Results Management: Lessons Learned from Cases in Orienteering

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- 4 employees
- No ”real” doping cases before
- Endurance sport
- More emphasis on AD work in recent years.
Action plan

- Order of actions
- Code, A-D Rules, IST, Guidelines…
- Who does what
- Who needs to know, when, and how much
- Exact time schedule (deadlines)
Action plan

• Is there a valid TUE, or TUE request in process, by the IOF or the NADO for this substance? -> contact NADO to ask!
• Has the athlete ever had a TUE for this substance, or for some other substance?
• Check if the substance is a Specified Substance -> will make a difference in the case of Provisional Suspension.
• There is a template notification letter in XXX (WADA matters, Positive cases management) to notify the athlete (with copy to NADO and WADA, and via NF if we want). Possibility for B sample (request within 7 days of the date of the letter).
• The athlete shall be provisionally suspended promptly after the review and notification (if not question of Specified Substance).
• The athlete, if provisionally suspended, has the right to a provisional hearing. That must be held within a very short time after the suspension, for example as conference call. Therefore, contact the Doping Hearing Panel to agree on a time BEFORE sending the notification to the athlete!
• Before sending the notification, **agree with laboratory** when they can open the sample B! **ASK** the laboratory how much the costs for B sample analysis are.

• (ADR 8.1) When it appears, following the RM process that our ADR have been violated then the case shall be assigned to the **IOF Doping Hearing Panel for adjudication**. The NF and/or the Athlete can attend the hearing as observer. The Athlete may forego a hearing by acknowledging the ADRV and accepting the consequences.

• Code 14.2.2: No later than twenty days after it has been determined that an ADRV has occurred the ADO responsible for RM must publicly **report** the disposition of the anti-doping matter including the sport, the anti-doping rule violated, the name of the Athlete committing the violation, the Prohibited Substance involved and the Consequences imposed. The ADO shall also within 20 days send all hearing and appeal decisions to WADA.

• **Publication** shall be accomplished at a minimum by placing the required information on the IOF’s website for a year.

• **Results** should be voided.
Communication

• Via 1 person only
• Do not speculate
• You do not need to answer all questions
• Every word counts (email if possible)
• No IF official shall publicly comment on the specific facts of a pending case!
So what did we learn?

• Prepare NOW.
• Make sure everyone who needs to have the action and communication plan has it - now.
• Make no mistakes.
• You can always ask WADA.
• It’s going to be OK.
Thank you!

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