

Declaration of non-compliance of the International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness (IFBB)

Relevant Consequences and Impact requiring action by stakeholders

On [17 October 2022](#), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) issued an all-stakeholder communication confirming that the International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness (IFBB) was declared non-compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) with immediate effect.

While WADA will monitor the implementation of the consequences imposed on this International Federation, 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 Compliance Review Committee (CRC) and approved by the Agency's Executive Committee (ExCo) on [23 September 2022](#), the consequences applied to this International Federation, in accordance with Article 11 and Annex B.3.1 of the [International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories](#) (ISCCS), are the following:

1. The Signatory loses its WADA privileges until reinstatement (ISCCS Annex. B.3.1(a)). This includes:
 - a. The Signatory's representatives are 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 of WADA's Foundation Board, ExCo, Standing Committees, and any other committee);
 - b. The Signatory is ineligible to host any event hosted or organized or co-hosted or co-organized by WADA;
 - c. The Signatory is ineligible to participate in any WADA Independent Observer Program, WADA Outreach Program or other WADA activities; and
 - d. The Signatory will not receive any WADA funding (either directly or indirectly) related to the development of specific activities or participation in specific programs.

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

2. All of the IFBB's testing-related activities will be subject to supervision by an approved third party, at the IFBB's expense, including up to six (6) site visits a year, with all costs to be paid in advance, where known (ISCCS Article B.3.1 (c)).

Guidance Note: *WADA will facilitate a timely finalization of the supervision agreement between the IFBB and the approved third party. Until the supervision agreement is signed, the IFBB will not be able to independently conduct testing activities, unless WADA has provided its express prior written agreement.*

3. The Signatory's representatives shall be ineligible to sit as members of the boards or committees or other bodies of any Code Signatory (or its members) or association of Signatories for a period of one year from the date of the formal notice (23 September 2022) or until the Signatory is reinstated, whichever is longer (ISCCS Annex B.3.1 (d)).

Guidance Note: *Signatories and related associations (e.g., Alliance of Independent recognized Members of Sport (AIMS), Pan American Sports Organization (Panam Sports), Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), South American Sports Organization (ODESUR), Central American and Caribbean Sports Organization (CACSO), Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), International University Sports Federation (FISU)) are asked to ensure immediately that any relevant IFBB 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.*

4. IFBB's representatives will be excluded from participation in or attendance at, and the athletes and athlete support personnel participating in the IFBB's sport (or in one or more disciplines of that sport) will be excluded from participation in or attendance at, regional, continental or international multi-sport events organized by Major Event Organizations (other than the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, until reinstatement (ISCCS Article B.3.1 (f.1))).

Guidance Note: *Major Event Organizations that are Signatories to the Code are asked to ensure immediately that any athletes and athlete support personnel participating in the IFBB's sport (or in one or more disciplines of that sport) do not participate in, or attend, their regional, continental or international multi-sport events. Furthermore, the same organizations are asked to ensure immediately that any relevant IFBB representatives, as defined in the Code, do not participate in, or attend, their regional, continental or international multi-sport events.*

In addition, to the extent that a regional, continental or international multi-sport event organized by a Major Event Organization that is not a Signatory is within a Signatory'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.

5. The IFBB's representatives will be excluded from participation in or attendance at the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games and/or any other multi-sports event until reinstatement (ISCCS Annex B.3.1 (f.2)).

Guidance Note: *The International Olympic Committee and Paralympic International Committee are asked to ensure that the IFBB's representatives are not accredited to participate in or attend any relevant editions of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.*

To the extent any multi-sport event not already covered by consequence 4 above (including national events) is within a Signatory's sphere of responsibility (even if not organized by that Signatory), the relevant Signatory is asked to ensure immediately that any relevant IFBB representatives, as defined in the Code, do not participate in, or attend, that event. If a Signatory is unsure of how to apply this consequence, please contact us at compliance@wada-ama.org.