Leading anti-doping in a new era

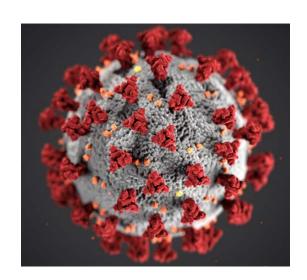
International Anti-Doping Seminar in Asia and Oceania: 1 December 2020 Olivier Niggli, Director General



COVID-19: A global community response



- Global anti-doping community is working together to maintain the integrity of the system.
- Public health is priority.
- Response has been quick and effective to an evolving situation.
- On 6 May, WADA issued its first COVID-19 guidance for Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs).
- Since then, WADA has produced updated guidance and other resources for athletes and the anti-doping community.



COVID-19: Outcomes of ADO Survey

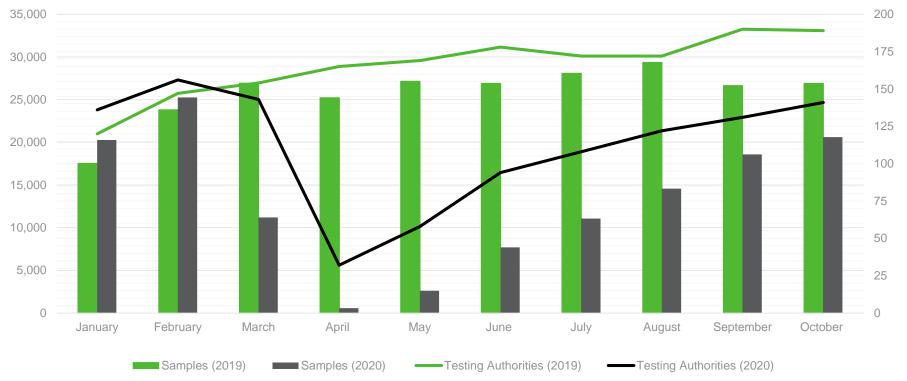


- Survey issued 2 September -- 114 ADOs (49%) responded.
 - Top 3 areas impacted: Testing, Education and General Operations
 - Top 3 areas least impacted: TUEs, Lab Analysis, Investigations
 - 91% said they found all guidance documents
 WADA developed somewhat useful, useful or highly useful
 - 87% said that WADA had provided sufficient information during pandemic



Samples collected in 2020 vs 2019 and Testing Authorities (January - October) as at 22 Nov 2020





Breakdown on sample numbers – October 2020



- Of the 20,615 samples collected in October 2020
 - 15,533 samples collected by 85 NADOs
 - 3,975 samples collected by 48 IFs
 - Other samples collected by RADOs, MEOs, National Federations



Samples collected by International Federations October 2020 vs October 2019



	October 2020	October 2019	2020 vs 2019 Capacity	
Samples Collected	3,975	7,861	51%	
Number of IFs	44	81	54%	

Samples collected by NADOs October 2020 vs October 2019 by continent



	Number of Samples Oct 2020	Number of Samples Oct 2019	2020 Compared to 2019 %	# NADOs Oct 2020	# NADOs Oct 2019	2020 Compared to 2019 %
Europe	9643	10257	94%	44	46	97%
Asia	3457	3277	105%	18	20	90%
Americas	1872	2459	76%	15	20	75%
Oceania	364	453	80%	2	2	100%
Africa	197	395	50%	6	5	120%

Outcomes of Strategic Testing Expert Group meetings



- Updated Guidance Document for Testing During
 COVID-19 published on 25 November
 - Feedback from the ADO Survey
 - Input from World Health Organization and NADO Testing Group
 - Enabled testing to resume or continue in a safe way
 - Athletes have confidence that the program protects their health



Outcomes of Strategic Testing Expert Group meetings (Cont.)



- Alternative Sample Collection Programs
 - Piloted by five NADOs
 - Two virtual testing systems video call
 - Departures from International Standard
 - No witnessing of the sample in bathroom as camera placed outside closed door
 - Tampering and manipulation possible
 - Feasibility study required for use of camera in bathroom to monitor athlete – athlete privacy, IT security, legal status
 - If camera can be inside the bathroom (not recording) then a global consultation process would be considered for use in pandemic situations



Ensuring proper testing in the lead-up to Tokyo Games



- Consult WADA's revised Guidance for Testing during COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Prioritize testing on athletes that have qualified or who are attempting to qualify.
- If national restrictions are preventing normal level of testing, prioritize higher risk sports.
- The IOC funded Pre-Games Taskforce, coordinated by the ITA, will provide testing recommendations to IFs and NADOs.
- NADOs advised to coordinate with IFs to ensure that athletes are tested sufficiently in lead up.
- The IOC will store samples:
 - WADA encourages all IFs and NADOs to take advantage of this opportunity.
 - A communication on this is to be released shortly.

Anti-doping goes beyond testing



- Using everything at our disposal to secure athlete confidence.
- Other tools can be used to maintain the integrity of the system when testing is diminished:
 - the Athlete Biological Passport;
 - intelligence we receive through whistleblowers;
 - sample storage for future re-analysis as science advances and detection techniques are refined; and
 - education.
- WADA is collaborating with stakeholders to explore new sample collection and analytical techniques; particularly:
 - dried blood spot analysis; and
 - artificial intelligence.



2020: Another year of transformation

Russian Doping Crisis



- In December 2019, WADA's Executive Committee unanimously endorsed the CRC recommendation to declare the Russian Anti-Doping Agency non-compliant with the Code and impose a four-year suspension on Russia.
- Early November 2020, the case was heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport – awaiting outcome in December.
- LIMS data that were unaffected by the alleged manipulation are being used to deliver justice against those who cheated.



Russian Doping Crisis (Cont.)



- WADA, and the anti-doping system, has been transformed as a result of the Crisis.
 - Robust compliance monitoring program and new International Standard for Compliance by Signatories;
 - Strengthened investigative power and successful whistleblower program (Speak Up!); and
 - Wide-ranging governance reform.

Intelligence & Investigations: International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)



- Since August 2017, WADA's Intelligence and Investigations (I&I) Department has been investigating the IWF and the sport of weightlifting.
 - In October, WADA published provisional outcomes.
- The investigation includes:
 - Operation Outreach: a probe of a high-ranking member of the IWF;
 - Operation Heir: Romanian weightlifters and others;
 - Operation Extra: allegations of improper practices by some national weightlifting federations; and
 - Operation Arrow: a ground-breaking investigation into the global practice of urine substitution by weightlifters and the use of doppelgängers.

Intelligence & Investigations: International Biathlon Union (IBU)



- In November 2016, WADA I&I began receiving information about the IBU's alleged relation to protecting Russian athletes from doping detection.
- In October 2017, WADA I&I reported its findings through a meeting at INTERPOL with Norwegian and Austrian police.
- The Austrian police opened a criminal investigation that culminated in raids in April 2018, in Norway and Austria.
- This led to the removal of the President and the Secretary General of the IBU.



Strengthening WADA I&I



- Reinforcing the I&I team: Now 14 Staff.
- There are three units:
 - Confidential Information Unit (CIU) that manages Speak Up!;
 - Investigation Unit (IU); and
 - New Compliance Investigation Section (CIS).
- Cooperation agreements with:
 - Interpol;
 - Europol; and
 - World Customs Organization.
- Networks and alliances

2020: Supporting Signatories with 2021 Code and Standards implementation



- Since Code and Standards were endorsed in November 2019, WADA has provided 2021 Model Rules for Code Signatories.
- These rules need to be approved by WADA compliance before the Signatory starts its adoption of rules.
- All Signatories are asked to do the necessary by 31 December deadline.

2020 : Supporting Signatories with 2021 Code and Standards implementation (Cont.)



- In May, WADA launched its Code Implementation Support Program (CISP).
 - Phase 1, made resources available on the Agency's Anti-Doping eLearning platform (ADeL) explaining the main changes; and
 - Phase 2, currently updating guidelines and other materials.
- CISP has reached ~17,000 stakeholder interactions.
- Agency has held 51 webinars 20 of which were CISP related.
 - Average of 325 people per webinar; and
 - 92% rated them as being relevant or highly relevant to their role.

2019/2020 have been landmark years for Education



End 2019

- Established a stand-alone Education department.
 - Seven team members by end-2020.
- Approval of the new 2021 Education Standard

2020

- Approval of Education Guidelines.
- Further development of ADeL.
 - Platform increased registered users to over 109,000 up 40,000 from 2019.
 - Initiated complete rebuild and redesign to be launched in January 2021.
- In July, launched education course for athletes and coaches going to Tokyo Games (with IOC and ITA).
- In October, published first-ever Social Science Research Strategy (SSR Strategy) for 2020-2024.
- Developing a Global Learning and Development Framework for anti-doping practitioners.
- Postponed Global Education Conference to November 2021 in Sydney, Australia.

Significant progress has been made with ADAMS 'Next Gen'



- November 2019 launched 'Athlete Central', a revamped app for submission of whereabouts for ~20-30,000 athletes worldwide.
- January 2020 launched new 'Testing Center' for ADOs.
- Ongoing Security improvements and new third-party system to comply with the 2021 Code/ Standards.
- Coming early in 2021: DCO Central, WADA's free to use electronic sample collection system.







WADA is aligning its governance with best practice



- In <u>November 2018</u>, Board approved 70 reform recommendations that were made by a Governance Working Group.
- Of <u>70 reform recommendations</u>, the vast majority have been implemented. In particular:
 - Now have independent President and Vice-President;
 - At least one athlete and NADO representative on each Standing Committee (except for CRC as it relates to NADOs);
 - Limit of three terms of three years each for members;
 - There is a now a Nominations Committee; and
 - One third of ExCo and Board members are active or former international-level athletes.



WADA is aligning its governance with best practice (Cont.)



- The November 2020 ExCo:
 - endorsed Nominations Committee recommendation for the appointment of two additional independent members of the ExCo;
 - four independent members (including President and the Vice-President);
 - five representatives of Governments; and
 - five of the Sport Movement.
 - streamlined the governance of Expert Advisory and Working Groups; and
 - approved composition of a new Working Group.

WADA is aligning its governance with best practice (Cont.)



- Working Group includes one independent Chair and five governance experts:
 - two proposed by Governments;
 - two by the Sport Movement; and
 - athlete (nominated by WADA's Athlete Committee).
- It will be responsible for monitoring the effect of ongoing reforms and for proposing additional reforms going forward.
- The Group will consult all stakeholders.
- In addition, work continues on:
 - additional athlete representation;
 - introduction of a WADA Code of Ethics; and
 - formation of an Independent Ethics Board.

Five-Year Strategic Plan: Leading anti-doping in a new era





LEAD

Lead by example by taking bold steps to proactively tackle emerging issues with agility and innovative solutions across all facets of anti-doping.



COLLABORATE & UNITE

Engage and collaborate with everyone involved in anti-doping, in particular with the Sports Movement and public authorities, to increase support, unity and coherence in everyone's efforts.



GROW IMPACT

Expand the reach and impact of anti-doping programs by enhancing capacity building and knowledge sharing between ADOs and empowering local program delivery.



BE VISIBLE

Raise awareness and shape a proactive narrative that will demonstrate the positive impact of doping-free sport and WADA's role.



BE ATHLETE-CENTERED

Engage and empower athletes to contribute to the development of anti-doping policies; build an easier anti-doping journey for athletes; and, increase the contribution that our programs deliver for athletes and their entourage/support group so that they can build a healthy and sustainable career in sports.



PERFORM

Provide greater value to our beneficiaries, stakeholders and donors by reducing operational complexities and maximizing impact and cost-effectiveness.

In closing...



- The anti-doping landscape has changed significantly.
- WADA has evolved significantly as a consequence.
- The Agency is much better equipped and will be even more with governance reforms, Strategic Plan and 2021 Code and Standards.
- We are committed to:
 - engaging and empowering athletes in developing clean sport;
 - building anti-doping capacity and community worldwide;
 and
 - securing additional funding required.
- We are confident that with the support of all our partners, we will succeed.

