

WADA Testing Guidance for Anti-Doping Organizations regarding Ukraine, Russia and Belarus

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In light of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, WADA provides the following Testing Guidance for Anti-Doping Organizations in relation to Ukraine, Belarus and Russia aimed at minimizing disruption to the global anti-doping system.

Situation in Ukraine

- WADA is in regular contact with our colleagues from the National Anti-Doping Center (NADC), the National Anti-Doping Organization of Ukraine. Their safety is our primary concern. The operations of NADC have temporarily been halted.
- As it relates to testing, WADA understands that testing in Ukraine is simply not possible. However, testing of Ukrainian athletes who train or reside outside of Ukraine can and should continue, where safe and appropriate, based on relevant Anti-Doping Organizations' (ADOs') risk assessment and test distribution plans.
- ADOs that have Ukrainian athletes in their whereabouts pool should, where possible, reach out to those athletes to determine if it is appropriate and possible to continue to request the submission of updated whereabouts information.

Situation in Belarus

- WADA has been in contact with the Belarus National Anti-Doping Agency (BNADA) and confirms that its anti-doping operations have not been affected.
- Regarding testing of Belarusian athletes, despite the consequences imposed on Belarus by a number of ADOs, WADA encourages ADOs to continue to conduct testing on Belarusian athletes, whether in Belarus or abroad, based on their respective risk assessment and test distribution plans.
- While there are no restrictions regarding international Doping Control Officers (DCOs) entering Belarus that WADA and BNADA are aware of at this time, ADOs wishing to conduct testing in Belarus are encouraged to contact BNADA for an update on the current situation in Belarus in order to ensure DCOs' safety.
- Regarding sample transportation, BNADA can assist with transport logistics if needed.
- ADOs can also contact BNADA directly to ask them to collect samples and assist in the export of samples.

- Belarusian athletes who are required to provide whereabouts information to BNADA or their International Federation must continue to do so.

Situation in Russia

- WADA has been in contact with the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) and confirms that its anti-doping program continues to operate.
- Regarding testing of Russian athletes, despite the ban on Russia imposed by a number of ADOs, WADA encourages all ADOs to continue to conduct testing on Russian athletes, whether in Russia or abroad, based on their risk assessment and test distribution plans.
- Regarding sample transportation, RUSADA has confirmed to WADA that, while there are some challenges with transportation, RUSADA is still able to transport urine and blood samples to WADA-accredited laboratories in Europe in a timely manner.
- ADOs may wish to contact RUSADA directly for additional information on the situation in Russia, including testing and sample transportation.
- Russian athletes who are required to provide whereabouts information to RUSADA or their International Federation must continue to do so.

While WADA encourages all ADOs to collaborate with each other in their testing efforts, we also remind stakeholders of other tools that can be utilized at this time, including ongoing monitoring of the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) and implementation of Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) recommendations, the long-term storage of samples and further analysis on samples in long term storage, as well as assessment and follow-up of information and intelligence received.

WADA is closely monitoring this situation and will continue to provide updates. For any questions, please contact testing@wada-ama.org.