



Report – IRF Anti Doping Committee

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Anti Doping Work during 2013-2015

At the WRC 2013 Drug Free Sport NZ (DFS) did an Outreach with the purpose of educating athletes and coaches in regards to future doping tests at upcoming IRF A and B-level events. The Outreach went well and this was the first step to provide members of the IRF with relevant information on IRF Anti Doping rules and doping tests procedures.

Shortly after the WRC 2013 the IRF Anti Doping website was created (www.irfantidoping.com). Here, athletes and coaches can access information about IRF anti doping rules, the prohibited list, doping control procedures, procedures on therapeutic use exemptions etc. The purpose of the site was also to provide relevant articles on anti doping topics and publish the newest research on the field, however we have not managed to get this running properly. Though, this should be a future task for the IRF AD Com.

The first doping tests in IRF history were carried out during the ERC 2014 in Slovakia. Four teams (1st and 2nd place in Slalom, Men & Women) counting a total of 16 athletes delivered a doping test sample. No Illegal substances were found in any of the samples.

Also during the WRC 2014 in Brazil the national anti doping authorities carried out doping tests. A total of 10 athletes delivered a doping test sample. No Illegal substances were found in any of the samples.

In 2015 we had the first positive drug test in IRF history. An unknown number of doping samples were carried out during the National Rafting Championships in Serbia and the doping sample belonging to the 19-year old Serbian athlete, Bogdan Ribaric, was tested positive for a high level of Carboxy THC indicating the use of cannabis referring to group S.08 Cannabinoids of the Prohibited List. The National Rafting Federation of Serbia handled the situation professionally in regards to providing all relevant information to the IRF, perform a hearing of Bogdan Ribaric and suspension of Bogdan Ribaric. Read the full story hear: <http://irfantidoping.com/the-first-positive-drug-test-in-irf-history/>

IRF President, Joe Willie Jones, has rewritten IRF Bylaws and tasks and guidelines of the IRF AD Com. is now part of the main body of the IRF Bylaws. Few changes have been made to the IRF AD Com.'s portfolio, which also reflect the committee's future work. The IRF AD Com. works as a sub-committee to the Sport and Competition Committee (S&C Com).



Finally, during 2015 the IRF AD Com. has made contact with the Indonesian Anti-Doping Agency (LADI) and the organizers of the WRC 2015 in Indonesia in order to ensure a safe management of doping tests during the WRC 2015.

Future work

There is still much more work that has to be done in the IRF AD Com. in the near future. A list of such is:

1. Engage more people in the work of the IRF AD Committee
2. Set up internal work procedures and methods for communication
3. Rewrite the IRF Anti Doping Program so that it meets the applicable guidelines and recommendations from WADA (fully compliance with the WADA Code)
4. Develop a newsletter for IRF Member Organizations
5. Create Anti-Doping Panels
6. Gather and compile statistics on test results
7. Prepare application for signing the WADA code.
8. Provide articles and the newest research on topics in relation to doping at the IRF Anti Doping website.
9. Investigate possibilities of e-learning modules for athletes.
10. Agree on a hearing process

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