

Declaration of non-compliance of the National Olympic Committee of Angola

Relevant consequences and impact requiring action by stakeholders.

On [22 September 2023](#), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) issued an all-stakeholder communication confirming that the Executive Committee (ExCo) followed the recommendation of the Compliance Review Committee (CRC) to place the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Angola (acting as National Anti-Doping Organization) on the 'watchlist', giving an additional four months to correct outstanding non-conformities. This deadline of 22 January 2024 passed without the non-conformities having been corrected to the satisfaction of the CRC and the Angola NOC did not dispute WADA's allegation of non-compliance. Consequently, the NOC of Angola is now declared non-compliant with immediate effect, and the signatory consequences listed in the ExCo decision (see below) apply immediately.

While WADA will monitor the implementation of the consequences imposed on this NOC, this communication aims to draw your attention to the fact that under Code Article 24.1.9, other Signatories to the Code must recognize and implement these consequences in full. Signatories should be aware that these consequences are not the same as for other cases of non-compliance (e.g., the Court of Arbitration for Sport decision in the case of the Russian Anti-Doping Agency).

Please refer to the following for more information on the relevant consequences and their potential impact on your organization.

As recommended by WADA's independent CRC and approved by the Agency's ExCo on 22 September 2023, the consequences applied to this NOC, in accordance with the Code Article 24.1.12, as well as Article 11 and Annex B.3.1 of the [International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories](#) (ISCCS), are the following:

1. The National Olympic Committee of Angola loses its WADA privileges until reinstatement, i.e., for the period from the date of the formal notice of non-compliance until Reinstatement: i.e.: This includes:
 - a. In accordance with the relevant provisions of WADA's Statutes, the National Olympic Committee of Angola's Representatives will be ineligible to hold any WADA office or any position as a member of any WADA board or committee or other body (including but not limited to membership on WADA's Foundation Board, the Executive Committee, any Standing Committee, and any other committee).
 - b. The National Olympic Committee of Angola will be ineligible to host any event hosted or organized or co-hosted or co-organized by WADA.
 - c. The National Olympic Committee of Angola's Representatives will be ineligible to participate in any WADA Independent Observer Program or WADA Outreach Program or other WADA activities.

- d. The National Olympic Committee of Angola will not receive any WADA funding (either directly or indirectly) relating to the development of specific activities or participation in specific programs.

Guidance Note: *WADA will monitor and implement this set of consequences.*

2. The National Olympic Committee of Angola's Representatives will be ineligible to sit as members of the boards or committees or other bodies of any Signatory (or its members) or association of Signatories until the National Olympic Committee of Angola is Reinstated.

Guidance Note: *Signatories and related associations (e.g., Regional Anti-Doping Organizations, Alliance of Independent recognized Member of Sport (AIMS), Winter Olympic Federations (WOF), Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), Association of IOC Recognized International Sport Federations (ARISF), Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) International University Sports Federation (FISU)) are asked to ensure immediately that any relevant NADO or government representatives, as defined in the Code, that are current members of any relevant board, committee or body, are removed from that position for the relevant period. If a Signatory or related association is unsure of how to apply this consequence, please contact us at compliance@wada-ama.org.*

3. Angola will not be awarded the right to host regional, continental and World Championships, and Events organized by Major Event Organizations, until the National Olympic Committee of Angola is Reinstated.

Guidance Note: *Signatories cannot award the right to host inter alia regional, continental or world championships to Angola during its period of non-compliance. Events already allocated to Angola may take place. This does not apply to the Olympic and Paralympic Games.*

In addition, to the extent that an event organized by a Major Event Organization that is not a Signatory is within the Angola NOC's sphere of responsibility, that Signatory has the obligation to enforce this consequence in respect of that event. If a Signatory is unsure of how to apply this consequence, please contact us at compliance@wada-ama.org.

4. Angola's flag will not be flown at regional, continental and World Championships, and Events organized by Major Event Organizations (including the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games), until the National Olympic Committee of Angola is Reinstated.

Guidance Note: *This consequence shall be limited to official display of flags by the event organizer in the venue/arena/stadium where e.g., a regional, continental or world championships is taking place, whether those displays are for the duration of the event or for a specific part of the event such as medal, opening or closing ceremonies or other protocol elements.*

In addition, to the extent that an event organized by a Major Event Organization that is not a Signatory is within a National Olympic Committee of Angola's sphere of responsibility, that Signatory has the obligation to enforce this consequence in respect of that event. If a Signatory is unsure of how to apply this consequence, please contact us at compliance@wada-ama.org.