



**Anti-Doping Rules of  
Sports Federation and Olympic Committee  
of Hong Kong, China**

Version 2.0  
January 2015

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

COMMITMENT TO ANTI-DOPING .....	3
ARTICLE 1 THE CODE .....	3
ARTICLE 2 APPLICATION OF ANTI-DOPING RULES .....	5
ARTICLE 3 OBLIGATIONS .....	5
ARTICLE 4 MUTUAL RECOGNITION .....	8
ARTICLE 5 BREACHES OF THESE RULES.....	9
ARTICLE 6 SF&OC IMPOSED SANCTIONS .....	9
ARTICLE 7 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES .....	9
ARTICLE 8 NOTIFICATION .....	9
ARTICLE 9 APPEALS.....	10
ARTICLE 10 REVIEW OF ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION.....	10
ARTICLE 11 INTERPRETATION AND COMING INTO FORCE .....	10

## **COMMITMENT TO ANTI-DOPING**

These Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented as a result of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China's (SF&OC's) commitment to the purposes of the World Anti-Doping Programme. They are in conformance with the SF&OC's responsibilities under the *Code*, and are in furtherance of the SF&OC's continuing efforts to eradicate doping in Hong Kong.

### **Fundamental Rationale for the *Code* and the SF&OC's Anti-Doping Rules**

Anti-doping programs seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport"; it is the essence of Olympism; the pursuit of human excellence through the dedicated perfection of each person's natural talents, it is how we play true. The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind, and is reflected in values we find in and through sport, including:

- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- Health
- Excellence in performance
- Character and education
- Fun and joy
- Teamwork
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for self and other *Participants*
- Courage
- Community and solidarity

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.

## **ARTICLE 1 THE CODE**

**1.1** The SF&OC is a *Signatory* to the *Code* and, as such, is responsible for assisting the Hong Kong Anti-Doping Committee (HKADC) in initiating, implementing and enforcing the *Doping Control* process and fulfilling all its obligations under the *Code* and the *International Standards*.

**1.2** Under the *Code*, the SF&OC has the following roles and responsibilities:

- To ensure that its anti-doping policies and rules conform to the *Code*.
- To require as a condition of membership or recognition that National Federations' anti-doping policies and rules are in compliance with the applicable provisions of the *Code*.
- To respect the autonomy of the *National Anti-Doping Organization* in its country and not to interfere in its operational decisions and activities.
- To require *National Federations* to report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping rule violation to their *National Anti-Doping Organization* and International Federation and to cooperate with investigations conducted by any *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority to conduct the investigation.
- To require as a condition of participation in the Olympic Games that, at a minimum, *Athletes* who are not regular members of a National Federation be available for *Sample* collection and to provide whereabouts information as required by the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* as soon as the *Athlete* is identified on the long list of subsequent entry document submitted in connection with the Olympic Games.
- To cooperate with their *National Anti-Doping Organization* and to work with their government to establish a *National Anti-Doping Organization* where one does not already exist, provided that in the interim, the *National Olympic Committee* or its designee shall fulfill the responsibility of a *National Anti-Doping Organization*.
- To require each of its National Federation to establish rules requiring each *Athlete Support Personnel* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in a *Competition* or activity authorized or organized by a National Federation or one of its member organizations, to agree to be bound by anti-doping rules and *Anti-Doping Organization* results management authority in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation.

- To withhold some or all funding, during any period of his or her *Ineligibility*, to any *Athlete* or *Athlete Support Personnel* who has violated anti-doping rules.
- To withhold some or all funding to its member or recognized National Federations that are not in compliance with the *Code*.
- To vigorously pursue all potential anti-doping rule violations within its jurisdiction including investigation into whether *Athlete Support Personnel* or other *Persons* may have been involved in each case of doping.
- To promote anti-doping education, including requiring National Federations to conduct anti-doping education in coordination with the applicable *National Anti-Doping Organization*.
- To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.
- To have disciplinary rules in place to prevent *Athlete Support Personnel* who are *Using Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* without valid justification from providing support to *Athletes* within the *National Olympic Committee's* authority.

## **ARTICLE 2 APPLICATION OF ANTI-DOPING RULES**

**2.1** These Rules apply to:

- The SF&OC,
- *Athletes*,
- *Athlete Support Personnel*,
- Any other *Person* under the SF&OC's authority, and
- National Federations.

**2.2** Sanctions are applicable in the event of any anti-doping rule violation or other breach of these Rules.

## **ARTICLE 3 OBLIGATIONS**

**3.1** All *Athletes* shall:

- be knowledgeable of and comply with all applicable anti-doping policies and rules, namely the *Code*, the *International Standards*, these *Rules*, and the policies and rules of their *National Anti-Doping Organization*, National Federation and

International Federation;

- be available for *Sample* collection at all times;
- take responsibility, in the context of anti-doping, for what they ingest and *Use*;
- inform medical personnel of their obligation not to *Use Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* and to take responsibility to make sure that any medical treatment received does not violate the anti-doping policies and rules applicable to them;
- disclose to the HKADC and their *International Federation* any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that they committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten years;
- cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.

**3.2** All *Athletes* who are not regular members of a National Federation must be available for *Sample* collection conducted according to the *Code* and provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis during the year before the Olympic Games as a condition of participation in the Olympic Games as a member of the Hong Kong Olympic Team.

**3.3** Any *Athlete* who is not a member of a National Federation of Hong Kong and who fulfills the requirements to be part of the HKADC Testing Pool, must become a member of his or her National Federation, and shall make himself or herself available for *Testing*, at least six months before participating in *International Events* or *National Events* of his or her National Federation.

**3.4** All Athlete Support Personnel shall:

- be knowledgeable of and comply with all anti-doping policies and rules, namely the *Code*, the *International Standards*, these Rules and the policies and rules of their *National Anti-Doping Organization*, National Federation and International Federation, applicable to them or to the *Athletes* whom they support;
- co-operate with the *Athlete Testing* programme;
- use their influence on *Athlete* values and behaviour to foster anti-doping attitudes;

- disclose to the HKADC and their International Federation any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that they committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten years;
- cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations;
- not *Use* or *Possess* any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* without valid justification.

**3.5** Each National Federation shall:

- comply with the *Code*, the *International Standards*, these rules;
- cooperate with and help the HKADC fulfill its obligations under the *Code*;
- report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping rule violation to the HKADC and cooperate with investigations conducted by any *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority to conduct the investigation;
- adopt and implement an anti-doping policy that conforms with the *Code*;
- cooperate with and assist its International Federation in day-to-day anti-doping operations;
- require all *Athletes* and each *Athlete Support Personnel* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in a *Competition* or activity authorized or organized by the National Federation or one of its member organizations to agree to be bound by anti-doping rules and *Anti-Doping Organization* results management authority in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation;
- prevent *Athlete Support Personnel* who are *Using Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* without valid justification from providing support to *Athletes* within the National Federation's authority;
- require as a condition of membership that the policies, rules and programmes of its members or clubs are in compliance with the *Code*;

- take appropriate action to discourage non-compliance with the *Code*;
- recognize and respect a finding of an anti-doping rule violation by its International Federation, the HKADC or any other *Signatory* without the need for a hearing, provided the finding is consistent with the *Code* and within the authority of the body concerned;
- require *Athletes* who are not regular members to be available for *Sample* collection and provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis, if required, during the year before the Olympic Games as a condition of participation in the Olympic Games as a member of the Hong Kong Olympic Team;
- require any *Person* who is not a regular member and who fulfills the requirements to be part of the HKADC Testing Pool, to become a member and to make himself or herself available for *Testing*, at least six months before participating in *International Events* or *National Events*;
- promptly notify the SF&OC of the finding of any anti-doping rule violation by, and the imposition of any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation on any *Athlete*, *Athlete Support Personnel* or other *Person* under its authority;
- promote anti-doping education in coordination with the HKADC;
- provide assistance and information to the SF&OC as requested by the Honorary Secretary General to enable the SF&OC to properly implement these Rules.

#### **ARTICLE 4      MUTUAL RECOGNITION**

**4.1** The SF&OC shall recognize *Testing*, hearing results or other final adjudications by any *Signatory* which are consistent with the *Code* and are within that *Signatory's* authority.

**4.2** The SF&OC shall recognize the same actions of other bodies which have not accepted the *Code* if the rules of those bodies are otherwise consistent with the *Code*.

## **ARTICLE 5 BREACHES OF THESE RULES**

**5.1** The commission of an anti-doping rule violation is a breach of these Rules.

**5.2** It is an infraction of these Rules for an *Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel, other Person* or a National Federation to breach any of their obligations to the SF&OC derived from these Rules.

## **ARTICLE 6 SF&OC IMPOSED SANCTIONS**

**6.1** Any *Person* who is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation will be ineligible for membership or for selection in any *Team*, to receive funding from the SF&OC, or, to hold any position on the SF&OC.

**6.2** The period or periods of any sanction will be determined according to Articles 10 and 11 of the *Code*.

**6.3** The SF&OC will recognize previous sanctions imposed by any *Anti-Doping Organization* to determine whether breach is a first, second or third offence.

## **ARTICLE 7 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

As the disciplinary body for the SF&OC for all matters related to these Anti-Doping Rules, the Hong Kong Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel shall have the power to regulate its procedures. However, such procedures must conform with Article 8 of the *Code* and consistent to the Anti-Doping Rules of the Hong Kong Anti-Doping Committee.

## **ARTICLE 8 NOTIFICATION**

Upon the imposition of a sanction against any *Person* under these Rules, the SF&OC will send details of the sanction to:

- the International Olympic Committee, where applicable;
- the International Paralympic Committee, where applicable;
- the relevant International Federation;
- those Persons entitled to notification under Article 14.1 of the *Code*;
- the relevant National Federation;
- the HKADC;

- WADA; and
- any other *Person* or organization the SF&OC believes should be informed in this respect.

## **ARTICLE 9 APPEALS**

**9.1** Except as provided in the *Code*, no *Person* may appeal or challenge any recognition by the SF&OC of an anti-doping rule violation unless that *Person* has first exhausted all his or her rights of appeal and other legal rights (if any) in respect of the hearing and finding of the *Anti-Doping Organization* (before any tribunal as provided for in the anti-doping policy of the *Anti-Doping Organization* concerned). In the event that a *Person* challenges or appeals the hearing or finding of the *Anti-Doping Organization* concerned, the SF&OC will defer recognition of the anti-doping rule violation pending the conclusion of the challenge or appeal and will abide by the decision of the tribunal concerned.

**9.2** Decisions under these Rules may be appealed in conformity with Article 13 of the *Code*. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise.

## **ARTICLE 10 REVIEW OF ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION**

If a *Person* recorded as having committed an anti-doping rule violation is subsequently found not to have committed that anti-doping rule violation or is otherwise cleared or pardoned of any relevant wrongdoing by CAS or any other *Anti-Doping Organization's* Appellate Body acting in conformity with the *Code*, the SF&OC will overturn the anti-doping rule violation and any sanction which had been imposed as a result of that anti-doping rule violation and will report the decision to all those *Persons* notified of the initial imposition of the sanction.

## **ARTICLE 11 INTERPRETATION AND COMING INTO FORCE**

All the words utilised in these Rules shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to them in the *Code* and *International Standards*. The *Code* and the *International Standards* shall be considered as part of these rules, apply automatically and prevail in case of conflict.

These Rules shall come into full force and effect on 1 January 2015.