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# **Athlete Whereabouts Program Guidelines**

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### *Current Version:*

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### *Changes from Previous Versions:*

This the first version, therefore there are no changes

### *Related Documents:*

The following is a list of all documents these Guidelines refer to:

1. [IFSC Anti-Doping Rules](#)
2. [World Anti-Doping Code](#)
3. [International Standard for Testing \(IST\) – Wada](#)



## Athlete Whereabouts Program Guidelines

### 1. Introduction and Scope

- 1.1 The *Athlete Whereabouts Program* (AWP) is a detailed mandatory program issued in accordance with the International Federation Sport Climbing (IFSC) Anti-Doping Rules. The AWP is in compliance with the *World Anti-Doping Code (Code)* and mandatory requirements set out in the Code, the rationale set in *the* International Standard for Testing (IST) issued from Wada..
- 1.2 Unless otherwise specified, all references within this document are to sections of the IFSC Anti-Doping Rules, which can be found *at IFSC Anti-Doping Rules*
- 1.3 Athlete whereabouts information shall be:
  - a. maintained by the IFSC in strict confidence at all times;
  - b. used exclusively for the purpose of planning, coordinating or conducting *testing*; and
  - c. destroyed after it is no longer relevant.

### 2. Roles and Responsibilities

- 2.1 An effective AWP requires a coordinated effort of many organizations and individuals, including the IFSC, its National Federations, Doping Control Officers (DCOs), and Athletes.  
Their respective responsibilities are set out below.

### 3. Definitions

- 3.1 Italicized terms are defined in the Appendix 1- Definitions.

### 4. Provision of Athlete Whereabouts Information

- 4.1 The IFSC shall establish a *Registered Testing Pool* (RTP) of Athletes in accordance with the requirements of the IFSC Anti-Doping Rules, Article 4.4.
- 4.2 The IFSC may make the list of Athletes within the Registered Testing Pool available to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- 4.3 Athletes within the IFSC Registered Testing Pool shall provide accurate and current whereabouts information to the IFSC as required by IFSC Anti-Doping Rules, Art 4.4.



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- 4.4 The IFSC shall coordinate the gathering of Athlete whereabouts information through its National Federations.
- 4.5 The IFSC shall provide its National Federations with an up-to-date list of the National Federation's Athletes within the IFSC Registered Testing Pool at a minimum every year.
- 4.6 The Registered Testing Pool shall be reviewed and updated at a minimum every year.
- 4.7 The IFSC may coordinate the gathering of Whereabouts Information with relevant *National Anti-Doping Organizations* in order to prevent Athletes from completing more than one Athlete Location Form for different Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs).

### **5. Informing the Athlete of the Requirement to Provide Whereabouts Information**

- 5.1 The IFSC shall provide its National Federations with a copy of the IFSC Registered Testing Pool via written notice.
- 5.2 The National Federation shall confirm receipt of such notice directly to the IFSC, within 5 working days.
- 5.3 The National Federation shall inform its Athletes within the Registered Testing Pool of their requirement to provide whereabouts information.
- 5.4 It's definitely Athletes' responsibility to provide correct and detailed Whereabouts Information.
- 5.5 An Athlete in a Registered Testing Pool is required to make a quarterly Whereabouts Filing that provides accurate and complete information about the Athlete's whereabouts during the forthcoming quarter, including identifying where he/she will be living, training and competing during that quarter, so that he/she can be located for Testing at any time during that quarter: see IST Clause 11.3. A failure to do so amounts to a Filing Failure and therefore a *Whereabouts Failure* for purposes of Code Article 2.4.
- 5.6 Athletes shall submit whereabouts information using the on-line system ADAMS (<https://adams.wada-ama.org>) provided and managed by WADA. Accounts' management shall provided by IFSC Office.
- 5.7 An Athlete who has been included in a Registered Testing Pool shall continue to be subject to the whereabouts requirements set out in this Section 11 unless and until:
- he/she has been given written notice by the Responsible ADO that he/she is no longer designated for inclusion in its Registered Testing Pool; or
  - he/she retires from competition in the sport in question in accordance with the applicable rules and gives written notice to his/her IF or NADO or both (as applicable) to that effect.



## 6. Minimum Information Required

- 6.1 At a minimum, Athletes within the Registered Testing Pool shall be required to submit the following information to the IFSC:
- a. name;
  - b. date of birth;
  - c. gender;
  - d. sport/discipline;
  - e. addresses;
  - f. contact phone numbers;
  - g. training times and venues;
  - h. training camps;
  - i. travel plans;
  - j. Event schedule; and
  - k. disability, if applicable, including the requirements for third party involvement in the notification.
- 6.2 Athlete whereabouts information shall be submitted to the IFSC on a quarterly basis (90 days). Should an Athlete's plans change from those originally submitted, the Athlete shall provide updates as soon as possible to the IFSC using ADAMS.
- 6.3 An Athlete in a Registered Testing Pool is also required to specify in his/her Whereabouts Filing, for each day in the forthcoming quarter, one specific 60-minute time slot, between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. each day, where he/she will be available at a specified location for Testing: see IST Clause 11.4. This does not limit in any way the Athlete's obligation to be available for Testing at any time and place. Nor does it limit his/her obligation to provide the information specified in IST Clause 11.3 as to his/her whereabouts outside of that 60-minute time slot. However, if the Athlete is not available for Testing at such location during the 60-minute time slot specified for that day in his/her Whereabouts Filing, and has not updated his/her Whereabouts Filing prior to that 60-minute time slot to provide an alternative time slot/location for that day, that failure shall amount to a Missed Test and shall therefore constitute a Whereabouts Failure for purposes of Code Article 2.4.

## 7. Availability for testing

- 7.1 Any Athlete who provides fraudulent information in his/her Whereabouts Filing commits an anti-doping rule violation under Code Article 2.3 (evading Sample collection) and/or Code Article 2.5 (Tampering or Attempting to Tamper with Doping Control).
- 7.2 It is the Athlete's responsibility to ensure (including by updates, where necessary) that the whereabouts information provided in his/her Whereabouts Filing is sufficient to enable any ADO to locate him/her for Testing on any given day in the quarter, including but not limited to during the 60-minute time slot specified for that day in his/her Whereabouts Filing. Where any change in circumstances means that the information previously provided by or on behalf of the Athlete (whether in the initial Whereabouts Filing or in any subsequent update) is no longer accurate or complete (i.e.



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it is not sufficient to enable any ADO to locate the Athlete for Testing on any given day in the relevant quarter, including but not limited to during the 60-minute time slot that he/she has specified for that day), the Athlete must update his/her Whereabouts Filing so that the information on file is again accurate and complete. He/she must make such update as soon as possible, and in any event prior to the 60-minute time slot specified in his/her filing for that day. A failure to do so shall have the following consequences:

- a. if, as a result of such failure, an ADO's attempt to test the Athlete during the 60-minute time slot is unsuccessful, then the unsuccessful attempt shall be pursued as an apparent Missed Test in accordance with IST Clause 11.6.3; and
- b. if the circumstances so warrant, the failure may be pursued as evasion of Sample collection under Code Article 2.3, and/or Tampering or Attempted Tampering with Doping Control under Code Article 2.5; and
- c. in any event, the ADO shall consider Target Testing of the Athlete.

### **8. Receipt of Whereabouts Information**

8.1 The IFSC shall monitor receipt of Whereabouts Information and identify failures to provide whereabouts information and inaccurate whereabouts information.

### **9. Failure to Provide Whereabouts Information**

9.1 The IFSC shall require Athletes within the Registered Testing Pool to submit Whereabouts Information quarterly (on a 3 month basis). The IFSC shall set a deadline, in writing, for when Athletes are required to submit whereabouts information. This deadline shall be on the 15th day of the month prior to the commencement the three-months period.

9.2 The IFSC shall advise the National Federation in writing, at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the three month period, the Registered Testing Pool and AWP requirements of these Athletes.

9.3 If whereabouts information is not received by the IFSC from an Athlete prior to the established deadline in 8.1 above, the IFSC may notify the Athlete's National Federation in writing. Pursuant to the IFSC Anti-Doping Rule, Article 4.4, this notice will constitute the first formal written warning to the athlete.

9.4 If, on the 1st day of the commencement of the three-month period, an Athlete has failed to submit whereabouts following the first formal written warning, a second formal written warning may be issued in to the Athlete's National Federation.



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9.5 Should the Athlete, after two (2) formal written warnings from the IFSC, fail to submit the required whereabouts information within ten (10) consecutive days from the time the National Federation is notified of the second formal written warning, the IFSC may consider the Athlete to have committed a whereabouts failure.

### **10. Missed Tests as a Result of Inaccurate Whereabouts Information**

10.1 The IFSC shall provide its Doping Control Officers (DCOs) with current and accurate Athlete whereabouts information.

10.2 Should the DCO not locate the Athlete based on the Athlete's whereabouts information, the DCO shall complete a detailed Unavailable Athlete Report that shall include the times, locations and all other details of the DCO's attempt to locate the Athlete.

10.3 Upon receipt of an Unavailable Athlete Report, the IFSC shall confirm that the Athlete whereabouts information provided to the DCO was the most up-to-date / accurate information received from the Athlete. If the whereabouts information is not the most up-to-date, the IFSC shall not continue to process a Missed Test.

10.4 If the Athlete's whereabouts information is the most up-to-date, the IFSC may notify the Athlete's National Federation. The Athlete will be provided ten (10) consecutive days from the time the IFSC notified his/her National Federation to provide a written explanation.

10.5 The IFSC shall consider the Athlete's written explanation in determining whether it should declare a Missed Test on the Athlete.

10.6 Should the Athlete not submit a written explanation within ten (10) consecutive days of the Athlete's National Federation being notified, the IFSC may make a determination as to whether it should declare a Missed Test on the Athlete without consideration to the Athlete's explanation.

10.7. The Athlete cannot accrue a second Missed Test unless he/she has been advised of the first one and has been provided the opportunity to update his/her whereabouts information.

10.8 Violation of applicable requirements regarding Athlete availability for Out-of-Competition Testing set out in the IST, including failure to file whereabouts information in accordance with Article 11.3 of the IST (a "Filing Failure") and failure to be available for Testing at the declared whereabouts in accordance with Article 11.4 of the IST (a "Missed Test"). Any combination of three Missed Tests and/or Filing Failures committed within an eighteen-month period, as declared by IF or any other Anti-Doping Organization with jurisdiction over an Athlete, shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.



## **11. Results Management and Coordination**

- 11.1 For coordination purposes and in order to provide more information for Hearings, the IFSC may make available to National Anti-Doping Organizations and WADA information related to an Athlete's Failure to Provide Whereabouts Information and/or Missed Tests.
- 11.2 The IFSC may combine an Athlete's failure to provide whereabouts information and/or missed tests under the IFSC Anti-Doping Rules with other ADOs' recorded failure to provide whereabouts information and/or missed tests to determine an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.





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### Appendix 1. Definitions

#### Anti-Doping Organization

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, WADA, International Federations, and National Anti-Doping Organizations.

#### Athlete

For purposes of Doping Control, any Person who participates in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation) or national level (as defined by each National Anti-Doping Organization) and any additional Person who participates in sport at a lower level if designated by the Person's National Anti-Doping Organization. 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.

#### Athlete Support Personnel

Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical or para-medical personnel working with or treating Athletes participating in or preparing for sports competition.

#### Code

The World Anti-Doping Code.

#### Filing Failure:

A failure by the Athlete (or by a third party to whom the Athlete has delegated this task, in accordance with IST Clause 11.3.6 or Clause 11.5.4) to make an accurate and complete Whereabouts Filing in accordance with IST Clause 11.3 or Clause 11.5.6.

#### International Standard for Testing

The purpose of the International Standard for Testing (IST) is to plan for effective testing and to maintain the integrity and identity of samples, from notifying the athlete to transporting samples for analysis. Referring version is IST 2009 by WADA

#### Member Association or association

A IFSC member participating in IFSC competitions.

#### Missed Test:

A failure by the Athlete to be available for Testing at the location and time specified in the 60-minute time slot identified in his/her Whereabouts Filing for the day in question, in accordance with IST Clause 11.4 or Clause 11.5.6.

#### 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, all 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.



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### Registered Testing Pool

The pool of top level Athletes established separately by each International Federation and National Anti-Doping Organization who are subject to both In-Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing.

### Testing

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

### Whereabouts Failure

A Filing failure or a Miss test.