

Whereabouts - Why, What, How

Purpose of collecting whereabouts information

In order to protect the rights of athletes to compete on a level playing field, anti-doping organizations not only conduct in-competition testing during competitions, but would also conduct no advance notice out-of-competition testing on testing pools athletes, so as to ensure that they are not using prohibited substances and methods. Therefore, athletes' whereabouts information needs to be collected by anti-doping organizations to locate athletes for out-of-competition tests anytime and anywhere.

Hong Kong Anti-Doping Committee Testing Pools

Athletes included in the Hong Kong Anti-Doping Committee (HKADC) Testing Pools are required to submit whereabouts regularly. Athletes should update their whereabouts frequently to ensure submissions are complete and accurate.

Registered Testing Pool (RTP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Athletes receiving Elite Training Grant Elite A+ category;Athletes being included in the respective International Federation's (IF's) Registered Testing PoolAny other athletes at the discretion of HKADC
Elite Testing Pool (ETP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Athletes receiving Elite Training Grant Elite A, Elite B+ or Elite B categories;Any other athletes at the discretion of HKADC

Requirements on whereabouts submission

Whereabouts Submission	RTP	ETP
To be submitted on a quarterly basis . The deadlines for each quarter are 31 December, 31 March, 30 June, and 30 September	✓	✓
Whereabouts shall be updated as necessary so that it remains accurate and complete at all times	✓	✓
Whereabouts Items	RTP	ETP
To provide the full address of the place where the athlete will be staying overnight for each day, i.e. the daily overnight residence	✓	
To specify a 60-minute time slot between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. for each day, during which the athlete is available and accessible at the specified location for testing	✓	
To provide training and competition schedules or schedule of other regular activities at least 3 days per week	✓	✓

✓ Required

Points to Note

- Athletes should provide detailed addresses and **accurate locations** which should include the street number, name of the venue/building, floor and room number, etc.
- Athletes should provide a time and location that is suitable for conducting a doping test (e.g. a place where a toilet and a private room is available).
- If there are any planned overseas competitions or trainings, athletes should provide the following information:
 - Competition name, the host country and city
 - The venue, date and time of training/competition
 - Hotel details, room number, date and time of stay
- It is the responsibility of athletes to ensure that Doping Control Officers **can gain access** to the reported location to notify athletes for doping tests.
- All doping tests are conducted with no advance notice.

Athletes must update their whereabouts in ADAMS as soon as there is any anticipated changes.

Ways to submit and update whereabouts information

Athletes in HKADC Testing Pools can submit and update whereabouts information through the following means:

Submit & Update	ADAMS*	http://adams.wada-ama.org
Update Only (For emergency use only)	Email	whereabouts@hkolympic.org
	Fax	(852) 2890 3677
	WhatsApp/SMS/Voicemail	(852) 6257 7099

Remarks:
Athletes included in the Registered Testing Pool of International Federations (IF) should submit and update whereabouts via ADAMS only

* Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS) is developed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to facilitate instant online submission and updating of whereabouts information by athletes and authorized representatives. ADAMS User Guides in Chinese and English are available on HKADC website.

Consequences of Whereabouts Failures/Non-Compliance

	Situations	Consequences
RTP athletes	Accumulation of 3 Filing Failure and/or Missed Test committed within a 12-month period	Violation of anti-doping rule which could result in ineligibility and fines
ETP athletes	Accumulation of 3 Whereabouts Non-compliances within a 12-month period	Transfer to RTP

Rights of athletes in relation to the whereabouts requirements

Athletes have the opportunity to provide explanation for any apparent Filing Failure/Missed Test/Whereabouts Non-compliance. If the explanation is accepted by the anti-doping organization, the case will not be formally recorded.

Whereabouts Tips

- Set regular notifications on your mobile phone or personal calendar to remind yourself on the whereabouts submission deadlines and to update whereabouts (e.g. weekly alarm).
- Set daily alarm on your watch or mobile phone to remind yourself of the 60-minute time slot.
- If you are an International Level Athlete (who is included in your IF's RTP), you must submit and update your whereabouts through ADAMS which would be accessible by both HKADC and your IF.
- If you are a retired athlete but intend to return to international competitions, you should comply with relevant regulations of HKADC and your IF, submit whereabouts for a certain period (usually 6 months in advance) and be available for out-of-competition testing before returning to competitions.

To learn more about the HKADC Whereabouts Policy, please visit HKADC website (www.antidoping.hk).

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