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~~INTRODUCTION~~ PURPOSE, SCOPE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM AND THE **CODE**

The purposes of the World Anti-Doping Code and the World Anti-Doping Program which supports it are:

- To protect the *Athletes'* fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport and thus promote health, fairness and equality for *Athletes* worldwide, and
- To ensure harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs at the international and national level with regard to detection, deterrence and prevention of doping.

[*Comment: The Olympic Charter, in force as ~~of September 1, 2004~~, from 7 July 2007, and the UNESCO Convention adopted in Paris on October 19, 2005, both recognize the prevention of and the fight against doping in sport as a critical part of the mission of the ~~IOE~~ International Olympic Committee and UNESCO and also recognize the fundamental role of the Code.]*

The Code

The *Code* is the fundamental and universal document upon which the World Anti-Doping Program in sport is based. The purpose of the *Code* is to advance the anti-doping effort through universal harmonization of core anti-doping elements. It is intended to be specific enough to achieve complete harmonization on issues where uniformity is required, yet general enough in other areas to permit flexibility on how agreed upon anti-doping principles are implemented.

The World Anti-Doping Program

The World Anti-Doping Program encompasses all of the elements needed in order to ensure optimal harmonization and best practice in international and national anti-doping programs. The main elements are:

Level 1: The *Code*

Level 2: *International Standards*

Level 3: Models of Best Practice [and Guidelines](#)

International Standards

International Standards for different technical and operational areas within the anti-doping program will be developed in consultation with the *Signatories* and governments and approved by *WADA*. The purpose of the *International Standards* is harmonization among *Anti-Doping Organizations* responsible for

specific technical and operational parts of the anti-doping programs. Adherence to the *International Standards* is mandatory for compliance with the *Code*. The *International Standards* may be revised from time to time by the WADA Executive Committee after reasonable consultation with the *Signatories* and governments. Unless provided otherwise in the *Code*, *International Standards* and all revisions shall become effective on the date specified in the *International Standard* or revision.

[Comment: The International Standards contain much of the technical detail necessary for implementing the Code. International Standards, while expressly incorporated into the Code by reference, will, in consultation with the Signatories and governments, be developed by experts and set forth in separate technical documents. It is important that the WADA Executive Committee be able to make timely changes to the International Standards without requiring any amendment of the Code or individual stakeholder rules and regulations.]

Models of Best Practice and Guidelines

Models of Best Practice and Guidelines based on the *Code* have been and will be developed to provide solutions in different areas of anti-doping. The Models will be recommended by WADA and made available to *Signatories* upon request but will not be mandatory. In addition to providing models of anti-doping documentation, WADA will also make some training assistance available to the *Signatories*.

[Comment: Following the adoption of the 2007 Code Amendments, WADA will prepare amended model anti-doping rules and regulations tailored to the needs of each of the major groups of Signatories (e.g., International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations, etc.). These model rules and regulations will conform with and be based on the Code, will be state of the art examples of best practices and will contain all of the detail (including reference to International Standards) necessary to conduct an effective anti-doping program.

These model rules and regulations will provide alternatives from which stakeholders may select. Some stakeholders may choose to adopt the model rules and regulations and other models of best practices verbatim. Others may decide to adopt the models with modifications. Still other stakeholders may choose to develop their own rules and regulations consistent with the general principles and specific requirements set forth in the Code.

Other model documents or guidelines for specific parts of the anti-doping work may be developed based on generally recognized stakeholder needs and expectations. This could include models or guidelines for national anti-doping programs, results management, Testing (beyond the specific requirements set forth in the International Standard for Testing), education programs, etc. All Models of Best Practice will be reviewed and approved by WADA before they are included in the World Anti-Doping Program.]

FUNDAMENTAL RATIONALE FOR THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE

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; it is how we play true. The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind, and is characterized by the following values:

- 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.

To fight doping by promoting the spirit of sport, the *Code* requires each *Anti-Doping Organization* to develop and implement educational programs for *Athletes*, including youth, and *Athlete Support Personnel*.

PART ONE

DOPING CONTROL

INTRODUCTION

Part One of the *Code* sets forth specific anti-doping rules and principles that are to be followed by organizations responsible for adopting, implementing or enforcing anti-doping rules within their authority - e.g., the International Olympic Committee, International Paralympic Committee, International Federations, *Major Event Organizations*, and *National Anti-Doping Organizations*. All of these organizations are collectively referred to as *Anti-Doping Organizations*.

All provisions of the *Code* are mandatory in substance and must be followed as applicable by each *Anti-Doping Organization* and *Participant Athlete or other Person*. The *Code* does not, however, replace or eliminate the need for comprehensive anti-doping rules adopted by each *Anti-Doping Organization*. While some provisions of the *Code* must be incorporated without substantive change by each *Anti-Doping Organization* in its own anti-doping rules, other provisions of the *Code* establish mandatory guiding principles that allow flexibility in the formulation of rules by each *Anti-Doping Organization* or establish requirements that must be followed by each *Anti-Doping Organization* but need not be repeated in its own anti-doping rules.

[Comment: Those Articles of the Code which must be incorporated into each Anti-Doping Organization's rules without substantive change are set forth in Article 23.2.2. For example it is critical for purposes of uniformity harmonization that all Signatories base their decisions on the same list of anti-doping rule violations, the same burdens of proof and impose the same Consequences for the same anti-doping rule violations. These rules must be the same whether a hearing takes place before an International Federation, at the national level or before ~~CAS.~~ These the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Code provisions not listed in Article 23.2.2 are still mandatory in substance even though an Anti-Doping Organization is not required to incorporate them verbatim. Those provisions generally fall into two categories. First, some provisions direct Anti-Doping Organizations to take certain actions but there is no need to restate the provision in the Anti-Doping Organization's own anti-doping rules. As an example, each Anti-Doping Organization must plan and conduct Testing as required by Article 5, but these directives to the Anti-Doping Organization need not be repeated in the Anti-Doping Organization's own rules. Second, some provisions are mandatory in substance but give each Anti-Doping Organization some flexibility in the implementation of the principles stated in the

provision. As one example, it is not necessary for effective harmonization to force all Signatories to use one single results management and hearing process. At present, there are many different, yet equally effective processes for results management and hearings within different International Federations and different national bodies. The Code does not require absolute uniformity in results management and hearing procedures; it does, however, require that the diverse approaches of the Signatories satisfy principles stated in the Code.]

Anti-doping rules, like competition rules, are sport rules governing the conditions under which sport is played. Participants Athletes or other Persons accept these rules as a condition of participation and shall be bound to these rules ~~adopted in conformance with the Code by the relevant Anti-Doping Organizations~~. Each Signatory shall establish rules and procedures to ensure that all Participants Athletes or other Persons under the authority of the Signatory and its member organizations are informed of and agree to be bound by anti-doping rules in force of the relevant *Anti-Doping Organizations*.

[Comment: By their participation in sport, Athletes are bound by the competitive rules of their sport. In the same manner, Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel should be bound by anti-doping rules based on Article 2 of the Code by virtue of their agreements for membership, accreditation, or participation in sports organizations or sports events subject to the Code. Each Signatory, however, shall take the necessary steps to ensure that all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel within its authority are bound by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization's anti-doping rules.]

Each Signatory shall establish rules and procedures to ensure that all Participants Athletes or other Persons under the authority of the Signatory and its member organizations consent to the dissemination of their private data as required or authorized by the Code and are bound by and comply with the anti-doping rules, and that the appropriate *Consequences* are imposed on those ~~Participants that~~ Athletes or other Persons who are not in conformity with the rules. These sport specific rules and procedures aimed at enforcing anti-doping rules in a global and harmonized way are distinct in nature and are, therefore, not intended to be subject to or limited by any national requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal proceedings or employment matters. When revising the facts and the law of a case all courts, arbitral tribunals and other adjudicating bodies should be aware and respect the distinct nature of the ~~Anti~~ anti-doping rules in the *Code* and the fact that the latter represents the consensus of a broad spectrum of stakeholders around the world with an interest in fair sport.

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITION OF DOPING

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Article 2.1 through Article 2.8 of the Code.

ARTICLE 2 ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

[Comment to Article 2: The purpose of Article 2 is to specify the circumstances and conduct which constitute violations of anti-doping rules. Hearings in doping cases will proceed based on the assertion that one or more of these specific rules have been violated.]

Participants Athletes or other Persons shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods which have been included on the *Prohibited List*.

The following constitute anti-doping rule violations:

2.1 The presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in an Athlete's ~~Specimen~~ Sample.

2.1.1 It is each *Athlete's* personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters his or her body. *Athletes* are responsible for any *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found to be present in their ~~Specimens~~ Samples. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete's* part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping violation under Article 2.1.

[Comment to Article 2.1.1: For purposes of anti-doping violations involving the presence of a Prohibited Substance (or its Metabolites or Markers), the Code adopts the rule of strict liability which was found in the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code ("OMADC") and the vast majority of pre-Code anti-doping rules. Under the strict liability principle, an Athlete is responsible, and an anti-doping rule violation occurs, whenever a Prohibited Substance is found in an Athlete's ~~Specimen~~ Sample. The violation occurs whether or not the Athlete intentionally or unintentionally used a Prohibited Substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault. If the positive Sample came from an In-Competition test, then the results of that Competition are automatically invalidated (Article 9 (Automatic Disqualification of Individual Results)). However, the Athlete then has the possibility to avoid or reduce sanctions if the Athlete can demonstrate that he or she was not at fault or significant fault (Article 10.5 (Elimination or Reduction of Period of Ineligibility Based on Exceptional Circumstances)) or in certain circumstances did not intend to enhance his or her sport performance (Article 10.4 (Elimination or Reduction of the Period of Ineligibility for Specified Substances under Certain Circumstances)).

The strict liability rule for the finding of a Prohibited Substance in an Athlete's ~~Specimen~~ Sample, with a possibility that sanctions may be modified based on specified criteria, provides a reasonable balance between effective anti-doping enforcement for the benefit of all "clean" Athletes and fairness in the exceptional circumstance where a Prohibited Substance entered an Athlete's system through no fault or negligence on the Athlete's part. It is important to emphasize that while the determination of whether the anti-doping rule has been violated is based on strict liability, the imposition of a fixed period of Ineligibility is not

automatic. The strict liability principle set forth in the Code has been consistently upheld in the decisions of CAS.]

2.1.2 Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 is established by either of the following: ~~an Adverse Analytical Finding upon analysis of~~ presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in the Athlete's A ~~Specimen~~ Sample where the Athlete waives analysis of the B ~~Specimen~~ Sample and the B ~~Specimen~~ Sample is not analyzed; or, where the Athlete's B ~~Specimen~~ Sample is analyzed, and the analysis of the Athlete's B ~~Specimen~~ Sample confirms the presence of the Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found in the Athlete's A ~~Specimen~~ Sample.

[Comment to Article 2.1.2: The Anti-Doping Organization with results management responsibility may in its discretion choose to have the B Sample analyzed even if the Athlete does not request the analysis of the B Sample.]

2.1.3 Excepting those substances for which a quantitative ~~reporting~~ threshold is specifically identified in the Prohibited List, the presence of any quantity of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

2.1.4 As an exception to the general rule of Article 2.1, the Prohibited List or International Standards may establish special criteria for the evaluation of Prohibited Substances that can also be produced endogenously.

2.2 Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method.

[Comment to Article 2.2: As noted in Article 3 (Proof of Doping), it has always been the case that "Use" of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method may be established by any reliable means. Unlike the proof required to establish an anti-doping rule violation ~~for presence under Article 2.1 (an Adverse Analytical Finding based upon analysis of the Athlete's A Specimen, where the Athlete waives analysis of the B Specimen, or the analysis of the B Specimen confirms the presence of the Prohibited Substance found in the Athlete's A Specimen); Use may~~ under Article 2.1, Use may also be established by other reliable means such as admissions by the Athlete, witness statements, documentary evidence, conclusions drawn from longitudinal profiling, or other analytical information which does not otherwise satisfy all the requirements to establish "presence" of a Prohibited Substance under Article 2.1.

For example, Use may be established based upon reliable analytical data from the analysis of an A ~~Specimen~~ Sample (without confirmation from an analysis of a B ~~Specimen~~ Sample) or from the analysis of a B ~~Specimen~~ Sample alone where the Anti-Doping Organization provides a satisfactory explanation for the lack of confirmation in the other ~~Specimen~~ Sample.]

2.2.1 It is each Athlete's personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters his or her body. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing Use on the Athlete's part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping violation for Use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method.

2.2.2 The success or failure of the Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is not material. It is sufficient that the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method was Used or Attempted to be Used for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.

[Comment to Article ~~2.2.1~~ 2.2.2: Demonstrating the "Attempted Use" of a Prohibited Substance requires proof of intent on the Athlete's part. The fact that intent may be required to prove this particular anti-doping rule violation does not undermine the strict liability principle established for violations of Article 2.1 and Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.]

An Athlete's "Use" of a Prohibited Substance constitutes an anti-doping rule violation unless such substance is not prohibited Out-of-Competition and the Athlete's Use takes place Out-of-Competition. (However, the presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in a Sample collected In-Competition will be a violation of Article 2.1 (Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers) regardless of when that substance might have been administered.)]

2.3 Refusing or failing without compelling justification to submit to Sample collection after notification as authorized in applicable anti-doping rules, or otherwise evading Sample collection.

[Comment to Article 2.3: Failure or refusal to submit to Sample collection after notification was prohibited in almost all pre-Code anti-doping rules. This Article expands the typical pre-Code rule to include "otherwise evading Sample collection" as prohibited conduct. Thus, for example, it would be an anti-doping rule violation if it were established that an Athlete was hiding from a Doping Control official to evade notification or Testing. A violation of "refusing or failing to submit to Sample collection" may be based on either intentional or negligent conduct of the Athlete, while "evading" Sample collection contemplates intentional conduct by the Athlete.]

2.4 Violation of applicable requirements regarding Athlete ~~or team~~ availability for Out-of-Competition Testing

including failure to ~~provide~~ file required whereabouts information and missed tests which are declared based on rules which comply with the *International Standard for Testing*. Any combination of three missed tests and/or whereabouts ~~violations~~ filing failures within an eighteen-month period as determined by *Anti-Doping Organizations* with jurisdiction over the Athlete shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

[Comment to Article 2.4: Separate whereabouts filing failures and missed tests declared under the rules of the Athlete's International Federation or any other Anti-Doping Organizations with authority to declare whereabouts filing failures and missed tests in accordance with the International Standard for Testing shall be combined in applying this Article. In appropriate circumstances, missed tests ~~and whereabouts violations~~ or filing failures may also constitute an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.3.]

~~[Comment to Article 2.4: WADA is awaiting a recommendation from the Team Sports on the implementation of this Article for Team Sports and clarification of who bears responsibility if there is a violation.]~~

~~[Note: Numerous stakeholder comments referenced the lack of harmony amongst Signatories in relation to both the requirements and consequences of whereabouts and missed tests. These concerns will be addressed through a revision to the existing International Standard for Testing.]~~

2.5 ~~Tampering, or Attempting to tamper,~~ or Attempted Tampering with any part of Doping Control.

[Comment to Article 2.5: This Article prohibits conduct which subverts the Doping Control process but which would not otherwise be included in the definition of Prohibited Methods. For example, altering identification numbers on a Doping Control form during Testing, breaking the B Bottle at the time of B Sample analysis or providing fraudulent information to an Anti-Doping Organization.]

2.6 Possession of Prohibited Substances and Methods:

2.6.1 Possession by an Athlete ~~at any time or place of a substance that~~ In-Competition of any Prohibited Method or any Prohibited Substance, or Possession by an Athlete Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Method or any Prohibited Substance which is prohibited in Out-of-Competition Testing ~~or a Prohibited Method, or Possession by an Athlete In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance,~~ unless the Athlete establishes that the Possession is pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption granted in accordance with Article ~~4.5~~ 4.4 (Therapeutic Use) or other acceptable justification.

2.6.2 Possession ~~of a substance that is prohibited in Out-of~~ by an Athlete Support Personnel In-Competition Testing or of any Prohibited Method by or any Prohibited Substance, or Possession by an Athlete Support Personnel Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Method or any Prohibited Substance which is prohibited in Out-of-Competition Testing. in connection with an Athlete, Competition or training, unless the Athlete Support Personnel establishes that the Possession is pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption granted to an Athlete in accordance with Article ~~4.5~~ 4.4 (Therapeutic Use) or other acceptable justification.

[Comment to Article 2.6.1 and 2.6.2: Acceptable justification would not include, for example, buying or possessing a Prohibited Substance for purposes of giving it to a friend or relative, except under justifiable medical circumstances where that Person had a physician's prescription, e.g., buying Insulin for a diabetic child.]

[Comment to Article 2.6.2: Acceptable justification would include, for example, a team doctor carrying Prohibited Substances for dealing with acute and emergency situations.]

2.7 Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.

2.8 Administration or Attempted administration to any Athlete ~~at any time or place of a substance that is prohibited in Out-of-Competition Testing~~ of any Prohibited Method or Prohibited Method Substance, or administration or Attempted administration ~~of to any Athlete Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Method or any Prohibited Substance to any Athlete~~ in that is prohibited in Out-of-Competition Testing, or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up or any other type of complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation or any Attempted anti-doping rule violation.

[Comment to Article 2: The Code does not make it an anti-doping rule violation for an Athlete or other Person to work or associate with Athlete Support Personnel who are serving a period of Ineligibility. However, a sport organization may adopt its own rules which prohibit such conduct.]

ARTICLE 3 PROOF OF DOPING

3.1 Burdens and Standards of Proof

The *Anti-Doping Organization* shall have the burden of establishing that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. The standard of proof shall be whether the *Anti-Doping Organization* has established an anti-doping rule violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing bodypanel bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation which is made. This standard of proof in all cases is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Where the *Code* places the burden of proof upon the *Athlete* or other *Person* alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation to rebut a presumption or establish specified facts or circumstances, the standard of proof shall be by a balance of probability, except as provided in ~~Article~~Articles 10.4 and 10.6 where the *Athlete* must satisfy a higher burden of proof.

[Comment to Article 3.1: This standard of proof required to be met by the *Anti-Doping Organization* is comparable to the standard which is applied in most countries to cases involving professional misconduct. It has also been widely applied by courts and tribunals in doping cases. See, for example, the CAS decision in N., J., Y., W. v. FINA, CAS 98/208, 22 December 1998.]

3.2 Methods of Establishing Facts and Presumptions.

Facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means, including admissions. The following rules of proof shall be applicable in doping cases:

[Comment to Article 3.2: For example, an Anti-Doping Organization may establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.2 (Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method) based on the Athlete's admissions, the credible testimony of third persons, reliable documentary evidence, reliable analytical data from either an A or B ~~Specimen~~Sample as provided in the Comments to Article 2.2, or conclusions drawn from the profile of a series of the Athlete's blood or urine Samples.]

3.2.1 WADA-accredited laboratories are presumed to have conducted *Sample* analysis and custodial procedures in accordance with the *International Standard* for Laboratories. The *Athlete* or other Person may rebut this presumption by establishing a departure from the *International Standard* occurred which ~~might~~could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

If the *Athlete* or other Person rebuts the preceding presumption by showing that a departure from the *International Standard* occurred which ~~might—could reasonably~~ have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, then the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

[Comment to Article 3.2.1: The burden is on the Athlete or other Person to establish, by a balance of probability, a departure from the International Standard that ~~might~~could reasonably have caused the Adverse Analytical Finding. If the Athlete or other Person does so, the burden shifts to the Anti-Doping Organization to prove to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing ~~body~~panel that the departure did not ~~change~~cause the ~~test—result~~Adverse Analytical Finding.]

3.2.2 Departures from any other *International Standard* or other anti-doping rule or policy which did not cause an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or other anti-doping rule violation shall not invalidate such results. If the *Athlete* or other Person establishes that a departure from ~~the~~another *International Standard* or other anti-doping rule or policy which ~~might~~could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding* occurred, then the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall have the burden to establish that such ~~departures~~departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding* or the factual basis for the anti-doping rule violation.

3.2.3 The facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of competent jurisdiction which is not the subject of a pending appeal shall be irrebuttable evidence against the Athlete or other Person to whom the decision pertained of ~~the~~

~~substance of the decision~~ those facts unless the Athlete or other Person establishes that the decision violated principles of natural justice.

3.2.4 The tribunal in a hearing on an anti-doping rule violation may draw an inference adverse to the Athlete or other Person who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation based on the Athlete or other Person's refusal, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in person or telephonically as directed by the tribunal) and to answer questions from the tribunal or the *Anti-Doping Organization* asserting the anti-doping rule violation.

[Comment to Article 3.2.4: Drawing an adverse inference under these circumstances has been recognized in numerous CAS decisions.]

ARTICLE 4 THE PROHIBITED LIST

4.1 Publication and Revision of the *Prohibited List*.

WADA shall, as often as necessary and no less often than annually, publish the *Prohibited List* as an *International Standard*. The proposed content of the *Prohibited List* and all revisions shall be provided in writing promptly to all *Signatories* and governments for comment and consultation. Each annual version of the *Prohibited List* and all revisions shall be distributed promptly by WADA to each *Signatory* and government and shall be published on WADA's website, and each *Signatory* shall take appropriate steps to distribute the *Prohibited List* to its members and constituents. The rules of each *Anti-Doping Organization* shall specify that, unless provided otherwise in the *Prohibited List* or a revision, the *Prohibited List* and revisions shall go into effect under the *Anti-Doping Organization's* rules three months after publication of the *Prohibited List* by WADA without requiring any further action by the *Anti-Doping Organization*.

[Comment to Article 4.1: The Prohibited List will be revised and published on an expedited basis whenever the need arises. However, for the sake of predictability, a new ~~ist~~Prohibited List will be published every year whether or not changes have been made. WADA will always have the most current Prohibited List published on its website. The Prohibited List is an integral part of the International Convention against Doping in Sport. WADA will inform the Director-General of UNESCO of any change to the Prohibited List.]

4.2 Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods Identified on the *Prohibited List*.

4.2.1 Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods.

The *Prohibited List* shall identify those *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* which are prohibited as doping at all times (both *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition*) because of their potential

to enhance performance in future *Competitions* or their masking potential and those substances and methods which are prohibited *In-Competition* only. The *Prohibited List* may be expanded by WADA for a particular sport. *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* may be included in the *Prohibited List* by general category (e.g., anabolic agents) or by specific reference to a particular substance or method.

[Comment to Article 4.2.1: There will be one Prohibited List. The substances which are prohibited at all times would include masking agents and those substances which, when used in training, may have long term performance enhancing effects such as anabolics. All substances and methods on the Prohibited List are prohibited In-Competition. Out-of-Competition "Use" (Article 2.2) of a substance which is only prohibited In-Competition is not an anti-doping rule violation unless an Adverse Analytical Finding for the substance or its Metabolites is reported for a Sample collected In-Competition (Article 2.1).

There will be only one document called the "Prohibited List." WADA may add additional substances or methods to the Prohibited List for particular sports (e.g. the inclusion of beta-blockers for shooting) but this will also be reflected on the single Prohibited List. ~~An individual~~A particular sport is not permitted to seek exemption from the basic list of Prohibited Substances (e.g. eliminating anabolics from the Prohibited List for "mind sports"). The premise of this decision is that there are certain basic doping agents which anyone who chooses to call himself or herself an Athlete should not take.]

4.2.2 Specified Substances.

All *Prohibited Substances*, except substances in the classes of anabolic agents and hormones and those stimulants so identified on the *Prohibited List* ~~the amphetamine group of stimulants~~, shall be "Specified Substances" for purposes of the application of Article 10 (Sanctions on Individuals). *Prohibited Methods* shall not be Specified Substances.

[Comment to Article 4.2.2: In drafting the Code there was considerable stakeholder debate over the appropriate balance between inflexible sanctions which promote ~~harmony~~harmonization in the application of the rules and more flexible sanctions which better take into consideration the circumstances of each individual case. This balance continued to be discussed in various CAS decisions interpreting the Code. After three years experience with the Code, the strong consensus of stakeholders is that while the occurrence of an anti-doping rule violation under Articles 2.1 (Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers) and 2.2 (Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method) should still be based on the principle of strict liability, the Code sanctions should be made more flexible where the Athlete or other Person can clearly demonstrate that he or she did not intend to enhance sport performance. The change to Article 4.2 and related changes to Article 10 provide this additional flexibility for violations involving ~~most~~many Prohibited Substances. The rules set forth in Article 10.5 would remain the only basis for eliminating or

reducing a sanction involving anabolic steroids, hormones, ~~amphetamines~~ certain stimulants identified on Prohibited List, or Prohibited Methods.]

4.2.3 New Classes of *Prohibited Substances*.

In the event WADA expands the *Prohibited List* by adding a new class of *Prohibited Substances*, ~~—~~ in accordance with Article 4.1, WADA's Executive Committee shall determine whether any or all *Prohibited Substances* within the new class of *Prohibited Substances* shall be considered Specified Substances under Article 4.2.2.

4.3 Criteria for Including Substances and Methods on the *Prohibited List*.

WADA shall consider the following criteria in deciding whether to include a substance or method on the *Prohibited List*.

4.3.1 A substance or method shall be considered for inclusion on the *Prohibited List* if WADA determines that the substance or method meets any two of the following three criteria:

4.3.1.1 Medical or other scientific evidence, pharmacological effect or experience that the substance or method, alone or in combination with other substances or methods, has the potential to enhance or enhances sport performance;

[Comment to Article 4.3.1.1: This Article anticipates that there may be substances that, when used alone, are not prohibited but which will be prohibited if used in combination with certain other substances. A substance which is added to the Prohibited List because it has the potential to enhance performance only in combination with another substance shall be so noted and shall be prohibited only if there is evidence relating to both substances in combination.]

4.3.1.2 Medical or other scientific evidence, pharmacological effect, or experience that the Use of the substance or method represents an actual or potential health risk to the *Athlete*;

4.3.1.3 WADA's determination that the Use of the substance or method violates the spirit of sport described in the Introduction to the *Code*.

4.3.2 A substance or method shall also be included on the *Prohibited List* if WADA determines there is medical or other scientific evidence, pharmacological effect or experience that the substance or method has the potential to mask the Use of other *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

[Comment to Article 4.3.2: A substance shall be considered for inclusion on the Prohibited List if the substance is a masking agent or meets two of the following three criteria: (1) it has the potential to enhance or enhances sport performance; (2) it represents a potential or actual health risk; or (3) it is contrary to the spirit of sport. None of the three criteria alone is a sufficient basis for adding a substance to the Prohibited List. Using the potential to enhance performance as the sole criteria would include, for example, physical and mental training, red meat, carbohydrate loading and training at altitude. Risk of harm would include smoking. Requiring all three criteria would also be unsatisfactory. For example, the use of genetic transfer technology to dramatically enhance sport performance should be prohibited as contrary to the spirit of sport even if it is not harmful. Similarly, the potentially unhealthy abuse of certain substances without therapeutic justification based on the mistaken belief they enhance performance is certainly contrary to the spirit of sport regardless of whether the expectation of performance enhancement is realistic. As part of the process each year, all Signatories, governments and other interested Persons are invited to provide comments to WADA on the content of the Prohibited List.]

4.3.3 WADA's determination of the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* that will be included on the *Prohibited List* and the classification of substances into categories on the *Prohibited List* is final and shall not be subject to challenge by an *Athlete* or other *Person* based on an argument that the substance or method was not a masking agent or did not have the potential to enhance performance, represent a health risk, or violate the spirit of sport.

[Comment to Article 4.3.3: The question of whether a substance meets the criteria in Article 4.3 (Criteria for Including Substances and Methods on the Prohibited List) in a particular case cannot be raised as a defense to an anti-doping rule violation. For example, it cannot be argued that the Prohibited Substance detected would not have been performance enhancing in that particular sport. Rather, doping occurs when a substance on the Prohibited List is found in an Athlete's Specimen Sample. Similarly, it cannot be argued that a substance listed in the class of anabolic agents does not belong in that class.]

4.4 Therapeutic Use

WADA has adopted an *International Standard* for the process of granting therapeutic use exemptions.

Each International Federation shall ensure, for *International-Level Athletes* or any other *Athlete* who is entered in an *International Event*, that a process is in place whereby *Athletes* with documented medical conditions requiring the *Use of a Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* may request a therapeutic use exemption. *Athletes* who have been identified as included in their International Federation's *Registered Testing Pool* may only obtain therapeutic use exemptions in accordance with the rules of their International Federation. Each International Federation shall publish a list of those *International Events* for which a therapeutic use exemption

from the International Federation is required. Each *National Anti-Doping Organization* shall ensure, for all *Athletes* within its jurisdiction that have not been included in an International Federation *Registered Testing Pool*, that a process is in place whereby *Athletes* with documented medical conditions requiring the *Use of a Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* may request a therapeutic use exemption. Such requests shall be evaluated in accordance with the *International Standard on therapeutic use for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*. International Federations and *National Anti-Doping Organizations* shall promptly report to WADA through ADAMS the granting of any therapeutic use exemption except to national-level *Athletes* that are not included in the *National Anti-Doping Organization's Registered Testing Pool*.

WADA, on its own initiative, may review at any time the granting of a therapeutic use exemption to any *International-Level Athlete* or national-level *Athlete* that is included in his or her *National Anti-Doping Organization's Registered Testing Pool*. Further, upon the request of any such *Athlete* that has been denied a therapeutic use exemption, WADA may review such denial. If WADA determines that such granting or denial of a therapeutic use exemption did not comply with the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, WADA may reverse the decision.

If, contrary to the requirement of this Article, an International Federation does not have a process in place where *Athletes* may request therapeutic use exemptions, an *International-Level Athlete* may request WADA to review the application as if it had been denied.

The presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* (Article 2.1), *Use or Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* (Article 2.2), *Possession of Prohibited Substances and Methods* (Article 2.6) or Administration ~~(Article 2.8)~~ of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* (Article 2.8) consistent with the provisions of an applicable therapeutic use exemption ~~shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation.~~ [Note: Numerous stakeholder comments referenced administrative problems associated with the TUE process and in particular the ATUE process. These concerns will be addressed in a revision and issued pursuant to the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation.]

4.5 Monitoring Program

WADA, in consultation with other *Signatories* and governments, shall establish a monitoring program regarding substances which are not on the *Prohibited List*, but which WADA wishes to monitor in order to detect patterns of misuse in sport. WADA shall publish, in advance of any *Testing*, the substances that will be monitored. Laboratories will report the instances of reported *Use* or detected presence of these substances to WADA periodically on an aggregate basis by sport and whether the *Samples* were collected *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*. Such

reports shall not contain additional information regarding specific *Samples*. WADA shall make available to International Federations and *National Anti-Doping Organizations*, on at least an annual basis, aggregate statistical information by sport regarding the additional substances. WADA shall implement measures to ensure that strict anonymity of individual *Athletes* is maintained with respect to such reports. The reported use or detected presence of the monitored substances shall not constitute a doping violation.

ARTICLE 5 TESTING

5.1 Test Distribution Planning. ~~Each International Federation and~~ Subject to the jurisdictional limitations for *In-Competition Testing* in Article 15.1, each *National Anti-Doping Organization* shall ~~plan and conduct *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* on its *Registered Testing Pool*.~~ ~~Each *National Anti-Doping Organization* shall~~ have *Testing* jurisdiction over all *Athletes* who are present in that *National Anti-Doping Organization's* country or who are nationals, residents, license-holders or members of sport organizations of that country. Each International Federation shall have *Testing* jurisdiction over all *Athletes* who are members of their member National Federations or who participate in their events. All *Athletes* must comply with any request for *Testing* by any *Anti-Doping Organization* with *Testing* jurisdiction. ~~In *conducting Testing*,~~ ~~*Anti-Doping Organizations* shall in~~ coordination with other *Anti-Doping Organizations* conducting *Testing* on the same ~~*Athlete pool*~~ *Athletes*, and consistent with the *International Standard for Testing*, each *Anti-Doping Organization* shall:

5.1.1 Plan and ~~implement~~ conduct an effective number of *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition* tests on *Athletes* over whom they have jurisdiction, including but not limited to *Athletes* in their respective *Registered Testing Pools*. Each International Federation shall establish a *Registered Testing Pool* for *International-Level Athletes* ~~or teams (for *Team Sports*)~~ in its sport, and each *National Anti-Doping Organization* shall establish a national *Registered Testing Pool* for *Athletes*. ~~The national-level pool shall include *International-Level Athletes* as well as other national-level *Athletes*, who are nationals, residents, license-holders or members of sport organizations of that country.~~ from or in its country. In accordance with Article 14.3, any *Athlete* included in a *Registered Testing Pool* shall be subject to the whereabouts requirements set out in the *International Standard for Testing*.

5.1.2 Except in exceptional circumstances all *Out-of-Competition Testing* shall be *No Advance Notice*.

5.1.3 Make *Target Testing* a priority.

5.1.4 Conduct *Testing* on *Athletes* serving a period of *Ineligibility* or a *Provisional Suspension*.

[*Comment to Article 5.1.3: Target Testing is specified because random Testing, or even weighted random Testing, does not ensure that all of the appropriate Athletes will be tested (for example: world class Athletes, Athletes whose performances have dramatically improved over a short period of time, Athletes whose coaches have had other Athletes test positive, etc.).*]

Obviously, *Target Testing* must not be used for any purpose other than legitimate *Doping Control*. The Code makes it clear that *Athletes* have no right to expect that they will be tested only on a random basis. Similarly, it does not impose any reasonable suspicion or probable cause requirement for *Target Testing*.]

5.2 Standards for Testing

Anti-Doping Organizations conducting with *Testing jurisdiction* shall conduct such *Testing* in conformity with the *International Standard for Testing*.

5.3 Retired Athletes Returning to Competition

Each *Anti-Doping Organization* shall establish a rule addressing eligibility requirements for *Athletes* who are not *Ineligible* and retire from sport while included in a *Registered Testing Pool* and then seek to return to active participation in sport.

ARTICLE 6 ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES

Samples shall be analyzed in accordance with the following principles:

6.1 Use of Approved Laboratories

For purposes of Article 2.1 (Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*), *Samples* shall be analyzed only in WADA-accredited laboratories or as otherwise approved by WADA. The choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory (or other laboratory or method approved by WADA) used for the *Sample* analysis shall be determined exclusively by the *Anti-Doping Organization* responsible for results management.

~~[*Comment to Article 6.1: The phrase "or as otherwise approved by WADA" is intended to cover, for example, mobile blood Testing procedures which WADA has reviewed and considers to be reliable or medical Testing laboratories that have met national certification requirements as designated by WADA.*]~~

[*Comment to Article 6.1: Violations of Article 2.1 (Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers) may be established only by Sample analysis performed by a WADA-approved laboratory or another laboratory specifically authorized by WADA. Violations of other Articles may be established using analytical results from other laboratories so long as the results are reliable.*]

6.2 Purpose of ~~Collecting~~ Collection and Analysis of Samples

Samples shall be analyzed to detect *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* identified on the *Prohibited List* and other substances as may be directed by WADA pursuant to Article 4.5 (Monitoring Program), or to assist an *Anti-Doping Organization* in profiling relevant parameters in an *Athlete's* urine, blood or other matrix, including DNA or genomic profiling, for anti-doping purposes.

[Comment to Article 6.2: For example, relevant profile information could be used to direct ~~target testing~~ Target Testing or to support an anti-doping rule violation proceeding under Article 2.2 (Use of a Prohibited Substance), or both.]

6.3 Research on *Samples*

No *Sample* may be used for any purpose other than as described in Article 6.2 without the *Athlete's* written consent. *Samples* used for purposes other than Article 6.2 shall have ~~the identity code~~ any means of identification removed ~~or be transferred into an anonymous container~~ such that they cannot be traced back to a particular *Athlete*.

6.4 Standards for *Sample Analysis and Reporting*

Laboratories shall analyze *Doping Control Samples* and report results in conformity with the *International Standard* for Laboratories.

6.5 Retesting *Samples*

A *Sample* may be reanalyzed for the purpose of Article 6.2 at any time exclusively at the direction of the *Anti-Doping Organization* that collected the *Sample* or WADA. The circumstances and conditions for retesting *Samples* shall conform with the requirements of the *International Standard* for Laboratories ~~or any technical document promulgated by WADA in regard to retesting Samples~~.

[Comment to Article 6.5: Although this Article is new, *Anti-Doping Organizations* have always had the authority to reanalyze *Samples*. The ~~change to the~~ *International Standard* for Laboratories or a new technical document which is made a part of the International Standard will harmonize the protocol for such retesting.]

ARTICLE 7 RESULTS MANAGEMENT

Each *Anti-Doping Organization* conducting results management shall establish a process for the pre-hearing administration of potential anti-doping rule violations that respects the following principles:

[Comment to Article 7: Various of the Signatories have created their own approaches to results management ~~for Adverse Analytical Findings~~. While the various approaches have not been entirely uniform, many have proven to be fair and effective systems for results management. The Code does not supplant each of the Signatories' results management systems. This Article does, however,

specify basic principles in order to ensure the fundamental fairness of the results management process which must be observed by each Signatory. The specific anti-doping rules of each Signatory shall be consistent with these basic principles.]

7.1 Initial Review Regarding Adverse Analytical Findings

Upon receipt of an A Sample Adverse Analytical Finding ~~or an Unusual Finding~~, the Anti-Doping Organization responsible for results management shall conduct a review to determine whether: (a) an applicable therapeutic use exemption has been granted or ~~the conditions for an abbreviated therapeutic use exemption have been satisfied~~ will be granted as provided in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, or (b) there is any apparent departure from the ~~International Standards~~ Standard for Testing or International Standard for Laboratories that ~~undermines the validity of~~ caused the Adverse Analytical Finding.

7.2 Notification After Initial Review Regarding Adverse Analytical Findings

If the initial review of an Adverse Analytical Finding under Article 7.1 does not reveal an applicable therapeutic use exemption or ~~departure that undermines the validity of~~ entitlement to a therapeutic use exemption as provided in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, or departure that caused the Adverse Analytical Finding, the Anti-Doping Organization shall promptly notify the Athlete, in the manner set out in its rules, of: (a) the Adverse Analytical Finding; (b) the anti-doping rule violated; (c) the Athlete's right to promptly request the analysis of the B Sample or, failing such request, that the B Sample analysis may be deemed waived; (d) the ~~right of the~~ scheduled date, time and place for the B Sample analysis if the Athlete or Anti-Doping Organization chooses to request an analysis of the B Sample; (e) the opportunity for the Athlete and/or the Athlete's representative to attend the B Sample opening and analysis within the time period specified in the International Standard for Laboratories if such analysis is requested; and (e) ~~f~~ the Athlete's right to request copies of the A and B Sample laboratory documentation package which includes information as required by the International Standard for Laboratories. The Anti-Doping Organization shall also notify the other Anti-Doping Organizations described in Article 14.1.2. If the Anti-Doping Organization decides not to bring forward the Adverse Analytical Finding as an anti-doping rule violation, it shall so notify the Athlete and the Anti-Doping Organizations as described in Article 14.1.2.

7.3 ~~Further~~ Review of ~~Unusual~~ Atypical Findings

As provided in the ~~International Standards and related Technical Documents~~, in some circumstances Laboratories are directed to report the presence of Prohibited Substances, which may also be produced endogenously, as ~~Unusual~~ Atypical Findings subject to further investigation. ~~If the initial review under Article 7.1~~ Upon receipt of an A Sample Atypical Finding, the Anti-Doping Organization responsible for results management shall conduct a review to determine whether: (a) an applicable therapeutic use exemption has been granted, or (b) there is

any apparent departure from the *International Standard for Testing or International Standard for Laboratories* that caused the *Atypical Finding*. If that review does not reveal an applicable therapeutic use exemption or departure that ~~undermines~~caused the ~~validity of the *Unusual*~~*Atypical Finding*, the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall conduct the required investigation. ~~If after~~After the investigation is completed, the ~~*Unusual Finding* is brought forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, then the *Athlete* shall be provided notice as set forth~~*Athlete* and other *Anti-Doping Organizations* identified in Article 14.1.2 shall be notified whether or not the *Atypical Finding* will be brought forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*. The *Athlete* shall be notified as provided in Article 7.2. ~~If the~~

7.3.1 The *Anti-Doping Organization* ~~decides not to bring the *Unusual*~~will not provide notice of an *Atypical Finding* until it has completed its investigation and decided whether it will bring the *Atypical Finding* forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, ~~that decision may be appealed pursuant to Article 13 or alternatively an unless one of the following circumstances exist:~~

(a) If the *Anti-Doping Organization* ~~with the right to appeal may determine that the *Unusual Finding* is an *Adverse Analytical Finding* and initiate a proceeding under its own results management rules. determines the *B Sample* should be analyzed prior to the conclusion of its investigation under Article 7.3, the *Anti-Doping Organization* may conduct the *B Sample* analysis after notifying the *Athlete*, with such notice to include a description of the *Atypical Finding* and the information described in Article 7.2(b)-(f).~~

(b) If the *Anti-Doping Organization* receives a request, either from a *Major Event Organization* shortly before one of its *International Events* or a request from a sport body responsible for meeting an imminent deadline for selecting team members for an *International Event*, to disclose whether any *Athlete* identified on a list provided by the *Major Event Organization* or sport body has a pending *Atypical Finding*, the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall so identify any such *Athlete* after first providing notice of the *Atypical Finding* to the *Athlete*.

~~[Comment to Article 7.3: The procedure for evaluating an *Unusual Finding* reported by a laboratory (e.g., an elevated T/E ratio not confirmed by IRMS) will be clarified in revisions to the *International Standards* and supporting documents.]~~

[Comment to Article 7.3.1(b): Under the circumstance described in Article 7.3.1(b), the option to take action would be left to the *Major Event Organization* or sport body consistent with its rules.]

7.4 Review of Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations Not Covered by Articles 7.1–7.3

The *Anti-Doping Organization* or other reviewing body established by such organization shall conduct any follow-up investigation into a possible anti-

doping rule violation as may be required under applicable anti-doping policies and rules adopted pursuant to the *Code* or which the *Anti-Doping Organization* otherwise considers appropriate. At such time as the *Anti-Doping Organization* is satisfied that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, it shall promptly give the *Athlete* or other *Person* subject to sanction notice, in the manner set out in its rules, of the anti-doping rule which appears to have been violated, and the basis of the violation. Other Anti-Doping Organizations shall be notified as provided in Article 14.1.2.

[Comment to Article 7.4: As an example, an International Federation typically would notify the Athlete through the Athlete's national sports federation.]

7.5 Principles Applicable to *Provisional Suspensions*

7.5.1 Mandatory Provisional Suspension after A Sample Adverse Analytical Finding.

Signatories shall adopt rules, applicable to any Event for which the Signatory is the ruling body or for any team selection process for which the Signatory is responsible or where the Signatory is the applicable International Federation or has results management authority over the alleged anti-doping rule violation, providing that when an Adverse Analytical Finding is received for a Prohibited Substance, other than a Specified Substance, a Provisional Suspension shall be imposed promptly after the review and notification described in Articles 7.1 and 7.2.

Provided, however, that a Provisional Suspension may not be imposed unless the Athlete is given either: (a) an opportunity for a Provisional Hearing either before imposition of the Provisional Suspension or on a timely basis after imposition of the Provisional Suspension; or (b) an opportunity for an expedited hearing in accordance with Article 8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) on a timely basis after imposition of a Provisional Suspension.

~~7.5.1~~7.5.2. Optional *Provisional Suspension* based on ~~an~~A Specimen~~Sample~~ *Adverse Analytical Finding*Findings for Specified Substances or other anti-doping rule violation.

A *Signatory* may adopt rules, applicable to any *Event* for which the *Signatory* is the ruling body or for any team selection process for which the *Signatory* is responsible or where the *Signatory* is the applicable International Federation or has results management authority over the alleged anti-doping rule violation, permitting *Provisional Suspensions* to be imposed for anti-doping rule violations other than Adverse Analytical Findings, or after the review and notification described in Articles ~~7.1, 7.1 and~~ 7.2 ~~and 7.4~~for Specified Substances, but prior to the analysis of the *Athlete's* B ~~Specimen~~Sample or the final hearing as described in Article 8 (Right to a Fair Hearing).

Provided, however, that a *Provisional Suspension* may not be imposed unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* is given either: (a) an opportunity for a *Provisional Hearing* either before imposition of the *Provisional Suspension* or on a timely basis after imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*; or (b) an opportunity for an expedited hearing in accordance with Article 8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) on a timely basis after imposition of a *Provisional Suspension*.

If a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed based on an A *Sample Adverse Analytical Finding* and a subsequent B *Sample* analysis (if requested by the *Athlete* or *Anti-Doping Organization*) does not confirm the A *Sample* analysis, then the *Athlete* shall not be subject to any further *Provisional Suspension* on account of a violation of Article 2.1 (Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*). In circumstances where the *Athlete* (or the *Athlete's* team as may be provided in the rules of the applicable International Federation) has been removed from a *Competition* based on a violation of Article 2.1 and the subsequent B *Sample* analysis does not confirm the A *Sample* finding, if, without otherwise affecting the *Competition*, it is still possible for the *Athlete* or team to be reinserted, the *Athlete* or team may continue to take part in the *Competition*.

~~7.5.2 Mandatory Provisional Suspension after B Specimen confirms A Specimen Adverse Analytical Finding or B Specimen analysis is waived.~~

~~Signatories shall adopt rules, applicable to any Event for which the Signatory is the ruling body or for any team selection process for which the Signatory is responsible or where the Signatory is the applicable International Federation or has results management authority over the alleged anti-doping rule violation, providing that a Provisional Suspension shall be imposed promptly after the review and notification described in Articles 7.1 and 7.2 and, unless waived by the Athlete, receipt of a B Specimen analytical report which confirms the A Specimen Adverse Analytical Finding for a Prohibited Method or a Prohibited Substance other than a Specified Substance.~~

~~Provided, however, that a Provisional Suspension may not be imposed unless the Athlete is given either: (a) an opportunity for a Provisional Hearing either before imposition of the Provisional Suspension or on a timely basis after imposition of the Provisional Suspension; or (b) an opportunity for an expedited hearing in accordance with Article 8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) on a timely basis after imposition of a Provisional Suspension.~~

[Comment to Article 7.5: Before a Provisional Suspension can be unilaterally imposed by an Anti-Doping Organization, the internal review specified in the Code must first be completed. In addition, a Signatory imposing a Provisional Suspension is required to give the Athlete an opportunity for a Provisional Hearing either before or promptly after the imposition of the Provisional

Suspension, or an expedited final hearing under Article 8 promptly after imposition of the Provisional Suspension. The Athlete has a right to appeal under Article 13.2. ~~As an alternative to the process for imposing a Provisional Suspension under this Article, the Anti-Doping Organization may always elect to forego a Provisional Suspension and proceed directly to the final hearing utilizing an expedited process under Article 8.~~

In the rare circumstance where the B Sample analysis does not confirm the A Sample finding, the Athlete that had been provisionally suspended will be allowed, where circumstances permit, to participate in subsequent Competitions during the Event. Similarly, depending upon the relevant rules of the International Federation in a Team Sport, if the team is still in Competition, the Athlete may be able to take part in future Competitions.

Athletes shall receive credit for a Provisional Suspension against any period of Ineligibility which is ultimately imposed as provided in Article 10.9.3.]

7.6 Retirement from Sport

~~Anti-Doping Organizations shall retain authority to conduct results management and hearings with respect to any anti-doping rule violation committed by a Participant who has retired from sport or who has changed sports, if~~ If an Athlete or other Person retires while a results management process is underway, the Anti-Doping Organization conducting the results management process retains jurisdiction to complete its results management process. If an Athlete or other Person retires before any results management process has begun, the Anti-Doping Organization which would have had results management jurisdiction over the ~~Participant~~ Athlete or other Person at the time the Athlete or other Person committed an anti-doping rule violation, has jurisdiction to conduct results management ~~process was commenced or at the time the~~ .

[Comment to Article 7.6: Conduct by an Athlete or other Person before the Athlete or other Person was subject to the jurisdiction of any Anti-Doping Organization would not constitute an anti-doping rule violation ~~took place~~ but could be a legitimate basis for denying the Athlete or other Person membership in a sports organization.]

ARTICLE 8 RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING

8.1 Fair Hearings

Each Anti-Doping Organization with responsibility for results management shall provide a hearing process for any Person who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation. Such hearing process shall address whether an anti-doping violation was committed and, if so, the appropriate Consequences. The hearing process shall respect the following principles:

- a timely hearing;

- fair and impartial hearing [bodypanel](#);
- the right to be represented by counsel at the *Person's* own expense;
- the right to be informed in a fair and timely manner of the asserted anti-doping rule violation;
- the right to respond to the asserted anti-doping rule violation and resulting *Consequences*;
- the right of each party to present evidence, including the right to call and question witnesses (subject to the hearing [bodypanel](#)'s discretion to accept testimony by telephone or written submission);
- the *Person's* right to an interpreter at the hearing, with the hearing [bodypanel](#) to determine the identity, and responsibility for the cost, of the interpreter; and
- a timely, written, reasoned decision, specifically including an explanation of the reason(s) for any period of *Ineligibility*.

[Comment to Article 8.1: This Article contains basic principles relative to ensuring a fair hearing for Persons asserted to have violated anti-doping rules. This Article is not intended to supplant each Signatory's own rules for hearings but rather to ensure that each Signatory provides a hearing process consistent with these principles.]

8.2 Event Hearings

Hearings held in connection with *Events* may be conducted by an expedited process as permitted by the rules of the relevant *Anti-Doping Organization* and the hearing [bodypanel](#).

[Comment to Article 8.2: For example a hearing could be expedited on the eve of a major Event where the resolution of the anti-doping rule violation is necessary to determine the Athlete's eligibility to participate in the Event or during an Event where the resolution of the case will affect the validity of the Athlete's results or continued participation in the Event.]

8.3 Waiver of Hearing

The right to a hearing may be waived either expressly or by the *Athlete* or other *Person's* failure to challenge an *Anti-Doping Organization's* assertion that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred within the specific time period provided in the *Anti-Doping Organization's* rules. Where no hearing occurs, the *Anti-Doping Organization* with results management responsibility shall submit to the persons described in Article 13.2.3 a reasoned decision explaining the action taken.

ARTICLE 9 AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

An anti-doping rule violation in *Individual Sports* in connection with an *In-Competition* test automatically leads to *Disqualification* of the result obtained in that *Competition* with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

[Comment to Article 9: When an Athlete wins a gold medal with a Prohibited Substance in his or her system, that is unfair to the other Athletes in that Competition regardless of whether the gold medalist was at fault in any way. Only a "clean" Athlete should be allowed to benefit from his or her competitive results.

For Team Sports, see Article 11 (Consequences to Teams).

~~*Consistent with the definitions of Individual Sports and Team Sports, relays in swimming and athletics are, for example, considered Individual Sports. An anti-doping rule violation by a relay team member during a race would cause his or her relay team to forfeit the results of that race. If under the rules of the relevant International Federation that means that the relay team would not otherwise advance in the Competition (e.g., to the finals), then the subsequent results of the team in that Competition would also be forfeited even if the individual committing the anti-doping rule violation did not compete in subsequent rounds.]*~~

In sports which are not Team Sports but where awards are given to teams, Disqualification or other disciplinary action against the team when one or more team members have committed an anti-doping rule violation shall be as provided in the applicable rules of the International Federation.]

ARTICLE 10 SANCTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS

10.1 *Disqualification* of Results in *Event* During which an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Occurs

An anti-doping rule violation occurring during or in connection with an *Event* may, upon the decision of the ruling body of the *Event*, lead to *Disqualification* of all of the *Athlete's* individual results obtained in that *Event* with all consequences, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes, except as provided in Article 10.1.1.

[Comment to Article 10.1: Whereas Article 9 (Automatic Disqualification of Individual Results) Disqualifies the result in a single Competition in which the Athlete tested positive (e.g., the 100 meter backstroke), this Article may lead to Disqualification of all results in all races during the Event (e.g., the FINA World Championships).

Factors to be included in considering whether to Disqualify other results in an Event might include, for example, the severity of the Athlete's anti-doping rule violation and whether the Athlete tested negative in the other Competitions.]

10.1.1 If the *Athlete* establishes that he or she bears *No Fault or Negligence* for the violation, the *Athlete's* individual results in the other *Competitions* shall not be *Disqualified* unless the *Athlete's* results in *Competitions* other than the *Competition* in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the *Athlete's* anti-doping rule violation.

10.2 Imposition of *Ineligibility* for *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*

The period of *Ineligibility* imposed for a violation of Articles 2.1 (Presence of *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*), 2.2 (*Use* or *Attempted Use* of *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*) and 2.6 (*Possession* of *Prohibited Substances* and *Methods*) shall be: ~~First violation: Two (2) years' *Ineligibility* as follows~~, unless the conditions for eliminating or reducing the period of *Ineligibility*, as provided in Articles 10.4 and 10.5, or the conditions for increasing the period of *Ineligibility*, as provided in Article ~~10.6~~10.6, are met: ~~;~~;

First violation: Two (2) years' *Ineligibility*.

[Comment to Article 10.2: ~~Uniformity~~Harmonization of sanctions has been one of the most discussed and debated areas of anti-doping. Harmonization means that the same rules and criteria are applied to assess the unique facts of each case. Arguments against requiring ~~uniformity~~harmonization of sanctions are based on differences between sports including, for example, the following: in some sports the Athletes are professionals making a sizable income from the sport and in others the Athletes are true amateurs; in those sports where an Athlete's career is short (e.g., artistic gymnastics) a two year *Disqualification* has a much more significant effect on the Athlete than in sports where careers are traditionally much longer (e.g., equestrian and shooting); in Individual Sports, the Athlete is better able to maintain competitive skills through solitary practice during *Disqualification* than in other sports where practice as part of a team is more important. A primary argument in favor of ~~uniformity~~harmonization is that it is simply not right that two Athletes from the same country who test positive for the same *Prohibited Substance* under similar circumstances should receive different sanctions only because they participate in different sports. In addition, flexibility in sanctioning has often been viewed as an unacceptable opportunity for some sporting bodies to be more lenient with dopers. The lack of ~~uniformity~~harmonization of sanctions has also frequently been the source of jurisdictional conflicts between International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations.]

10.3 *Ineligibility* for Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations

The period of *Ineligibility* for anti-doping rule violations other than as provided in Article 10.2 shall be as follows:

10.3.1 For violations of Article 2.3 (refusing or failing to submit to *Sample* collection) or Article 2.5 (*Tampering with Doping Control*), the *Ineligibility* period shall be two (2) years unless the conditions provided in Article 10.5, or the conditions provided in Article 10.6, are met.

10.3.2 For violations of Articles 2.7 (*Trafficking*) or 2.8 (Administration of *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*), the period of *Ineligibility* imposed shall be a minimum of four (4) years up to lifetime *Ineligibility* unless the conditions provided in Article 10.5 are met. An anti-doping rule violation involving a *Minor* shall be considered a particularly serious violation, and, if committed by *Athlete Support Personnel* for violations other than Specified Substances referenced in Article 4.2.2, shall result in lifetime *Ineligibility* for such *Athlete Support Personnel*. In addition, significant violations of such Articles which also violate non-sporting laws and regulations, shall be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.

[Comment to Article 10.3.2: Those who are involved in doping Athletes or covering up doping should be subject to sanctions which are more severe than the Athletes who test positive. Since the authority of sport organizations is generally limited to Ineligibility for credentials, membership and other sport benefits, reporting Athlete Support Personnel to competent authorities is an important step in the deterrence of doping.]

10.3.3 For violations of Article 2.4 (~~Whereabouts or Missed Tests~~whereabouts filing failures and/or missed tests), the period of *Ineligibility* shall be at a minimum one (1) year and at a maximum two (2) years based on the *Athlete's* degree of fault.—~~Any combination of three whereabouts violations or missed test violations meeting the criteria established in the International Standard for Testing and which occur within an eighteen-month period shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.~~

[Comment to Article 10.3.3: ~~Separate whereabouts and missed test violations under the rules of the Athlete's International Federation and the National Anti-Doping Organization shall be combined in applying this Article. The sanction under Article 10.3.3 shall be two years where all three filing failures or missed tests are inexcusable. Otherwise, the sanction shall be assessed in the range of two years to one year, based on the circumstances of the case.]~~

10.4 Elimination or Reduction of the Period of *Ineligibility* for Specified Substances under Specific Circumstances

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish how a Specified Substance entered his or her body or came into his or her possession and that such Specified Substance was not intended to enhance the *Athlete's* sport performance or mask the use of a performance-enhancing substance, the

period of *Ineligibility* found in Article 10.2 shall be replaced with the following:

First violation: At a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility* from future *Events*, and at a maximum, two (2) years' *Ineligibility*.

To justify any elimination or reduction, the *Athlete* or other *Person* must produce corroborating evidence in addition to his or her word which establishes ~~the conditions described above~~ to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing ~~body~~panel the absence of an intent to enhance sport performance or mask the use of a performance enhancing substance. The *Athlete* or other Person's degree of fault shall be the criteria considered in assessing any reduction of the period of *Ineligibility*.

[Comment to Article 10.4: Specified Substances as now defined in Article 10.4 are not necessarily less serious agents for purposes of sports doping than other Prohibited Substances (for example, ~~modafinil~~a stimulant that is listed as a Specified Substance could be very effective to an Athlete in competition); for that reason, an Athlete who does not meet the criteria under this Article would receive a two-year period of Ineligibility and could receive up to a four-year period of Ineligibility under Article 10.6. However, there is a greater likelihood that Specified Substances, as opposed to other Prohibited Substances, ~~would~~could be susceptible to a credible, non-doping explanation.

This Article ~~is meant to apply~~applies only in those cases where the ~~Panel~~hearing panel is comfortably satisfied by the objective circumstances of the case that the Athlete in taking a Prohibited Substance ~~really~~did not intend to enhance his or her sport performance. Examples of the type of objective circumstances which in combination might lead a ~~Panel~~hearing panel to be comfortably satisfied of no performance-enhancing intent would include: the fact that the nature of the Substance or the timing of its ingestion would not have been beneficial to the Athlete; the Athlete's open Use or disclosure of his or her Use of the Substance; and a contemporaneous medical records file substantiating the non-sport-related prescription for the Substance. Generally, the greater the potential performance-enhancing benefit, the higher the burden on the Athlete to prove lack of an intent to enhance sport performance.

While the absence of intent to enhance sport performance must be established to the comfortable satisfaction of the ~~Panel~~hearing panel, the Athlete may establish how the Specified Substance entered the body by a balance of probability.

In assessing the Athlete or other Person's degree of fault, the circumstances considered must be specific and relevant to explain the Athlete or other Person's departure from the expected standard of behavior. Thus, for example, the fact that an Athlete would lose the opportunity to earn large sums of money during a period of *Ineligibility* or the fact that the Athlete only has a short time left in his or her career or the timing of the sporting calendar would not be relevant factors to be considered in reducing the period of *Ineligibility* under this Article. It is

anticipated that the period of Ineligibility will be eliminated entirely in only the most exceptional cases.]

10.5 Elimination or Reduction of Period of *Ineligibility* Based on Exceptional Circumstances.

10.5.1 *No Fault or Negligence.*

If an *Athlete* establishes in an individual case ~~involving an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 (presence of *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*) or Use of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* under Article 2.2~~ that he or she bears *No Fault or Negligence* ~~for the violation~~, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be eliminated. When a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Markers* or *Metabolites* is detected in an *Athlete's Specimen Sample* in violation of Article 2.1 (presence of *Prohibited Substance*), the *Athlete* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered his or her system in order to have the period of *Ineligibility* eliminated. In the event this Article is applied and the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable is eliminated, the anti-doping rule violation shall not be considered a violation for the limited purpose of determining the period of *Ineligibility* for multiple violations under Article 10.7.

~~[Comment to Article 10.5.1: Article 10.5.1 applies only to violations under Articles 2.1 and 2.2 (presence and Use of Prohibited Substances) because fault or negligence is already required to establish an anti-doping rule violation under other anti-doping rules.]~~

10.5.2 *No Significant Fault or Negligence.*

If ~~a Participant~~ *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes in an individual case that he or she bears *No Significant Fault or Negligence*, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced, but the reduced period of *Ineligibility* may not be less than one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the reduced period under this section may be no less than 8 years. When a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Markers* or *Metabolites* is detected in an *Athlete's Specimen Sample* in violation of Article 2.1 (presence of *Prohibited Substance*), the *Athlete* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered his or her system in order to have the period of *Ineligibility* reduced.

[Comment to ~~Article~~ Articles 10.5.1 and 10.5.2: *The Code provides for the possible reduction or elimination of the period of Ineligibility in the unique circumstance where the Athlete can establish that he or she had No Fault or Negligence, or No Significant Fault or Negligence, in connection with the violation. This approach is consistent with basic principles of human rights and provides a balance between those Anti-Doping Organizations that argue for a much narrower exception, or none at all, and those that would reduce a two year suspension based on a range of other factors even when the Athlete was*

admittedly at fault. These Articles apply only to the imposition of sanctions; they are not applicable to the determination of whether an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. Article 10.5.2 may be applied to any anti-doping violation even though it will be especially difficult to meet the criteria for a reduction for those anti-doping rule violations where knowledge is an element of the violation.

Articles 10.5.1 and 10.5.2 are meant to have an impact only in cases where the circumstances are truly exceptional and not in the vast majority of cases.

To illustrate the operation of Article 10.5.1, an example where No Fault or Negligence would result in the total elimination of a sanction is where an Athlete could prove that, despite all due care, he or she was sabotaged by a competitor. Conversely, a sanction could not be completely eliminated on the basis of No Fault or Negligence in the following circumstances: (a) a positive test resulting from a mislabeled or contaminated vitamin or nutritional supplement (Athletes are responsible for what they ingest (Article 2.1.1) and have been warned against the possibility of supplement contamination); (b) the administration of a ~~prohibited substance~~Prohibited Substance by the Athlete's personal physician or trainer without disclosure to the Athlete (Athletes are responsible for their choice of medical personnel and for advising medical personnel that they cannot be given any Prohibited Substance); and (c) sabotage of the Athlete's food or drink by a spouse, coach or other person within the Athlete's circle of associates (Athletes are responsible for what they ingest and for the conduct of those persons to whom they entrust access to their food and drink). However, depending on the unique facts of a particular case, any of the referenced illustrations could result in a reduced sanction based on No Significant Fault or Negligence. (For example, reduction may well be appropriate in illustration (a) if the Athlete clearly establishes that the cause of the positive test was contamination in a common multiple vitamin purchased from a source with no connection to Prohibited Substances and the Athlete exercised care in not taking other nutritional supplements.)

For purposes of assessing the Athlete or other Person's fault under Articles 10.5.1 and 10.5.2, the evidence considered must be specific and relevant to explain the Athlete or other Person's departure from the expected standard of behavior. Thus, for example the fact that an Athlete would lose the opportunity to earn large sums of money during a period of Ineligibility or the fact that the Athlete only has a short time left in his or her career or the timing of the sporting calendar would not be relevant factors to be considered in reducing the period of Ineligibility under this Article.

While minors are not given special treatment per se in determining the applicable sanction, certainly youth and lack of experience are relevant factors to be assessed in determining the Athlete or other Person's fault under Article 10.5.2, as well as Articles 10.4 and 10.5.1.

Article 10.5.2 should not be applied in cases where Articles 10.3.3 or 10.4 apply, as those Articles already take into consideration the Athlete or other Person's degree of fault for purposes of establishing the applicable period of Ineligibility.]

10.5.3 *Substantial Assistance* in Discovering or Establishing Anti-Doping Rule Violations.

An *Anti-Doping Organization* with results management responsibility for an anti-doping rule violation may, prior to a final appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of the time to appeal, suspend a part of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed in an individual case where the *Athlete* or other *Person* has provided *Substantial Assistance* to an *Anti-Doping Organization*, criminal authority or professional disciplinary body which results in the *Anti-Doping Organization* discovering or establishing an anti-doping rule violation by another *Person* or which results in a criminal or disciplinary body discovering or establishing a criminal offense or the breach of professional rules by another *Person*. After a final appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of time to appeal, an *Anti-Doping Organization* may only suspend a part of the applicable period of *Ineligibility* with the approval of WADA and the applicable International Federation. The extent to which the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended shall be based on the seriousness of the anti-doping rule violation committed by the *Athlete* or other *Person* and the significance of the *Substantial Assistance* provided by the *Athlete* or other *Person* to the effort to eliminate doping in sport. No more than ~~3/4~~three-quarters of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the non-suspended period under this section must be no less than 8 years. If the *Anti-Doping Organization* suspends any part of the period of *Ineligibility* under this Article, the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall promptly provide a written justification for its decision to each *Anti-Doping Organization* having a right to appeal the decision. If the *Anti-Doping Organization* subsequently reinstates any part of the suspended period of *Ineligibility* because the Athlete or other Person has failed to provide the Substantial Assistance which was anticipated, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may appeal the reinstatement pursuant to Article 13.2.

[Comment to Article 10.5.3: The cooperation of Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons who acknowledge their mistakes and are willing to bring other anti-doping rule violations to light is important to clean sport.

Factors to be considered in assessing the importance of the Substantial Assistance would include, for example, the number of individuals implicated, the status of those individuals in the sport, whether a scheme involving Trafficking under Article 2.7 or administration under Article 2.8 is involved and whether the violation involved a substance or method which is not readily detectible in Testing. The maximum suspension of the Ineligibility period shall only be applied in very exceptional cases. An additional factor to be considered in connection with the seriousness of the anti-doping rule violation is any performance-enhancing benefit which the Person providing Substantial Assistance may be likely to still enjoy. As a general matter, the earlier in the

results management process the Substantial Assistance is provided, the greater the percentage of the period of Ineligibility may be suspended.

If the Athlete or other Person who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation claims entitlement to a suspended period of Ineligibility under this Article in connection with the Athlete or other Person's waiver of a hearing under Article 8.3 (Waiver of Hearing), the Anti-Doping Organization shall determine whether a suspension of a portion of the period of Ineligibility is appropriate under this Article. If the Athlete or other Person claims entitlement to a suspended period of Ineligibility before the conclusion of a hearing under Article 8 on the anti-doping rule violation, the hearing ~~bodypanel~~ shall determine whether a suspension of a portion of the period of Ineligibility is appropriate under this Article at the same time the hearing ~~bodypanel~~ decides whether the Athlete or other Person has committed an anti-doping rule violation. If a portion of the period of Ineligibility is suspended, the decision shall explain the basis for concluding the information provided was credible and was important to discovering or proving the anti-doping rule violation or other offense. If the Athlete or other Person claims entitlement to a suspended period of Ineligibility after a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered and is not subject to appeal under Article 13, but the Athlete or other Person is still serving the period of Ineligibility, the Athlete or other Person may apply to the Anti-Doping Organization which had results management responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a suspension in the period of Ineligibility under this Article. Any such suspension of the period of Ineligibility shall require the approval of WADA and the applicable International Federation. If any condition upon which the suspension of a period of Ineligibility is based is not fulfilled, the Anti-Doping Organization with results management authority shall reinstate the period of Ineligibility which would otherwise be applicable. Decisions rendered by Anti-Doping Organizations under this Article may be appealed pursuant Article 13.2.

This is the only circumstance under the Code where the suspension of an otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility is authorized.]

10.5.4 Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation in the Absence of Other Evidence.

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* voluntarily admits the commission of an anti-doping rule violation before having received notice of a Sample collection which could establish an anti-doping rule violation (or, in the case of an anti-doping rule violation other than Article 2.1, before receiving first notice of athe admitted violation pursuant to Article 7) and that admission is the only reliable evidence of the violation at the time of admission, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced, but not below one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable.

[Comment to Article 10.5.4: This Article is intended to apply when an Athlete or other Person comes forward and admits to an anti-doping rule violation in circumstances where no Anti-Doping Organization is aware that an anti-doping rule violation might have been committed. It is not intended to apply to

circumstances where the admission occurs after the Athlete or other Person knows he or she is about to be caught.]

10.5.5 Where an *Athlete* or *Other Person* Establishes Entitlement to Reduction in Sanction Under More than One Provision of this Article.

Before applying any reductions under Articles 10.5.2, 10.5.3 or 10.5.4, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be determined in accordance with Articles 10.2, ~~10.3~~10.3, 10.4 and ~~10.4~~10.6. If the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes entitlement to a reduction or suspension of the period of *Ineligibility* under two or more of Articles 10.5.2, 10.5.3 or 10.5.4, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced or suspended, but not below one-quarter of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility*.

[Comment to Article 10.5.5: The appropriate sanction is determined in a sequence of four steps. First, the hearing panel determines which of the basic sanctions (Article 10.2, Article 10.3, Article 10.4 or Article 10.6) applies to the particular anti-doping rule violation. In a second step, the hearing panel establishes whether there is a basis for elimination or reduction of the sanction (Articles 10.5.1 through 10.5.4). Note, however, not all grounds for elimination or reduction may be combined with the provisions on basic sanctions. For example, Article 10.5.2 does not apply in cases involving Articles 10.3.3 or 10.4, since the hearing panel, under Articles 10.3.3 and 10.4, will already have determined the period of Ineligibility based on the Athlete or other Person's degree of fault. In a third step, the hearing panel determines under Article 10.5.5 whether the Athlete or other Person is entitled to a reduction under more than one provision of Article 10.5. Finally, the hearing panel decides on the commencement of the period of Ineligibility under Article 10.9. The following four examples demonstrate the proper sequence of analysis:

Example 1.

Facts: An Adverse Analytical Finding involves the presence of an anabolic steroid; the Athlete promptly admits the anti-doping rule violation as alleged; the Athlete establishes No Significant Fault (Article 10.5.2); and the Athlete provides important Substantial Assistance (Article 10.5.3).

Application of Article 10:

1. The basic sanction would be two years under Article 10.2. (Aggravating circumstances (Article 10.6) would not be considered because the Athlete promptly admitted the violation. Article 10.4 would not apply because a steroid is not a Specified Substance.)

2. Based on No Significant Fault alone, the sanction could be reduced up to one-half of the two years. Based on Substantial Assistance alone, the sanction could be reduced up to three-quarters of the two years.

3. Under Article 10.5.5, in considering the possible reduction for No Significant Fault and Substantial Assistance together, the most the sanction could be reduced is up to three-quarters of the two years. Thus, the minimum sanction would be a six-month period of Ineligibility.

4. Under Article 10.9.2, because the Athlete promptly admitted the anti-doping rule violation, the period of Ineligibility could start as early as the date of Sample collection, but in any event the Athlete would have to serve at least one-half of the Ineligibility period (minimum three months) after the date of the hearing decision.

Example 2.

Facts: An Adverse Analytical Finding involves the presence of an anabolic steroid; aggravating circumstances exist and the Athlete is unable to establish that he did not knowingly commit the anti-doping rule violation; the Athlete does not promptly admit the anti-doping rule violation as alleged; but the Athlete does provide important Substantial Assistance (Article 10.5.3).

Application of Article 10:

1. The basic sanction would be between two and four years Ineligibility as provided in Article 10.6.

2. Based on Substantial Assistance, the sanction could be reduced up to three-quarters of the maximum four years.

3. Article 10.5.5 does not apply.

4. Under Article 10.9.2, the period of Ineligibility would start on the date of the hearing decision.

Example 3.

Facts: An Adverse Analytical Finding involves the presence of a Specified Substance; the Athlete establishes how the Specified Substance entered his body and that he had no intent to enhance his sport performance; the Athlete establishes that he had very little fault; and the Athlete provides important Substantial Assistance (Article 10.5.3).

Application of Article 10:

1. Because the Adverse Analytical Finding involved a Specified Substance and the Athlete has satisfied the other conditions of Article 10.4, the basic sanction would fall in the range between a reprimand and two years Ineligibility. The hearing panel would assess the Athlete's fault in imposing a sanction within that range. (Assume for illustration in this example that the panel would otherwise impose a period of Ineligibility of eight months.)

2. Based on Substantial Assistance, the sanction could be reduced up to three-quarters of the eight months. (No less than two months.) [No Significant Fault (Article 10.2) would not be applicable because the Athlete's degree of fault was already taken into consideration in establishing the eight-month period of Ineligibility in step 1.]

3. Article 10.5.5 does not apply.

4. Under Article 9.2, because the Athlete promptly admitted the anti-doping rule violation, the period of Ineligibility could start as early as the date of Sample collection, but in any event, the Athlete would have to serve at least half of the Ineligibility period after the date of the hearing decision. (Minimum one month.)

~~[Comment to Article 10.5.5: For example, if an Athlete establishes No Significant Fault or Negligence under Article 10.5.2 and also establishes a qualifying admission under Article 10.5.4, the Athlete's period of Ineligibility may be reduced by as much as three-fourths of the period of Ineligibility which was determined under Articles 10.2, 10.3 or 10.4.]~~

Example 4.

Facts: An Athlete who has never had an Adverse Analytical Finding or been confronted with an anti-doping rule violation spontaneously admits that he intentionally used multiple Prohibited Substances to enhance his performance. The Athlete also provides important Substantial Assistance (Article 10.5.3).

Application of Article 10:

1. While the intentional Use of multiple Prohibited Substances to enhance performance would normally warrant consideration of aggravating circumstances (Article 10.6), the Athlete's spontaneous admission means that Article 10.6 would not apply. The fact that the Athlete's Use of Prohibited Substances was intentional would also eliminate the application of Article 10.4 regardless of whether the Prohibited Substances Used were Specified Substances. Thus, Article 10.2 would be applicable and the basic period of Ineligibility imposed would be two years.

2. Based on the Athlete's spontaneous admissions (Article 10.5.4) alone, the period of Ineligibility could be reduced up to one-half of the two years. Based on the Athlete's Substantial Assistance (Article 10.5.3) alone, the period of Ineligibility could be reduced up to three-quarters of the two years.

3. Under Article 10.5.5, in considering the spontaneous admission and Substantial Assistance together, the most the sanction could be reduced would be up to three-quarters of the two years. (The minimum period of Ineligibility would be six months.)

4. If Article 10.5.4 was considered by the hearing panel in arriving at the minimum six month period of Ineligibility at step 3, the period of Ineligibility would start on the date the hearing panel imposed the sanction. If, however, the hearing panel did not consider the application of Article 10.5.4 in reducing the period of Ineligibility in step 3, then under Article 10.9.2, the commencement of the period of Ineligibility could be started as early as the date the anti-doping rule violation was committed, provided that at least half of that

period (minimum of three months) would have to be served after the date of the hearing decision.]

10.6 Aggravating Circumstances Which May Increase the Period of Ineligibility

If the *Anti-Doping Organization* establishes in an individual case involving an anti-doping rule violation other than violations under [Article 2.7 \(Trafficking\)](#) and 2.8 (Administration) that:

- (a) ~~The Athlete intended to enhance his or her sport performance or the other Person intended to enhance the performance of an Athlete, and (b) One or more other factors~~ aggravating circumstances are present which justify the imposition of a period of *Ineligibility* greater than the standard sanction, ~~such as~~ then the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable shall be increased up to a maximum of four years unless the Athlete or other Person can prove to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel that he did not knowingly violate the anti-doping rule.

An Athlete or other Person can avoid the application of this Article by admitting the anti-doping rule violation as asserted promptly after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by an *Anti-Doping Organization*.

[Comment to Article 10.6: Examples of aggravating circumstances which may justify the imposition of a period of *Ineligibility* greater than the standard sanction are: the Athlete or other Person committed the anti-doping rule violation as part of a ~~larger~~-doping plan or scheme, either individually or involving a conspiracy or common enterprise to commit anti-doping rule violations; the Athlete or other Person used or possessed multiple Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods; or used or possessed a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method on multiple ~~separate~~ occasions; a normal individual would be likely to enjoy the performance-enhancing effects of the anti-doping rule violation(s) beyond the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility*; the Athlete or Person engaged in ~~fraudulent~~deceptive or obstructing conduct to avoid the detection or adjudication of an anti-doping rule violation; ~~or the Athlete has competed in violation of a Provisional Suspension;~~

~~then the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable shall be increased up to a maximum of four years.~~

~~An Athlete or other Person can avoid the application of this Article by admitting the anti-doping rule violation promptly after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by an *Anti-Doping Organization*.~~

For the avoidance of doubt, the examples of aggravating circumstances described in this Comment to Article 10.6 are not exclusive and other aggravating factors may also justify the imposition of a longer period of *Ineligibility*. Violations under Article 2.7 (Trafficking) and 2.8 (Administration)

are not included in the application of Article 10.6 because the sanctions for these violations (from four years to lifetime Ineligibility) already build in sufficient discretion to allow consideration of any aggravating circumstance.]

10.7 Multiple Violations

10.7.1 Second Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

For an *Athlete* or other *Person's* first anti-doping rule violation, the period of *Ineligibility* is set forth in Articles 10.2 and 10.3 (subject to elimination ~~or~~ reduction or suspension under Articles 10.4 or 10.5, or to an increase under Article 10.6). For a second anti-doping rule violation the period of *Ineligibility* shall be within the range set forth in the table below.

First violation: down Second violation: across <u>Violation</u>	RS	WMT <u>FE</u> <u>MT</u>	NSF	St	AS	TRA
<u>First Violation</u>						
RS	1-4	2-4	2-4	4-6	8-10	10-life
WMT <u>FE</u> <u>MT</u>	1-4	4-8	4-8	6-8	10-life	life
NSF	1-4	4-8	4-8	6-8	10-life	life
St	2-4	6-8	6-8	8-life	life	life
AS	4-5	10-life	10-life	life	life	life
TRA	8-life	life	life	life	life	life

Definitions for purposes of the second anti-doping rule violation table:

RS (Reduced sanction for Specified Substance under Article 10.4): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by a reduced sanction under Article 10.4 because it involved a Specified Substance and the other conditions under Article 10.4 were met.

~~WMT~~ (~~Whereabouts~~ FE (Filing Failures and/or Missed Tests): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned under Article 10.3.3 (~~Whereabouts~~ Filing Failures and /or Missed Tests).

NSF (Reduced sanction for *No Significant Fault or Negligence*): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by a reduced sanction under Article 10.5.2 because *No Significant Fault or Negligence* under Article 10.5.2 was proved by the *Athlete*.

St (Standard sanction under Article 10.2 or 10.3.1): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by the standard sanction of two years under Article 10.2 or 10.3.1.

AS (Aggravated sanction): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by an aggravated sanction under Article 10.6 because the *Anti-Doping Organization* established the conditions set forth under Article 10.6.

TRA (*Trafficking* and Administration): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by a sanction under Article 10.3.2 for *Trafficking* or Administration.

[Comment to Article 10.7.1: The table is applied by locating the Athlete or other Person's first anti-doping rule violation in the left-hand column and then moving across the table to the right to the column representing the second violation. By way of example, assume an Athlete receives the standard period of Ineligibility for a first violation under Article 10.2 and then commits a second violation for which he receives a reduced sanction for a Specified Substance under Article 10.4. The table is used to determine the period of Ineligibility for the second violation. The table is applied to this example by starting in the left-hand column and going down to the fourth row which is "St" for standard sanction, then moving across the table to the first column which is "RS" for reduced sanction for a Specified Substance, thus resulting in a 2-4 year range for the period of Ineligibility for the second violation. The Athlete or other Person's degree of fault shall be the criterion considered in assessing a period of Ineligibility within the applicable range.]

[Comment to Article 10.7.1 RS Definition: See Article 25.4 with respect to application of Article 10.7.1 to pre-Code anti-doping rule violations.]

10.7.2 ~~Third Anti-Doping Rule~~ Application of Articles 10.5.3 and 10.5.4 to Second Violation.

~~A third~~ Where an Athlete or other Person who commits a second anti-doping rule violation will always result in a life ban, except if the third offense fulfills the condition for elimination or reduction establishes entitlement to suspension or reduction of a portion of the period of Ineligibility under Article 10.5.3 or Article 10.5.4, the hearing panel shall first determine the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility within the range established in the table in Article 10.7.1, and then apply the appropriate suspension or reduction of the period of Ineligibility. The remaining period of Ineligibility, after applying any suspension or reduction under Articles 10.5.3 and 10.5.4, must be at least one-fourth of the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility.

10.7.3 Third Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

A third anti-doping rule violation will always result in a lifetime period of Ineligibility, except if the third violation fulfills the condition for elimination or reduction of the period of Ineligibility under Article 10.4 or involves a violation of Article 2.4 (Whereabouts Filing Failures and/or Missed Tests). In ~~this~~ these particular ~~cases~~ cases, the period of Ineligibility shall be from eight years to life ban.

~~10.7.3~~ 10.7.4 Additional Rules for Certain Potential Multiple Violations.

- For purposes of imposing sanctions under Article 10.7, an anti-doping rule violation will only be considered a second violation if the *Anti-Doping Organization* can establish that the *Athlete* or other *Person* committed the second anti-doping rule violation after the *Athlete* or other *Person* received notice pursuant to Article 7 (Results Management), or after the *Anti-Doping Organization* made ~~a~~ reasonable ~~Attempt~~ efforts to give notice, of the first anti-doping rule violation; if the *Anti-Doping Organization* cannot establish this, the violations shall be considered together as one single first violation, and the sanction imposed shall be based on the violation that carries the more severe sanction; however, and—the occurrence of multiple violations may be considered as a factor in determining Aggravating Circumstances (Article 10.6).
- If, after the resolution of a first anti-doping rule violation, an *Anti-Doping Organization* discovers facts involving an anti-doping rule violation by the *Athlete* or other *Person* which occurred prior to notification regarding the first violation, then the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall impose an additional sanction based on the sanction that could have been imposed if the two violations would have been adjudicated at the same time. ~~As provided in Article 10.8, results~~ Results in all *Competitions* dating back to the earlier anti-doping rule violation will be ~~forfeited~~ Disqualified as provided in Article 10.8. To avoid the possibility of a finding of Aggravating Circumstances (Article 10.6) on account of the earlier-in-time but later-discovered violation, the *Athlete* or other *Person* must voluntarily admit the earlier anti-doping rule violation on a timely basis after notice of the violation for which he or she is first charged. The same rule shall also apply when the *Anti-Doping Organization* discovers facts involving another prior violation after the resolution of a second anti-doping rule violation.

~~10.7.4~~ 10.7.5 Multiple Anti-Doping Rule Violations During Eight-Year Period.

For purposes of Article 10.7, each anti-doping rule violation must take place within the same eight (8) year period in order to be considered multiple violations.

[Comment to Article ~~10.7.3~~ 10.7.5: In a hypothetical situation, an Athlete commits an anti-doping rule violation on January 1, 2008 which the Anti-Doping Organization does not discover until December 1, 2008. In the meantime, the Athlete commits another anti-doping rule violation on March 1, 2008 and the Athlete is notified of this violation by the Anti-Doping Organization on March 30,

2008 and a hearing panel rules on June 30, 2008 that the Athlete committed the March 1, 2008 anti-doping rule violation. The later-discovered violation which occurred on January 1, 2008 will provide the basis for Aggravating Circumstances because the Athlete did not voluntarily admit the violation in a timely basis after the Athlete received notification of the later violation on March 30, 2008.]

10.8 Disqualification of Results in Competitions Subsequent to Sample Collection or Commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation

In addition to the automatic *Disqualification* of the results in the *Competition* which produced the positive *Sample* under Article 9 (Automatic *Disqualification* of Individual Results), all other competitive results obtained from the date a positive *Sample* was collected (whether *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*), or other [anti-doping rule](#) violation occurred, through the commencement of any *Provisional Suspension* or *Ineligibility* period, shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be *Disqualified* with all of the resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

10.8.1 As a condition of regaining eligibility after being found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, the *Athlete* must first repay all prize money forfeited under this Article.

10.8.2 Allocation of Forfeited Prize Money.
Unless the rules of the International Federation provide that forfeited prize money shall be reallocated to other *Athletes*, it shall be allocated first to reimburse the collection expenses of the *Anti-Doping Organization* that performed the necessary steps to collect the prize money back, then to reimburse the expenses of the *Anti-Doping Organization* that conducted results management in the case, with the balance, if any, allocated in accordance with the International Federation's rules.

[Comment to Article 10.8.2: Nothing in the Code precludes clean Athletes or other Persons who have been damaged by the actions of a Person who has committed an anti-doping rule violation from pursuing any right which they would otherwise have to seek damages from such Person.]

10.9 Commencement of Ineligibility Period

Except as provided below, the period of *Ineligibility* shall start on the date of the hearing decision providing for *Ineligibility* or, if the hearing is waived, on the date *Ineligibility* is accepted or otherwise imposed. Any period of *Provisional Suspension* (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted) shall be credited against the total period of *Ineligibility* to be served.

10.9.1 Delays Not Attributable to the *Athlete* [or other Person](#).
Where there have been substantial delays in the hearing process or other aspects of *Doping Control* not attributable to the *Athlete* [or other Person](#), the body imposing the sanction may start the period

of *Ineligibility* at an earlier date commencing as early as the date of *Sample* collection ~~taking into account any such period of delay or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred.~~

10.9.2 Timely Admission.

Where the *Athlete* promptly (which, in all events, means before the *Athlete* competes again) admits the anti-doping rule violation after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by the *Anti-Doping Organization*, the period of *Ineligibility* may start as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date ~~the *Athlete* committed~~ an on which another anti-doping rule violation ~~not involving a *Sample* collection~~ last occurred. In each case, however, where this Article is applied, the *Athlete* or other Person shall serve at least one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* going forward from the date the ~~timely admission is made~~ *Athlete* or other Person accepted the imposition of a sanction or the date of a hearing decision imposing a sanction.

[Comment to Article 10.9.2: This Article shall not apply where the period of *Ineligibility* already has been reduced under Article 10.5.4 (Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation in the absence of other Evidence).]

10.9.3 If a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed and respected by the *Athlete*, then the *Athlete* shall receive a credit for such period of *Provisional Suspension* against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed.

10.9.4 If an *Athlete* voluntarily accepts a *Provisional Suspension* in writing from an *Anti-Doping Organization* ~~in writing~~ with results management authority and thereafter refrains from competing, the *Athlete* shall receive a credit for such period of voluntary *Provisional Suspension* against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed. A copy of the *Athlete's* voluntary acceptance of a *Provisional Suspension* shall be provided promptly to each party entitled to receive notice of a potential anti-doping rule violation under Article 14.1.

[Comment to Article 10.9.4: An *Athlete's* voluntary acceptance of a *Provisional Suspension* is not an admission by the *Athlete* and shall not be used in any way as to draw an adverse inference against the *Athlete*.]

10.9.5 No credit against a period of *Ineligibility* shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the *Provisional Suspension* or voluntary *Provisional Suspension* regardless of whether the *Athlete* elected not to compete or was suspended by his or her team.

[Comment to Article 10.9: The text of Article 10.9 has been revised to make clear that delays not attributable to the *Athlete*, timely admission by the *Athlete* and *Provisional Suspension* are the only justifications for starting the period of

Ineligibility earlier than the date of the hearing decision. This amendment corrects inconsistent interpretation and application of the previous text.]

10.10 Status During *Ineligibility*

10.10.1 Prohibition Against Participation During *Ineligibility*.
No *Person* who has been declared *Ineligible* may, during the period of *Ineligibility*, participate in any capacity in a *Competition* or activity (other than authorized anti-doping education or rehabilitation programs) authorized or organized by any *Signatory* ~~or~~ *Signatory's* member organization, or a club or other member organization of a *Signatory's* member organization, or in *Competitions* authorized or organized by any professional league or any ~~International or National~~ international or national level *Event Organization* organization.

A *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* longer than four years may, after completing four years of the period of *Ineligibility*, participate in local sport events in a sport other than the sport in which the *Person* committed the anti-doping rule violation, but only so long as the local sport event is not at a level that could otherwise qualify such *Person* directly or indirectly to compete in (or accumulate points toward) a national championship or *International Event*.

A *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* shall remain subject to *Testing*.

[Comment to Article 10.10.1: For example, an ineligible Athlete cannot participate in a training camp, exhibition or practice organized by his or her National Federation or a club which is a member of that National Federation. Further, an ineligible Athlete may not compete in a non-Signatory professional league (e.g., the National Hockey League, ~~National~~ Union of European Leagues of Basketball Association, etc.), Events organized by a non-Signatory International Event ~~Organization~~ organization or a non-Signatory ~~National-Level-Event Organization~~ national-level event organization without triggering the consequences set forth in Article 10.10.2. Sanctions in one sport will also be recognized by other sports (see Article 15.4 Mutual Recognition). ~~However, an ineligible Athlete would be allowed to continue to train with his or her local team or club. An ineligible Athlete would also be allowed to participate in competition on a purely recreational level.]~~

10.10.2 Violation of the Prohibition of Participation During *Ineligibility*.

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* who has been declared *Ineligible* violates the prohibition against participation during *Ineligibility* described in Article 10.10.1, ~~then~~ the results of such participation shall be Disqualified and the period of *Ineligibility* which was originally imposed shall start over again as of the date of the violation. The new period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced under

Article 10.5.2 if the *Athlete or other Person* establishes he or she bears *No Significant Fault or Negligence* for violating the prohibition against participation. The determination of whether an *Athlete or other Person* has violated the prohibition against participation, and whether a reduction under Article 10.5.2 is appropriate, shall be made by the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose results management led to the imposition of the initial period of *Ineligibility*.

[Comment to Article 10.10.2: If an Athlete or other Person is alleged to have violated the prohibition against participation during a period of Ineligibility, the Anti-Doping Organization which had results management responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation which resulted in the period of Ineligibility shall determine whether the Athlete violated the prohibition and, if so, whether the Athlete or other Person has established grounds for a reduction in the restarted period of Ineligibility under Article 10.5.2. Decisions rendered by Anti-Doping Organizations under this Article may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.2.]

Where an Athlete Support Personnel or other Person substantially assists an Athlete in violating the prohibition against participation during Ineligibility, an Anti-Doping Organization with jurisdiction over such Athlete Support Personnel or other Person may appropriately impose sanctions under its own disciplinary rules for such assistance.]

10.10.3 Withholding of Financial Support during *Ineligibility*.
In addition, for any anti-doping rule violation not involving a reduced sanction for Specified Substances as described in Article 10.4, some or all sport-related financial support or other sport-related benefits received by such *Person* will be withheld by *Signatories, Signatories'* member organizations and governments.

10.11 Reinstatement Testing.

As a condition to regaining eligibility at the end of a specified period of *Ineligibility*, an *Athlete* must, during any period of *Provisional Suspension* or *Ineligibility*, make him or herself available for *Out-of-Competition Testing* by any *Anti-Doping Organization* having ~~testing~~ *Testing* jurisdiction, and must, if requested, provide current and accurate whereabouts information. If an *Athlete* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* retires from sport and is removed from *Out-of-Competition Testing* pools and later seeks reinstatement, the *Athlete* shall not be eligible for reinstatement until the *Athlete* has notified relevant *Anti-Doping Organizations* and has been subject to *Out-of-Competition Testing* for a period of time equal to the period of *Ineligibility* remaining as of the date the *Athlete* had retired.

~~*[Comment to Article 10.11: On a related issue, the Code does not establish a rule, but rather leaves it to the various Anti-Doping Organizations to establish their own rules, addressing eligibility requirements for Athletes who are not ineligible and retire from sport while included in an Out-of-Competition pool and then seek to return to active participation in sport.]*~~

10.12 Imposition of Financial Sanctions.

Anti-Doping Organizations may, in their own rules, provide for financial sanctions on account of anti-doping rule violations. However, no financial sanction may be considered a basis for reducing the period of *Ineligibility* or other sanction which would otherwise be applicable under the *Code*.

[Comment to Article 10.12: For example, if a panel were to find in a case that the cumulative effect of the sanction applicable under the Code and a financial sanction provided in the rules of an Anti-Doping Organization would result in too harsh a consequence, then the financial sanction, not the other Code sanctions (e.g., Ineligibility and loss of results), would give way.]

ARTICLE 11 CONSEQUENCES TO TEAMS

11.1 Testing of Team Sports.

Where more than one ~~team~~ member of a team in a *Team Sport* has been notified of a possible anti-doping rule violation under Article 7 in connection with an *Event*, the ~~Team~~ ruling body for the Event shall ~~be subject to conduct appropriate~~ Target Testing for ~~of the team during~~ the *Event Period*.

11.2 Consequences for Team Sports.

If more than ~~one~~ two members of a ~~team~~ member in a *Team Sport* ~~is~~ are found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation during ~~the Event~~, ~~the team may be subject to Disqualification or other disciplinary action.~~ ~~In sports which are not Team Sports but where awards are given to teams, Disqualification or other disciplinary action against the team when one or more team members have committed an~~ Event Period, the ruling body of the Event shall impose an appropriate sanction on the team (e.g., loss of points, Disqualification from a Competition or Event, or other sanction) in addition to any Consequences imposed upon the individual Athlete(s) committing the anti-doping rule violation ~~shall be as provided in the applicable rules of the International Federation.~~

11.3 Event Ruling Body May Establish Stricter Consequences for Team Sports.

The ruling body for an Event may elect to establish rules for the Event which impose Consequences stricter than those in Article 11.2 for purposes of the Event.

~~*[Note:—WADA will work with the Team Sports to seek a more harmonized approach to the Disqualification of teams.—The Team Sports have agreed to provide by mid-June a proposal for this Article which will address the following:*~~

- ~~• *minimal number of players testing positive;*~~
- ~~• *eligibility of players on the bench and injured players;*~~
- ~~• *mandatory requirements for consequences;*~~
- ~~• *definition of immediate or postponed sanctions;*~~
- ~~• *number of tests to be conducted.]*~~

[\[Comment to Article 11.3: For example, the International Olympic Committee could establish rules which would require Disqualification of a team from the Games of the Olympiad based on a lesser number of anti-doping rule violations during the period of the Games of the Olympiad.\]](#)

ARTICLE 12 SANCTIONS AGAINST SPORTING BODIES

Nothing in this *Code* precludes any *Signatory* or government accepting the *Code* from enforcing its own rules for the purpose of imposing sanctions on another sporting body over which the *Signatory* or government has authority.

[Comment to Article 12: This Article makes it clear that the Code does not restrict whatever disciplinary rights between organizations may otherwise exist.]

ARTICLE 13 APPEALS

13.1 Decisions Subject to Appeal

Decisions made under the *Code* or rules adopted pursuant to the *Code* may be appealed as set forth below in Articles 13.2 through ~~13.4~~13.4 or as otherwise provided in the Code. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise. Before an appeal is commenced, any post-decision review provided in the *Anti-Doping Organization's* rules must be exhausted, provided that such review respects the principles set forth in Article 13.2.2 below (except as provided in Article 13.1.1).

13.1.1 *WADA Not Required to Exhaust Internal Remedies.*
Where *WADA* has a right to appeal under Article 13 and no other party has appealed a final decision within the *Anti-Doping Organization's* process, *WADA* may appeal such decision directly to *CAS* without having to exhaust other remedies in the *Anti-Doping Organization* process.

*[Comment to Article 13.1.1: Where a decision has been rendered ~~at an intermediate~~before the final stage of an *Anti-Doping Organization's* process (for example, a first hearing) and no party elects to appeal that decision to the next level of the *Anti-Doping Organization's* process (e.g., the *Managing Board*), then *WADA* may bypass the remaining steps in the *Anti-Doping Organization's* internal process and appeal directly to *CAS*.]*

13.2 Appeals from Decisions Regarding Anti-Doping Rule Violations, Consequences, and Provisional Suspensions

A decision that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, a decision imposing *Consequences* for an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision that no anti-doping rule violation was committed; a decision that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot go forward for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription); a decision under Article ~~10.10.2~~10.10.2 (prohibition of participation during Ineligibility); a

decision that an *Anti-Doping Organization* lacks jurisdiction to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its *Consequences*, ~~a decision by an *Anti-Doping Organization* not to pursue an anti-doping rule violation involving evidence other than an *Adverse Analytical Finding*~~; a decision by an *Anti-Doping Organization* ~~that an *Unusual Finding* by a laboratory after further investigation is not~~ to bring forward an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, or an *Atypical Finding* as an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision not to go forward with an anti-doping rule violation after an investigation under Article 7.4; and a decision to impose a *Provisional Suspension* as a result of a *Provisional Hearing* or in violation of Article ~~7.5~~7.5, may be appealed exclusively as provided in this Article 13.2.

13.2.1 Appeals Involving *International-Level Athletes*.

In cases arising from competition in an *International Event* or in cases involving *International-Level Athletes*, the decision may be appealed exclusively to ~~the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS")~~CAS in accordance with the provisions applicable before such court.

[Comment to Article 13.2.1: CAS decisions are final and binding except for any review required by law applicable to the annulment or enforcement of arbitral awards.]

13.2.2 Appeals Involving National-Level *Athletes*.

In cases involving national-level *Athletes*, as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*, that do not have a right to appeal under Article 13.2.1, the decision may be appealed to an independent and impartial body in accordance with rules established by the *National Anti-Doping Organization*. The rules for such appeal shall respect the following principles:

- a timely hearing;
- fair, impartial and independent hearing ~~body~~panel;
- the right to be represented by counsel at the *Person's* own expense; and
- a timely, written, reasoned decision.

[Comment to Article 13.2.2: An Anti-Doping Organization may elect to comply with this Article by giving its national-level Athletes the right to appeal directly to CAS.]

13.2.3 Persons Entitled to Appeal.

In cases under Article 13.2.1, the following parties shall have the right to appeal to CAS: (a) the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) the relevant International Federation; (d) ~~the~~ *National Anti-Doping Organization*

of the *Person's* country of residence; }the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the ~~Games of the Olympiad and the Winter Games or Paralympic~~Olympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the ~~Games of the Olympiad and the Winter~~Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (e) *WADA*.

In cases under Article 13.2.2, the parties having the right to appeal to the national-level reviewing body shall be as provided in the *National Anti-Doping Organization's* rules but, at a minimum, shall include the following parties: (a) the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) the relevant International Federation; (d) the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Person's* country of residence; and (e) *WADA*. For cases under Article 13.2.2, *WADA* and the International Federation shall also have the right to appeal to *CAS* with respect to the decision of the national-level reviewing body. Any party filing an appeal shall be entitled to assistance from *CAS* to obtain all relevant information from the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose decision is being appealed and the information shall be provided if *CAS* so directs.

The filing deadline for an appeal or intervention filed by *WADA* shall be the later of:

- (a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party in the case could have appealed, or
- (b) Twenty-one (21) days after *WADA's* receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the only *Person* that may appeal from a *Provisional Suspension* is the *Athlete* or other *Person* upon whom the *Provisional Suspension* is imposed.

13.3 Failure to Render a Timely Decision by an *Anti-Doping Organization*

Where, in a particular case, an *Anti-Doping Organization* fails to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by *WADA*, *WADA* may elect to appeal directly to *CAS* as if the *Anti-Doping Organization* had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping rule violation. If the *CAS* panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that *WADA* acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to *CAS*, then *WADA's* costs and attorneys fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to *WADA* by the *Anti-Doping Organization*.

[Comment to Article 13.3: Given the different circumstances of each anti-doping rule violation investigation and results management process, it is not feasible to

establish a fixed time period for an Anti-Doping Organization to render a decision before WADA may intervene by appealing directly to CAS. Before taking such action, however, WADA will consult with the Anti-Doping Organization and give the Anti-Doping Organization an opportunity to explain why it has not yet rendered a decision. Nothing in this rule prohibits an International Federation from also having rules which authorize it to assume jurisdiction for matters in which the results management performed by one of its National Federations has been inappropriately delayed.]

13.4 Appeals from Decisions Granting or Denying a Therapeutic Use Exemption

Decisions by WADA reversing the grant or denial of a therapeutic use exemption may be appealed exclusively to CAS by the *Athlete* or the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose decision was reversed. Decisions by *Anti-Doping Organizations* other than WADA denying therapeutic use exemptions, which are not reversed by WADA, may be appealed by *International-Level Athletes* to CAS and by other *Athletes* to the national level reviewing body described in Article 13.2.2. If the national level reviewing body reverses the decision to deny a therapeutic use exemption, that decision may be appealed to CAS by WADA.

When an *Anti-Doping Organization* fails to take action on a properly submitted therapeutic use exemption application within a reasonable time, the *Anti-Doping Organization's* failure to decide may be considered a denial for purposes of the appeal rights provided in this Article.

13.5 Appeals from Decisions under Part Three and Part Four of the Code

With respect to a WADA report of noncompliance under Article 23.4.5 or any consequences imposed under Part Three (Roles and Responsibilities) of the *Code*, the entity to which the WADA report pertains or upon which consequences are imposed under Part Three of the *Code* shall have the right to appeal exclusively to CAS in accordance with the provisions applicable before such court.

13.6 Appeals from Decisions Suspending or Revoking Laboratory Accreditation

Decisions by WADA to suspend or revoke a laboratory's WADA accreditation may be appealed only by that laboratory with the appeal being exclusively to CAS.

[Comment to Article 13: The object of the Code is to have anti-doping matters resolved through fair and transparent internal processes with a final appeal. Anti-doping decisions by Anti-Doping Organizations are made transparent in Article 14. Specified Persons and organizations, including WADA, are then given the opportunity to appeal those decisions. Note that the definition of interested Persons and organizations with a right to appeal under Article 13 does not include Athletes, or their federations, who might benefit from having another competitor disqualified.]

ARTICLE 14 CONFIDENTIALITY AND REPORTING

The ~~Signatories agree to the~~ principles of coordination of anti-doping results, public transparency and accountability and respect for the privacy interests of individuals alleged to have violated anti-doping rules ~~as provided below~~are:

14.1 Information Concerning *Adverse Analytical Findings, Unusual/Atypical Findings*, and Other Potential Anti-Doping Rule Violations

14.1.1 Notice to *Athletes* and Other *Persons*.

An *Athlete* whose *Sample* ~~has resulted in~~ is brought forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding* ~~or Unusual Finding~~, after the initial review under Article 7.1 or 7.3, or an *Athlete* or other *Person* who ~~may~~ is alleged to have violated an anti-doping rule, after the initial review under Article 7.4, shall be notified by the *Anti-Doping Organization* with results management responsibility as provided in Article 7 (Results Management).

14.1.2 Notice to *National Anti-Doping Organizations*, International Federations and *WADA*.

The same *Anti-Doping Organization* shall also notify the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization*, International Federation and *WADA* not later than the completion of the process described in Articles 7.1 and 7.4.

14.1.3 Content of Notification.

Notification shall include: the *Athlete's* name, country, sport and discipline within the sport, the *Athlete's* competition level, whether the test was *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*, the date of *Sample* collection and the analytical result reported by the laboratory.

14.1.4 Status Reports.

The same *Persons* and *Anti-Doping Organizations* shall be regularly updated on the status and findings of any review or proceedings conducted pursuant to Articles 7 (Results Management), 8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) or 13 (Appeals) and shall be provided with a prompt written reasoned explanation or decision explaining the resolution of the matter.

14.1.5 Confidentiality.

The recipient organizations shall not disclose this information beyond those persons ~~within the organization~~ with a need to know (which would include the appropriate personnel at the applicable National Olympic Committee, National Federation, and team in a Team Sports) until the *Anti-Doping Organization* with results management responsibility has made public disclosure or has failed to make public disclosure as required in Article 14.2 below.

[Comment to Article 14.1.5: Each Anti-Doping Organization shall provide, in its own anti-doping rules, procedures for the protection of confidential information and for investigating and disciplining improper disclosure of confidential information by any employee or agent of the Anti-Doping Organization.]

14.2 Public Disclosure

14.2.1 The identity of *Athletes* ~~whose Samples have resulted in Adverse Analytical Findings where no therapeutic use exemption has been granted, or Athletes~~ or other *Persons* who ~~were~~are alleged by an *Anti-Doping Organization* to have violated ~~other~~an anti-doping ~~rules~~rule, may be publicly disclosed by the *Anti-doping Organization* with results management responsibility ~~no earlier than completion of the initial review described in Articles 7.1 and 7.4 or the determination that an Unusual Finding will be brought forward as an Adverse Analytical Finding under Article 7.3.~~only after notice has been provided to the Athlete or other Person in accordance with Article 7.2, 7.3 or 7.4, and to the applicable Anti-Doping Organizations in accordance with Article 14.1.2.

14.2.2 No later than twenty days after it has been determined in a hearing in accordance with Article 8 that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, or such hearing has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not been timely challenged, the *Anti-Doping Organization* responsible for results management must publicly report the disposition of the anti-doping matter including the sport, the anti-doping rule violated, the name of the Athlete or other Person committing the violation, the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method involved and the Consequences imposed. The same *Anti-Doping Organization* must also report within twenty (20) days appeal decisions on an anti-doping rule violation. The Anti-Doping Organization shall also, within the time period for publication, send all hearing and appeal decisions to WADA.

14.2.3 ~~If~~In any case where it ~~has been~~is determined ~~in, after~~ a hearing or appeal, that ~~an~~the *Athlete* or other *Person* ~~has~~did not ~~committed~~commit an anti-doping rule violation, the decision may be disclosed publicly only with the consent of the Athlete or other Person who is the subject of the decision. ~~The Anti-Doping Organization responsible for results management must, within twenty (20) days, publicly report the decision after redacting confidential medical information, the Athlete's name and other information by which the Athlete could be identified.~~with results management responsibility shall use reasonable efforts to obtain such consent, and if consent is obtained, shall publicly disclose the decision in its entirety or in such redacted form as the Athlete or other Person may approve.

14.2.4 For purposes of this Article, publication shall be accomplished at a minimum by placing the required information on the *Anti-Doping Organization's* website and leaving the information up for at least one (1) year. ~~The Anti-Doping Organization shall also, within the time period for publication, send all hearing and appeal decisions to WADA.~~

14.2.5 No *Anti-Doping Organization* or *WADA* accredited laboratory, or official of either, shall publicly comment on the specific facts of a pending case (as opposed to general description of process and science) except in response to public comments attributed to the *Athlete*, other *Person* or their representatives.

14.3 Athlete Whereabouts Information

As further provided in the *International Standard for Testing, Athletes* who have been identified by their International Federation or *National Anti-Doping Organization* for inclusion in a *Registered Testing Pool* shall provide accurate, current location information. The International Federations and *National Anti-Doping Organizations* shall coordinate the identification of *Athletes* and the collecting of current location information and shall submit it to *WADA*. ~~WADA shall make this~~ This information will be accessible, through *ADAMS* where reasonably feasible, to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* having ~~authority~~ jurisdiction to test the *Athlete* as provided in Article 15. This information shall be maintained in strict confidence at all times; shall be used exclusively for purposes of planning, coordinating or conducting *Testing*; and shall be destroyed after it is no longer relevant for these purposes.

14.4 Statistical Reporting

Anti-Doping Organizations shall, at least annually, publish publicly a general statistical report of their *Doping Control* activities with a copy provided to *WADA*. *Anti-Doping Organizations may also publish reports showing the name of each Athlete tested and the date of each Testing.*

14.5 Doping Control Information ~~Clearing-House~~ Clearinghouse

WADA shall act as a central ~~clearing-house~~ clearinghouse for *Doping Control Testing* data and results for *International-Level Athletes* and national-level *Athletes* that have been included in their *National Anti-Doping Organization's Registered Testing Pool*. To facilitate coordinated test distribution planning and to avoid unnecessary duplication in *Testing* by the various *Anti-Doping Organizations*, each *Anti-Doping Organization* shall report all *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition* tests on such *Athletes* to the *WADA* clearinghouse as soon as possible after such tests have been conducted. ~~Through ADAMS, WADA shall make this~~ This information will be made accessible to the *Athlete*, the *Athlete's National Federation*, National Olympic Committee or *National Paralympic Committee*, *National Anti-Doping Organization*, *International Federation*, and the *International Olympic Committee* or *International Paralympic Committee*.

To enable it to serve as a clearinghouse for *Doping Control Testing* data, WADA has developed a database management tool, *ADAMS*, that reflects emerging data privacy principles. In particular, WADA has developed *ADAMS* to be consistent with data privacy statutes and norms applicable to WADA and other organizations using *ADAMS*. Private information regarding an *Athlete*, *Athlete Support Personnel*, or others involved in *anti-doping activities* shall be maintained by WADA, which is supervised by Canadian privacy authorities, in strict confidence and in accordance with the *International Standard for the protection of privacy*. WADA shall, at least annually, publish statistical reports summarizing ~~such information.~~ ~~Anti-Doping Organizations shall provide the required information through WADA's ADAMS database system unless that is not reasonably feasible~~ the information that it receives, ensuring at all times that the privacy of *Athletes* is fully respected and makes itself available for discussions with national and regional data privacy authorities.

14.6 Data Privacy

~~[Note to Code Project Team:— WADA technical expert to insert.]~~

When performing obligations under the Code, *Anti-Doping Organizations* may collect, store, process or disclose personal information relating to *Athletes* and third parties. Each *Anti-Doping Organization* shall ensure that it complies with applicable data protection and privacy laws with respect to their handling of such information, as well as the *International Standard for the protection of privacy* that WADA shall adopt to ensure *Athletes* and non-athletes are fully informed of and, where necessary, agree to the handling of their personal information in connection with *anti-doping activities* arising under the Code.

ARTICLE 15 CLARIFICATION OF *DOPING CONTROL* RESPONSIBILITIES

[Comment to Article 15: To be effective, the anti-doping effort must involve many Anti-Doping Organizations conducting strong programs at both the international and national levels. Rather than limiting the responsibilities of one group in favor of the exclusive competency of the other, the Code manages potential problems associated with overlapping responsibilities, first by creating a much higher level of overall harmonization and, second, by establishing rules of precedence and cooperation in specific areas.]

15.1 Event Testing

The collection of *Samples for Doping Control* does and should take place at both *International Events* and *National Events*. However, except as otherwise provided below, only a single organization should be responsible for initiating and directing *Testing* during ~~an~~the Event Period. At *International Events*, the collection of *Doping Control Samples* shall be initiated and directed by the international organization which is the ruling body for the *Event* (e.g., the IOC for the ~~Games of the Olympiad and the Winter Olympic~~ Winter Olympic Games, the International Federation for a World Championship, and PASO for the Pan American Games).~~—If the~~

~~international organization decides not to conduct a reasonable number of tests at such an Event, the National Anti-Doping Organization for the country where the Event occurs may, in coordination with and with the approval of either the international organization or WADA, initiate and conduct such Testing.~~ At National Events, the collection of Doping Control Samples shall be initiated and directed by the designated National Anti-Doping Organization of that country.

15.1.1 ~~_____~~ If an Anti-Doping Organization which is not responsible for initiating and directing Testing at an Event nevertheless desires to conduct additional Testing of Athlete(s) at the Event during the Event Period, the Anti-Doping Organization shall first confer with the ruling body of the Event to obtain permission to conduct, and to coordinate, any additional Testing. ~~_____~~ If the National Anti-Doping Organization decides not to conduct a reasonable number of tests at such Event, the respective International Federation may, in coordination with and with the approval of either the National is not satisfied with the response from the ruling body of the Event, the Anti-Doping Organization or WADA, initiate or conduct such testing. may ask WADA for permission to conduct additional Testing and to determine how to coordinate such additional Testing. WADA shall not grant approval for such additional Testing before consulting with and informing the ruling body for the Event.

[Comment to Article ~~15.1~~ 15.1.1: Before giving approval to a National Anti-Doping Organization to initiate and conduct Testing at an International Event, WADA shall consult with the international organization which is the ruling body for the Event. Before giving approval to an International Federation to initiate and conduct Testing at a National Event, WADA shall consult with the National Anti-Doping Organization of the country where the Event takes place. The Anti-Doping Organization "initiating and directing testing" may, if it chooses, enter into agreements with other organizations to which it delegates responsibility for Sample collection or other aspects of the Doping Control process.]

~~15.1.1 _____ Notwithstanding any Anti-Doping Organization's definition of "In-Competition," Anti-Doping Organizations other than the Anti-Doping Organization responsible for the Event shall be entitled to conduct "Out-of-Competition" Testing as described in Article 15.2 up until twelve hours before the first Competition is scheduled to begin in an Event and after twelve hours have expired after the last Competition in the Event has concluded. Within the time period from twelve hours before the first Competition is scheduled to begin in the Event through twelve hours following the conclusion of the last Competition in the Event, no other Anti-Doping Organization other than the Anti-Doping Organization responsible for the Event may conduct Out-of-Competition Testing without first obtaining the agreement of the ruling body responsible for the Event or, if unable to obtain such agreement, specific approval from WADA. WADA shall not grant approval for such~~

~~Testing before consulting with and informing the ruling body for the Event.~~

15.2 Out-of-Competition Testing

Out-of-Competition Testing ~~is and should~~shall be initiated and directed by both international and national organizations. *Out-of-Competition Testing* may be initiated and directed by: (a) WADA; (b) the IOC or IPC in connection with the ~~Games of the Olympiad and the Winter Olympic Games or Paralympic Games~~; (c) the *Athlete's International Federation*; or (d) ~~the Athlete's National~~any other *Anti-Doping Organization*; ~~or (e) the National Anti-Doping Organization of any country where the Athlete is present that has Testing jurisdiction over the Athlete as provided in Article 5.1 (Test Distribution Planning)~~. *Out-of-Competition Testing* ~~should~~shall be coordinated through ADAMS where reasonably feasible in order to maximize the effectiveness of the combined *Testing* effort and to avoid unnecessary repetitive *Testing* of individual *Athletes*.

[Comment to Article 15.2: Additional authority to conduct Testing may be authorized by means of bilateral or multilateral agreements among Signatories and governments.]

15.3 Results Management, Hearings and Sanctions

Except as provided in Article 15.3.1 below, results management and hearings shall be the responsibility of and shall be governed by the procedural rules of the *Anti-Doping Organization* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection (or, if no *Sample* collection is involved, the organization which discovered the violation). If that *Anti-Doping Organization* does not have the authority to conduct results management, then results management authority shall default to the applicable International Federation. Regardless of which organization conducts results management or hearings, the principles set forth in Articles 7 and 8 shall be respected and the rules identified in the Introduction to Part One to be incorporated without substantive change must be followed.

[Comment to Article 15.3: In some cases, the procedural rules of the Anti-Doping Organization which initiated and directed the Sample collection may specify that results management will be handled by another organization (e.g., the Athlete's national federation). In such event, it shall be the Anti-Doping Organization's responsibility to confirm that the other organization's rules are consistent with the Code.]

The Athlete or other Person's International Federation has been made the authority of last resort for results management to avoid the possibility that no Anti-Doping Organization would have authority to conduct results management. Of course, an International Federation is free to provide in its own Anti-Doping rules that the Athlete or other Person's National Federation shall conduct results management.]

15.3.1 Results management and the conduct of hearings for an anti-doping rule violation arising from a test by, or discovered

by, a *National Anti-Doping Organization* involving an *Athlete* that is not a national, resident, license-holder or member of a sport organization of that country shall be administered as directed by the rules of the applicable International Federation. Results management and the conduct of hearings from a test by the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, or a *Major Event Organization*, shall be referred to the applicable International Federation as far as sanctions beyond *Disqualification* from the *Event* or the results of the *Event*.

[Comment to Article 15.3.1: No absolute rule is established for managing results and conducting hearings where a National Anti-Doping Organization tests a foreign national Athlete over whom it would have had no jurisdiction but for the Athlete's presence in the National Anti-Doping Organization's country. Under this Article, it is left to the International Federation to determine under its own rules whether, for example, management of the case should be referred to the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization, remain with the Anti-Doping Organization that collected the Sample, or be taken over by the International Federation.]

15.4 Mutual Recognition

15.4.1 Subject to the right to appeal provided in Article 13, the *Testing*, therapeutic use exemptions and hearing results or other final adjudications of any *Signatory* which are consistent with the *Code* and are within that *Signatory's* authority, shall be recognized and respected by all other *Signatories*.

[Comment to Article 15.4.1: There has been some confusion in the interpretation of this Article with regard to TUEs. Unless provided otherwise by the rules of an International Federation or an agreement with an International Federation, National Anti-Doping Organizations do not have "authority" to grant TUEs or ATUEs to International-Level Athletes.]

15.4.2 *Signatories* ~~should~~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*.

[Comment to Article 15.4.2: Where the decision of a body that has not accepted the Code is in some respects Code compliant and in other respects not Code compliant, Signatories should attempt to apply the decision in harmony with the principles of the Code. For example, if in a process consistent with the Code a non-Signatory has found an Athlete to have committed an anti-doping rule violation on account of the presence of a Prohibited Substance in his body but the period of Ineligibility applied is shorter than the period provided for in the Code, then all Signatories should recognize the finding of an anti-doping rule violation and the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization should conduct a hearing consistent with Article 8 to determine whether the longer period of Ineligibility provided in the Code should be imposed.]

ARTICLE 16 *DOPING CONTROL FOR ANIMALS* COMPETING IN SPORT

16.1 In any sport that includes animals in competition, the International Federation for that sport shall establish and implement anti-doping rules for the animals included in that sport. The anti-doping rules shall include a list of *Prohibited Substances*, appropriate *Testing* procedures and a list of approved laboratories for *Sample* analysis.

16.2 With respect to determining anti-doping rule violations, results management, fair hearings, *Consequences*, and appeals for animals involved in sport, the International Federation for that sport shall establish and implement rules that are generally consistent with Articles 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 17 of the *Code*.

ARTICLE 17 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

No action may be commenced against an *Athlete* or other *Person* for a violation of an anti-doping rule contained in the *Code* unless such action is commenced within eight years from the date the violation occurred.

~~*[Comment to Article 17: Conduct by a Person before the Person was subject to the jurisdiction of any Anti-Doping Organization could not constitute an anti-doping rule violation but could be a legitimate basis for denying the Person membership in a sports organization.]*~~

PART TWO

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

ARTICLE 18 EDUCATION

18.1 Basic Principle and Primary Goal

The basic principle for information and education programs for doping-free sport is to preserve the spirit of sport as described in the Introduction to the *Code*, from being undermined by doping. The primary goal of such programs is prevention. The objective shall be to prevent the intentional or unintentional use by *Athletes of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods*.

All *Signatories* shall within their means and scope of responsibility and in cooperation with each other, plan, implement, evaluate and monitor information and education programs for doping-free sport.

18.2 Program and Activities

These programs shall provide ~~Participants~~Athletes or other Persons with updated and accurate information on at least the following issues:

- Substances and methods on the *Prohibited List*
- Anti-doping rule violations
- Consequences of doping, including sanctions, health and social consequences
- *Doping Control* procedures
- *Athletes'* and *Athlete Support Personnel's* rights and responsibilities
- Therapeutic use exemptions
- Managing the risks of nutritional supplements
- Harm of doping to the spirit of sport

The programs should promote the spirit of sport in order to establish an ~~anti-doping~~ environment that is strongly conducive to doping-free sport and will have a positive and long-term influence on the choices made by ~~Participants~~Athletes or other Persons.

These programs should be directed at young people, appropriate to their stage of development, in school and sports clubs, parents, adult athletes, sport officials, coaches, medical personnel and the media. (The media should also cooperate in supporting and diffusing this information.)

Athlete Support Personnel should educate and counsel *Athletes* regarding anti-doping policies and rules adopted pursuant to the *Code*.

All *Signatories* shall promote and support active participation by *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* in education programs for doping-free sport.

[Comment to Article 18.2: Anti-doping informational and educational programs should not be limited to International or national level Athletes but should include all Persons, including youth, who participate in sport under the authority of any Signatory, government or other sports organization accepting the Code. (See definition of Athlete.) These programs should also include Athlete Support Personnel.

These principles are consistent with the UNESCO Convention with respect to education and training.]

18.3 Professional Codes of Conduct

All *Signatories* shall cooperate with each other and governments to encourage relevant, competent professional associations and institutions to develop and implement appropriate Codes of Conduct, good practice and ethics related to sport practice regarding anti-doping, as well as sanctions, which are consistent with the *Code*.

18.4 Coordination and Cooperation

WADA shall act as a central clearing house for informational and educational resources and/or programs developed by WADA or *Anti-Doping Organizations*.

All *Signatories* and *Participants* [Athletes or other Persons](#) shall cooperate with each other and governments to coordinate their efforts in anti-doping information and education in order to share experience and ensure the effectiveness of these programs in preventing doping in sport.

ARTICLE 19 RESEARCH

19.1 Purpose and Aims of Anti-Doping Research

Anti-doping research contributes to the development and implementation of efficient programs within *Doping Control* and to information and education regarding doping-free sport.

All *Signatories* shall, in cooperation with each other and governments, encourage and promote such research and take all reasonable measures to ensure that the results of such research are used for the promotion of the goals that are consistent with the principles of the *Code*.

19.2 Types of Research

Relevant anti-doping research may include, for example, sociological, behavioral, juridical and ethical studies in addition to medical, analytical and physiological investigation. Studies on devising and evaluating the efficacy of scientifically-based physiological and psychological training

programs that are consistent with the principles of the *Code* and respectful of the integrity of the human subjects, as well as studies on the use of emerging substances or methods resulting from scientific developments should be conducted.

19.3 Coordination of Research and Sharing of Results

Coordination of anti-doping research through *WADA* is encouraged. Subject to intellectual property rights, copies of anti-doping research results should be provided to *WADA* and, where appropriate, shared with relevant *Signatories* and ~~Participants~~ Athletes or other Persons.

19.4 Research Practices

Anti-doping research shall comply with internationally recognized ethical practices.

19.5 Research Using *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*

Research efforts should avoid the administration of *Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* to *Athletes*.

19.6 Misuse of Results

Adequate precautions should be taken so that the results of anti-doping research are not misused and applied for doping.

PART THREE

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

[Comment: Responsibilities for Signatories and ~~Participants~~Athletes or other Persons are addressed in various Articles in the Code and the responsibilities listed in this part are additional to these responsibilities.]

All Signatories shall act in a spirit of partnership and collaboration in order to ensure the success of the fight against doping in sport and the respect of the Code.

ARTICLE 20 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF *SIGNATORIES*

20.1 Roles and Responsibilities of the International Olympic Committee

20.1.1 To adopt and implement anti-doping policies and rules for the ~~Games of the Olympiad and the Winter~~Olympic Games which conform with the *Code*.

20.1.2 To require as a condition of recognition by the International Olympic Committee, that International Federations within the Olympic Movement are in compliance with the *Code*.

20.1.3 To withhold some or all Olympic funding of sport organizations that are not in compliance with the *Code*.

20.1.4 To take appropriate action to discourage non-compliance with the *Code* as provided in Article 23.5.

20.1.5 To authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer Program*.

20.1.6 To require all Athletes and each Athlete Support Personnel who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in the Olympic Games to agree to be bound by anti-doping rules in conformity with the Code as a condition of such participation.

20.1.7 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.

~~20.1.7~~20.1.8To accept bids for the ~~Games of the Olympiad and the Winter Olympic~~ Games only from countries where the government has ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the *UNESCO Convention* and the *National Olympic Committee*, *National Paralympic Committee* and *National Anti-Doping Organization* are in compliance with the *Code*.

~~20.1.8~~20.1.9To promote anti-doping education.

20.1.10 To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.

20.2 Roles and Responsibilities of the International Paralympic Committee

20.2.1 To adopt and implement anti-doping policies and rules for the Paralympic Games which conform with the *Code*.

20.2.2 To require as a condition of recognition by the International Paralympic Committee, that National Paralympic Committees within the Paralympic Movement are in compliance with the *Code*.

20.2.3 To withhold some or all Paralympic funding of sport organizations that are not in compliance with the *Code*.

20.2.4 To take appropriate action to discourage non-compliance with the *Code* as provided in Article 23.5.

20.2.5 To authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer Program*.

20.2.6 To require all *Athletes* and each *Athlete Support Personnel* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in the Paralympic Games to agree to be bound by anti-doping rules in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation.

20.2.7 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.

~~20.2.7~~20.2.8To promote anti-doping education.

20.2.9 To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.

20.3 Roles and Responsibilities of International Federations

20.3.1 To adopt and implement anti-doping policies and rules which conform with the *Code*.

20.3.2 To require as a condition of membership that the policies, rules and programs of National Federations are in compliance with the *Code*.

20.3.3 To require all *Athletes* and each *Athlete Support Personnel* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or ~~para-medical~~paramedical personnel in a *Competition* or activity authorized or organized by the International Federation or one of its member organizations to agree to be bound by anti-doping rules in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation.

20.3.4 To require *Athletes* who are not regularly members of the International Federation or one of its member National Federations to be available for *Sample* collection and to provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information as part of the International Federation's *Registered Testing Pool* consistent with the conditions for eligibility established by the International Federation or, as applicable, the *Major Event Organization*.

[*Comment to Article 20.3.4: This would include, for example, Athletes from professional leagues.*]

20.3.5 To require each of its National Federations to establish rules requiring all *Athletes* and each *Athlete Support Personnel* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or ~~para-medical~~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 in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation.

20.3.6 To take appropriate action to discourage non-compliance with the *Code* as provided in Article 23.5.

20.3.7 To authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer* program at *International Events*.

20.3.8 To withhold some or all funding to its member National Federations that are not in compliance with the *Code*.

20.3.9 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.

20.3.10 After 1 January 2010, to accept bids for World Championships only from countries where the government has ratified, accepted, approved and acceded to the *UNESCO Convention* and the *National Olympic Committee*, National Paralympic Committee and *National Anti-Doping Organization* are in compliance with the *Code*.

20.3.11 To promote anti-doping education.

[20.3.12 To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other Anti-Doping Organizations.](#)

20.4 Roles and Responsibilities of *National Olympic Committees* and *National Paralympic Committees*

20.4.1 To ensure that their anti-doping policies and rules conform with the *Code*.

20.4.2 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*.

20.4.3 To require *Athletes* who are not regular members of a National Federation to be available for *Sample* collection and to provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information as part of the *National Registered Testing Pool* during the year before the ~~Games of the Olympiad and the Winter~~Olympic Games and Paralympic Games as a condition of participation in the ~~Games of the Olympiad and the Winter~~Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

20.4.4 To cooperate with their *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

20.4.5 To require each of its National Federations to establish rules requiring each *Athlete Support Personnel* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or para-medical 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 in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation.

20.4.6 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.

20.4.7 To withhold some or all funding to its member or recognized National Federations that are not in compliance with the *Code*.

20.4.8 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.

20.4.9 To promote anti-doping education.

[20.4.10 To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.](#)

20.5 Roles and Responsibilities of *National Anti-Doping Organizations*

20.5.1 To adopt and implement anti-doping rules and policies which conform with the *Code*.

20.5.2 To cooperate with other relevant national organizations and agencies and other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.

20.5.3 To encourage reciprocal testing between *National Anti-Doping Organizations*.

20.5.4 To promote anti-doping research.

20.5.5 Where funding is provided, 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.

20.5.6 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.

20.5.7 To promote anti-doping education.

20.6 Roles and Responsibilities of *Major Event Organizations*

20.6.1 To adopt and implement anti-doping policies and rules for their *Events* which conform with the *Code*.

20.6.2 To take appropriate action to discourage non-compliance with the *Code* as provided in Article 23.5.

20.6.3 To authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer Program*.

20.6.4 To [require all *Athletes* and each *Athlete Support Personnel* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in the *Event* to agree to be bound](#)

by anti-doping rules in conformity with the Code as a condition of such participation.

20.6.5 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.

~~20.6.5~~20.6.6 After 1 January 2010, to accept bids for *Events* only from countries where the government has ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the *UNESCO Convention* and the *National Olympic Committee*, *National Paralympic Committee* and *National Anti-Doping Organization* are in compliance with the *Code*.

~~20.6.6~~20.6.7 To promote anti-doping education.

20.6.8 To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other Anti-Doping Organizations.

20.7 Roles and Responsibilities of WADA

20.7.1 To adopt and implement policies and procedures which conform with the *Code*.

20.7.2 To monitor ~~Doping—Control~~Code compliance by *Signatories*.

20.7.3 To approve *International Standards* applicable to the implementation of the *Code*.

20.7.4 To accredit and reaccredit laboratories to conduct *Sample* analysis or to approve others to conduct *Sample* analysis.

20.7.5 To develop and approve Models of Best Practice.

20.7.6 To promote, conduct, commission, fund and coordinate anti-doping research and to promote anti-doping education.

20.7.7 To design and conduct an effective *Independent Observer Program*.

20.7.8 To cooperate with relevant national and international organizations and agencies and other Anti-Doping Organizations, including but not limited to, facilitating inquiries and investigations.

ARTICLE 21 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF

~~PARTICIPANTS~~ ATHLETES AND OTHER PERSONS

21.1 Roles and Responsibilities of *Athletes*

21.1.1 To be knowledgeable of and comply with all applicable anti-doping policies and rules adopted pursuant to the *Code*.

21.1.2 To be available for *Sample* collection.

21.1.3 To take responsibility, in the context of anti-doping, for what they ingest and use.

21.1.4 To 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 anti-doping policies and rules adopted pursuant to the *Code*.

21.2 Roles and Responsibilities of *Athlete Support Personnel*

21.2.1 To be knowledgeable of and comply with all anti-doping policies and rules adopted pursuant to the *Code* and which are applicable to them or the *Athletes* whom they support.

21.2.2 To cooperate with the *Athlete Testing* program.

21.2.3 To use their influence on *Athlete* values and behavior to foster anti-doping attitudes.

ARTICLE 22 INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENTS

Each government's commitment to the *Code* will be evidenced by its signing the Copenhagen Declaration on Anti-Doping in Sport of 3 March 2003 and by ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to the *UNESCO Convention*. The following Articles set forth the expectations of the *Signatories*.

22.1 Each government will take all actions and measures necessary to comply with the *UNESCO Convention*.

~~22.1.1~~ Each government will encourage all of its public services or agencies to share information with *Anti-Doping Organizations* which would be useful in the fight against doping and where to do so would not otherwise be legally prohibited.

22.2 Each government will respect arbitration as the preferred means of resolving doping related disputes.

22.3 All other governmental involvement with anti-doping will be brought into harmony with the *Code*.

22.4 Governments should meet the expectations of this Article by 1 January 2010.

22.5 Failure by a government to ratify, accept, approve or accede to the *UNESCO Convention* by 1 January 2010 or to comply with the *UNESCO Convention* thereafter will result in ~~ineligibility~~ineligibility to bid for *Events* as provided in Articles ~~20.1.7~~20.1.8 (International Olympic Committee), 20.3.10 (International Federation), and ~~20.6.5~~20.6.6 (*Major Event Organizations*) and may result in additional consequences, for example: forfeiture of offices and positions within *WADA*; ~~ineligibility~~ineligibility or non-admission of any candidature to hold any *International Event* in a country, cancellation of *International Events*; symbolic consequences and other consequences pursuant to the Olympic Charter.

[Comment to Article 22: Most governments cannot be parties to, or be bound by, private non-governmental instruments such as the Code. For that reason, governments are not asked to be Signatories to the Code but rather to sign the Copenhagen Declaration and ratify, accept, approve or accede to the UNESCO Convention. Although the acceptance mechanisms may be different, the effort to combat doping through the coordinated and harmonized program reflected in the Code is very much a joint effort between the sport movement and governments.]

PART FOUR

ACCEPTANCE, COMPLIANCE, MODIFICATION AND INTERPRETATION

ARTICLE 23 ACCEPTANCE, COMPLIANCE AND MODIFICATION

23.1 Acceptance of the Code

23.1.1 The following entities shall be *Signatories* accepting the *Code*: WADA, The International Olympic Committee, International Federations, The International Paralympic Committee, *National Olympic Committees*, National Paralympic Committees, *Major Event Organizations*, and *National Anti-Doping Organizations*. These entities shall accept the *Code* by signing a declaration of acceptance upon approval by each of their respective governing bodies.

[Comment to Article 23.1.1: Each accepting Signatory will separately sign an identical copy of the standard form common declaration of acceptance and deliver it to WADA. The act of acceptance will be as authorized by the organic documents of each organization. For example, an International Federation by its Congress and WADA by its Foundation Board.]

23.1.2 Other sport organizations that may not be under the control of a *Signatory* may, upon WADA's invitation, also accept the *Code*.

[Comment to Article 23.1.2: Those professional leagues that are not currently under the jurisdiction of any government or International Federation will be encouraged to accept the Code.]

23.1.3 A list of all acceptances will be made public by WADA.

23.2 Implementation of the Code

23.2.1 The *Signatories* shall implement applicable *Code* provisions through policies, statutes, rules or regulations according to their authority and within their relevant spheres of responsibility.

23.2.2 The following Articles (and corresponding Comments) as applicable to the scope of the anti-doping activity which the *Anti-Doping Organization* performs must be implemented by *Signatories*

without substantive change (allowing for any non-substantive changes to the language in order to refer to the organization's name, sport, section numbers, etc.):

- Article 1 (Definition of Doping)
- Article 2 (Anti-Doping Rule Violations)
- Article 3 (Proof of Doping)
- Article 4.2.2 (Specified Substances)
- Article 4.3.3 (*WADA's Determination of the Prohibited List*)
- Article 7.6 (Retirement from Sport)
- Article 9 (Automatic *Disqualification* of Individual Results)
- Article 10 (Sanctions on Individuals)
- Article 11 (*Consequences* to Teams)
- Article 13 (Appeals) with the exception of 13.2.2 and 13.5
- Article 15.4 (Mutual Recognition)
- Article 17 (Statute of Limitations)
- Article 24 (Interpretation of the *Code*)
- Definitions

No additional provision may be added to a *Signatory's* rules which changes the effect of the Articles enumerated in this section.

[Comment to Article 23.2.2: Nothing in the Code precludes an Anti-Doping Organization from adopting and enforcing its own specific disciplinary rules for conduct by Athlete Support Personnel related to doping but which does not, in and of itself, constitute an anti-doping rule violation under the Code. For example, a National or International Federation could refuse to renew the license of a coach when multiple Athletes have committed anti-doping rule violations while under that coach's supervision.]

23.2.3 In implementing the *Code*, the *Signatories* are encouraged to use the Models of Best Practice recommended by *WADA*.

23.3 Compliance with the *Code*

23.3.1 *Signatories* shall not be considered in compliance with the *Code* until they have accepted and implemented the *Code* in

accordance with Article 23.2. They shall no longer be considered in compliance once acceptance has been withdrawn.

23.4 Monitoring Compliance with the Code and UNESCO Convention

23.4.1 Compliance with the *Code* shall be monitored by *WADA* or as otherwise agreed by *WADA*. ~~Ongoing compliance~~Compliance with the commitments reflected in the *UNESCO Convention* will be monitored as determined in consultation between the Conference of Parties to the *UNESCO Convention*, *WADA* and the applicable governments. *WADA* shall advise governments on the implementation of the *Code* by the *Signatories* and shall advise *Signatories* on the ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the *UNESCO Convention* by governments.

23.4.2 To facilitate monitoring, each *Signatory* shall report to *WADA* on its compliance with the *Code* every second year and shall explain reasons for noncompliance.

23.4.3 Failure by a *Signatory* to provide compliance information requested by *WADA* for purposes of Article 23.4.2, or failure by a *Signatory* to submit information to *WADA* as required by other articles of the *Code*, may be considered noncompliance with the *Code*.

23.4.4 All *WADA* compliance reports shall be approved by the *WADA* Foundation Board. *WADA* shall dialog with a *Signatory* before reporting that *Signatory* non-compliant. Any *WADA* report which concludes that a *Signatory* is non-compliant must be approved by the *WADA* Foundation Board at a meeting held after the *Signatory* has been given an opportunity to submit its written arguments to the Foundation Board. The conclusion by the *WADA* Foundation Board that a *Signatory* is non-compliant may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.5.

23.4.5 *WADA* shall make reports on compliance to the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, International Federations, and Major Event Organizations. These reports shall also be made available to the public.

23.4.6 *WADA* shall consider explanations for non-compliance and, in extraordinary situations, may recommend to the International Olympic Committee, International Paralympic Committee, International Federations, and *Major Event Organizations* that they provisionally excuse the ~~non-compliance~~noncompliance.

[Comment to Article ~~23.4.4~~23.4.6: *WADA* recognizes that amongst *Signatories* and governments, there will be significant differences in anti-doping experience, resources, and the legal context in which

anti-doping activities are carried out. In considering whether an organization is compliant, WADA will consider these differences.]

~~23.4.5~~ ~~WADA shall, after dialogue with the subject organization, make reports on compliance to the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, International Federations, and Major Event Organizations. These reports shall also be made available to the public.~~

~~23.4.6~~ ~~Any WADA report which concludes that a Signatory is noncompliant must be approved by the WADA Foundation Board at a meeting held after the government or Signatory has been given an opportunity to submit its written arguments to the Foundation Board.~~

23.5 Additional Consequences of a Signatory's Noncompliance with the Code

~~23.5.1~~ Noncompliance with the *Code* by any *Signatory* may result in consequences in addition to ineligibility to bid for *Events* as set forth in Articles 20.1.7 (International Olympic Committee), 20.3.10 (International Federations) and 20.6.5 (*Major Event Organizations*) For example: forfeiture of offices and positions within *WADA*; ineligibility or non-admission of any candidature to hold any *International Event* in a country; cancellation of *International Events*; symbolic consequences and other consequences pursuant to the Olympic Charter.

The imposition of such consequences may be appealed to *CAS* by the affected *Signatory* pursuant to Article ~~13.4.5~~ [13.5](#).

23.6 Modification of the Code

23.6.1 *WADA* shall be responsible for overseeing the evolution and improvement of the *Code*. *Athletes* and all *Signatories* and governments shall be invited to participate in such process.

23.6.2 *WADA* shall initiate proposed amendments to the *Code* and shall ensure a consultative process to both receive and respond to recommendations and to facilitate review and feedback from *Athletes*, *Signatories* and governments on recommended amendments.

23.6.3 Amendments to the *Code* shall, after appropriate consultation, be approved by a two-thirds majority of the *WADA* Foundation Board including a majority of both the public sector and Olympic Movement members casting votes. Amendments shall, unless provided otherwise, go into effect three months after such approval.

23.6.4 *Signatories* shall ~~implement~~modify their rules to incorporate the Code as amended by the 2007 *Code Amendments* ~~before 31 December 2008~~amendments on or before 1 January 2009 to take effect on 1 January 2009. *Signatories* shall implement any subsequent applicable amendment to the *Code* within one year of approval by the *WADA* Foundation Board.

23.7 Withdrawal of Acceptance of the Code

~~23.7.1~~ *Signatories* may withdraw acceptance of the *Code* after providing *WADA* six-month's written notice of their intent to withdraw.

ARTICLE 24 INTERPRETATION OF THE CODE

24.1 The official text of the *Code* shall be maintained by *WADA* and shall be published in English and French. In the event of any conflict between the English and French versions, the English version shall prevail.

24.2 The comments annotating various provisions of the *Code* shall be used to interpret the *Code*.

24.3 The *Code* shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to the existing law or statutes of the *Signatories* or governments.

24.4 The headings used for the various Parts and Articles of the *Code* are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of the *Code* or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

24.5 The *Code* shall not apply retrospectively to matters pending before the date the *Code* is accepted by a *Signatory* and implemented in its rules. However, pre-*Code* anti-doping rule violations would continue to count as "First violations" or "Second violations" for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for subsequent post-*Code* violations.

24.6 In case of a conflict between the *Code* and *International Standards* and the rules adopted by an *Anti-Doping Organization* that has accepted the *Code*, the *Code* prevails.

24.7 The ~~Introduction to~~Purpose, Scope and Organization of the World Anti-Doping Program and the *Code* and APPENDIX I DEFINITIONS shall be considered integral parts of the *Code*.

ARTICLE 25 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

25.1 General Application of 2007 Code Amendments.

The 2007 *Code* Amendments shall apply in full ~~to all cases where the alleged anti-doping rule violation occurred after the date the 2007 Code Amendments were incorporated into the applicable Anti-Doping Organization's rules and at the latest by December 31, 2008~~after January 1, 2009 (the "Effective Date").

25.2 Non-Retroactive Unless Principle of *Lex Mitior* Applies.

With respect to any anti-doping rule violation case which is pending as of the Effective Date and any anti-doping rule violation case brought after the Effective Date based on an anti-doping rule violation which occurred prior to the Effective Date, the case shall be governed by the substantive anti-doping rules in effect at the time the alleged anti-doping rule violation occurred unless the tribunal hearing the case determines the principle of *lex mitior* appropriately applies under the circumstances of the case.

25.3 Application to Decisions Rendered Prior to *Code* Amendments.

With respect to cases where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the ~~2007 Code Amendments~~Effective Date, but the *Athlete* or other *Person* is still serving the period of *Ineligibility* as of the Effective Date, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may apply to the *Anti-Doping Organization* which had results management responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* in light of the 2007 *Code* Amendments. Such application must be made before the period of *Ineligibility* has expired. The decision rendered by the *Anti-Doping Organization* may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.2. The 2007 *Code* Amendments shall have no application to any anti-doping rule violation case where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered and the period of *Ineligibility* has expired.

25.4 Application to Specific Pre-*Code* Violations.

For purposes of applying Article 10.7.1, a pre-*Code* anti-doping rule violation where the violation involved a substance which is categorized as a Specified Substance under the 2007 *Code* Amendments and the period of *Ineligibility* imposed was less than two years, the pre-*Code* violation shall be considered a Reduced Sanction (RS).

[Comment to Article 25.4: Other than the situation described in Article 25.4, where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the Code or under the Code before the 2007 Code Amendments and the period of Ineligibility imposed has been completely served, the 2007 Code Amendments may not be used to re-characterize the prior violation.]

25.5 Additional *Code* Amendments.

Any additional *Code* Amendments shall go into effect as provided in Article 23.6.

APPENDIX 1

DEFINITIONS

ADAMS: The Anti-Doping Administration and Management System is a web-based database management tool for data entry, storage, sharing, and reporting designed to assist stakeholders and WADA in their anti-doping operations in conjunction with data protection legislation.

Adverse Analytical Finding: A report from a laboratory or other WADA-approved ~~Testing~~ entity that, consistent with the International Standard for Laboratories and Technical Documents, identifies in a ~~Specimen~~ Sample the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* (including elevated quantities of endogenous substances) or evidence of the *Use of a Prohibited Method*.

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: Any *Person* who participates in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation), the national level (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*, including but not limited to those *Persons* in its *Registered Testing Pool*), and any other competitor in sport who is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of any *Signatory* or other sports organization accepting the *Code*. All provisions of the *Code*, including, for example, ~~whereabouts and missed tests~~, *Testing*, and therapeutic use exemptions must be applied to international and national-level competitors. Some *National Anti-Doping Organizations* may elect to test and apply anti-doping rules to recreational-level or masters competitors who are not current or potential national caliber competitors. *National Anti-Doping Organizations* are not required, however, to apply all aspects of the *Code* to such *Persons*. Specific national rules may be established for *Doping Control* for non-international-level or national-level competitors without being in conflict with the *Code*. Thus, a country could elect to test recreational-level competitors but not require therapeutic use exemptions or whereabouts information. In the same manner, a *Major Event Organization* holding an *Event* only for masters-level competitors could elect to test the competitors but not require advance therapeutic use exemptions or whereabouts information. For purposes of Article 2.8 (Administration or *Attempted Administration*) and 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* is an *Athlete*.

[Comment: This definition makes it clear that all international and national-~~calibre~~caliber athletes are subject to the anti-doping rules of the Code, with the precise definitions of international and national level sport to be set forth in the anti-doping rules of the International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations, respectively. At the national level, anti-doping rules adopted pursuant to the Code shall apply, at a minimum, to all persons on national teams and all persons qualified to compete in any national championship in any sport. That does not mean, however, that all such Athletes must be included in a National Anti-Doping Organization's Registered Testing Pool. The definition also allows each National Anti-Doping Organization, if it chooses to do so, to expand its anti-doping control program beyond national-~~calibre~~caliber athletes to competitors at lower levels of competition. Competitors at all levels of competition should receive the benefit of anti-doping information and education.]

Athlete Support Personnel: Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, ~~para-medical~~paramedical personnel, parent or any other *Person* working with, treating or assisting an *Athlete* participating in or preparing for sports competition.

Attempt: Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an anti-doping rule violation. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on an *Attempt* to commit a violation if the *Person* renounces the attempt prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the *Attempt*.

Atypical Finding: A report from a laboratory or other WADA-approved entity which requires further investigation as provided by the International Standard for Laboratories or related Technical Documents prior to the determination of an Adverse Analytical Finding.

CAS: The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Code: The World Anti-Doping Code.

Competition: A single race, match, game or singular athletic contest. For example, a basketball game or the finals of the Olympic 100-meter ~~dash~~race in athletics. For stage races and other athletic contests where prizes are awarded on a daily or other interim basis the distinction between a *Competition* and an *Event* will be as provided in the rules of the applicable International Federation.

Consequences of Anti-Doping Rules Violations: An *Athlete's* or other *Person's* violation of an anti-doping rule may result in one or more of the following: (a) Disqualification means the *Athlete's* results in a particular *Competition* or *Event* are invalidated, with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes; (b) Ineligibility means the *Athlete* or other *Person* is barred for a specified period of time from participating in any *Competition* or other activity or funding as provided in Article 10.9; and (c) Provisional Suspension means the *Athlete* or other *Person* is barred temporarily from

participating in any *Competition* prior to the final decision at a hearing conducted under Article 8 (Right to a Fair Hearing).

Disqualification: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rules Violations* above.

Doping Control: All steps and processes from test distribution planning through to ultimate disposition of any appeal including all steps and processes in between such as [provision of whereabouts information](#), sample collection and handling, laboratory analysis, therapeutic use exemptions, results management and hearings.

Event: A series of individual *Competitions* conducted together under one ruling body (e.g., the ~~Games of the Olympiad and the Winter Olympic~~ [Olympic](#) Games, FINA World Championships, or Pan American Games).

Event Period: [The time between the beginning and end of an Event, as established by the ruling body of the Event.](#)

In-Competition: Unless provided otherwise in the rules of an International Federation or other relevant *Anti-Doping Organization*, "*In-Competition*" means the period commencing twelve hours before a *Competition* in which the *Athlete* is scheduled to participate through the end of such *Competition* and the *Sample* collection process related to such *Competition*.

Independent Observer Program: A team of observers, under the supervision of WADA, who observe [and may provide guidance on](#) the *Doping Control* process at certain *Events* and report on [their](#) observations. ~~If WADA is testing In-Competition at an Event, the observers shall be supervised by an independent organization.~~

Ineligibility: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rules Violations* above.

Individual Sport: Any sport that is not a *Team Sport*.

International Event: An *Event* where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation, a *Major Event Organization*, or another international sport organization is the ruling body for the *Event* or appoints the technical officials for the *Event*.

International-Level Athlete: *Athletes* designated by one or more International Federations as being within the *Registered Testing Pool* for an International Federation.

International Standard: A standard adopted by WADA in support of the *Code*. Compliance with an *International Standard* (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the *International Standard* were performed properly. [International Standards shall include any Technical Documents issued pursuant to the International Standard.](#)

Major Event Organizations: This term refers to the continental associations of *National Olympic Committees* and other international multi-sport organizations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other *International Event*.

Marker: A compound, group of compounds or biological ~~parameters~~ parameter(s) that indicates the *Use of a Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

Metabolite: Any substance produced by a biotransformation process.

Minor: A natural *Person* who has not reached the age of majority as established by the applicable laws of his or her country of residence.

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. This includes an entity which may be designated by multiple countries to serve as regional *Anti-Doping Organization* for such countries. 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.

National Event: A sport *Event* involving international or national-level Athletes that is not an *International Event*.

National Olympic Committee: The organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The term *National Olympic Committee* shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical *National Olympic Committee* responsibilities in the anti-doping area.

No Advance Notice: A *Doping Control* which takes place with no advance warning to the *Athlete* and where the *Athlete* is continuously chaperoned from the moment of notification through *Sample* provision.

No Fault or Negligence: The *Athlete's* establishing that he or she did not know or suspect, and could not reasonably have known or suspected even with the exercise of utmost caution, that he or she had *Used* or been administered the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

No Significant Fault or Negligence: The *Athlete's* establishing that his or her fault or negligence, when viewed in the totality of the circumstances and taking into account the criteria for *No Fault or Negligence*, was not significant in relationship to the anti-doping rule violation.

Out-of-Competition: Any *Doping Control* which is not *In-Competition*.

Participant: Any Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel.

Person: A natural Person or an organization or other entity.

Possession: The actual, physical possession, or the constructive possession (which shall be found only if the person has exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance/Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance/Method* exists); provided, however, that if the person does not have exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance/Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance/Method* exists, constructive possession shall only be found if the person knew about the presence of the *Prohibited Substance/Method* and intended to exercise control over it. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on possession if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the *Person* has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the *Person* has taken concrete action demonstrating that the *Person* never intended to have possession and has renounced possession by explicitly declaring it to an *Anti-Doping Organization*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, the purchase (including by any electronic or other means) of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* constitutes possession by the *Person* who makes the purchase.

[*Comment: Under this definition, steroids found in an Athlete's car would constitute a violation unless the Athlete establishes that someone else used the car; in that event, the Anti-Doping Organization must establish that, even though the Athlete did not have exclusive control over the car, the Athlete knew about the steroids and intended to have control over the steroids. Similarly, in the example of steroids found in a home medicine cabinet under the joint control of an Athlete and spouse, the Anti-Doping Organization must establish that the Athlete knew the steroids were in the cabinet and that the Athlete intended to exercise control over the steroids.*]

Prohibited List: The List identifying the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

Prohibited Method: Any method so described on the *Prohibited List*.

Prohibited Substance: Any substance so described on the *Prohibited List*.

Provisional Hearing: For purposes of Article 7.5, an expedited abbreviated hearing occurring prior to a hearing under Article 8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) that provides the *Athlete* with notice and an opportunity to be heard in either written or oral form.

Provisional Suspension: See *Consequences* above.

Publicly Disclose or Publicly Report: To disseminate or distribute information to the general public or persons beyond those persons entitled to earlier notification in accordance with Article 14.

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* as part of that International Federation's or Organization's test distribution plan. Each International Federation shall publish a list which identifies those *Athletes* included in its *Registered Testing Pool* either by name or by clearly defined, specific criteria.

Sample/Specimen: Any biological material collected for the purposes of *Doping Control*.

[*Comment: It has sometimes been claimed that the collection of blood samples violates the tenets of certain religious or cultural groups. It has been determined that there is no basis for any such claim.*]

Signatories: Those entities signing the *Code* and agreeing to comply with the *Code*, including the International Olympic Committee, International Federations, International Paralympic Committee, *National Olympic Committees*, National Paralympic Committees, *Major Event Organizations*, *National Anti-Doping Organizations*, and WADA.

Substantial Assistance: For purposes of Article 10.5.3, a *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* must: (1) fully disclose in a signed written statement all information he or she possesses in relation to anti-doping rule violations, and (2) fully cooperate with the investigation and adjudication of any case related to that information, including, for example, presenting testimony at a hearing if requested to do so by an Anti-Doping Organization or hearing panel. Further, the information provided must be credible and must comprise an important part of any case which is initiated or, if no case is initiated, must have provided a sufficient basis on which a case could have been brought.

Tampering: Altering for an improper purpose or in an improper way; bringing improper influence to bear; interfering improperly; obstructing, misleading or engaging in any fraudulent conduct to alter results or prevent normal procedures from occurring; or providing fraudulent information to an *Anti-Doping Organization*.

Target Testing: Selection of *Athletes* for *Testing* where specific *Athletes* or groups of *Athletes* are selected on a non-random basis for *Testing* at a specified time.

Team Sport: A sport in which the substitution of players is permitted during a *Competition*.

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

Trafficking: Selling, giving, ~~administering~~, transporting, sending, delivering or distributing a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* (either physically or by any electronic or other means) by an *Athlete*, *Athlete Support Personnel* or any other *Person* subject to the jurisdiction of an *Anti-Doping Organization* to any third party; provided, however, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance* used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification, and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes.

UNESCO Convention: The International Convention against Doping in Sport adopted by the 33rd session of the UNESCO General Conference on 19 October 2005 including any and all amendments adopted by the States Parties to the Convention and the Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

~~Unusual Finding: A laboratory report where further investigation is required by the International Standard for Laboratories or related technical documents.~~

Use: The utilization, application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

WADA: The World Anti-Doping Agency.

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