliable means (e.g. admissions by the player, witness statements).
- Possession of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method. **
- Evading, refusing, or failing to submit to a sample collection without compelling justification.
- Tampering or attempted tampering with any part of the Doping Control Process. **
- Trafficking or attempted trafficking of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method. **
- Encouraging, administering or attempted administration of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method to any player. **
- Complicity or attempted complicity – aiding, encouraging, conspiring, and/or concealing any involvement in an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV). **
- Discouraging or retaliating against a person reporting an ADRV to authorities. **
- Whereabouts Failure – any combination of three filing failures and/or missed tests within a 12-month period by a player in a Registered Testing Pool, irrespective of which Anti-Doping Organisation has declared each of the Whereabouts Failures.
- Prohibited Association – no player or person can work with a person who has (a) been deemed Ineligible (i.e. banned) by the relevant Anti-Doping authority on account of an

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anti-doping violation, or (b) who have been criminally convicted or professional disciplined in relation to doping. **

9.0 CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATION

Under the World Netball and SI Anti-Doping Rules, the following consequences can apply to an ADRV:

- Provisional suspension.
- Financial sanction and/or exclusion from future events (for team and/or individual) at discretion of relevant authority (i.e. SI/World Netball).
- Individual Ineligibility (i.e. ban from netball): up to 4 years for intentional ADRV and up to 2 years for inadvertent ADRV. At the discretion of the relevant authority, any ban can be increased for up to 2 years more depending on the seriousness of the violation and whether an individual has previous ADRV's.
- A life-long ban from netball will be imposed on an individual in the event of a third ADRV.
- Testing of a whole team can be requested as the result of ADRV's from two individual team members.
- If more than two members of a team commit an ADRV, the event organiser can impose appropriate sanctions – such as loss of points, disqualification from event or competition, forfeiting of awards/prize money.
- Publication of infringement/s and sanction/s.

Please note the above is not an all-inclusive list of possible ADRV consequences.

10.0 MITIGATING RISK

- Understand the Prohibited List.
- Understand the importance of checking your Medication and Supplement products – there is no guarantee that any product is free from banned substances.
- Apply for a TUE if required.
- Understand what happens in a Doping Controlled Test.
- Seek support and advice from WADA.

11.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

Version 01: This is a new Policy

12.0 ABBREVIATIONS & DEFINITIONS

NI Netball Ireland
WADA World Anti-Doping Agency
SI Sport Ireland

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TUE Therapeutic Use Exemption
 ADRV Anti-Doping Rule Violation
 ROI Republic of Ireland

Doping: the use of banned substance/s in competitive sport.

Prohibited Substance: any substance referred to on the WADA Prohibited List.

Prohibited Method: any method so described on the WADA Prohibited List.

13.0 REFERENCE

NI-1015 Complaint, Dispute and Disciplinary Policy

WADA (www.wada-ama.org)

Prohibited List

World Anti-Doping Code

World Netball (www.netball.sport)

World Netball Anti-Doping Rules

SI (www.sportireland.ie)

The Irish Anti-Doping Rules