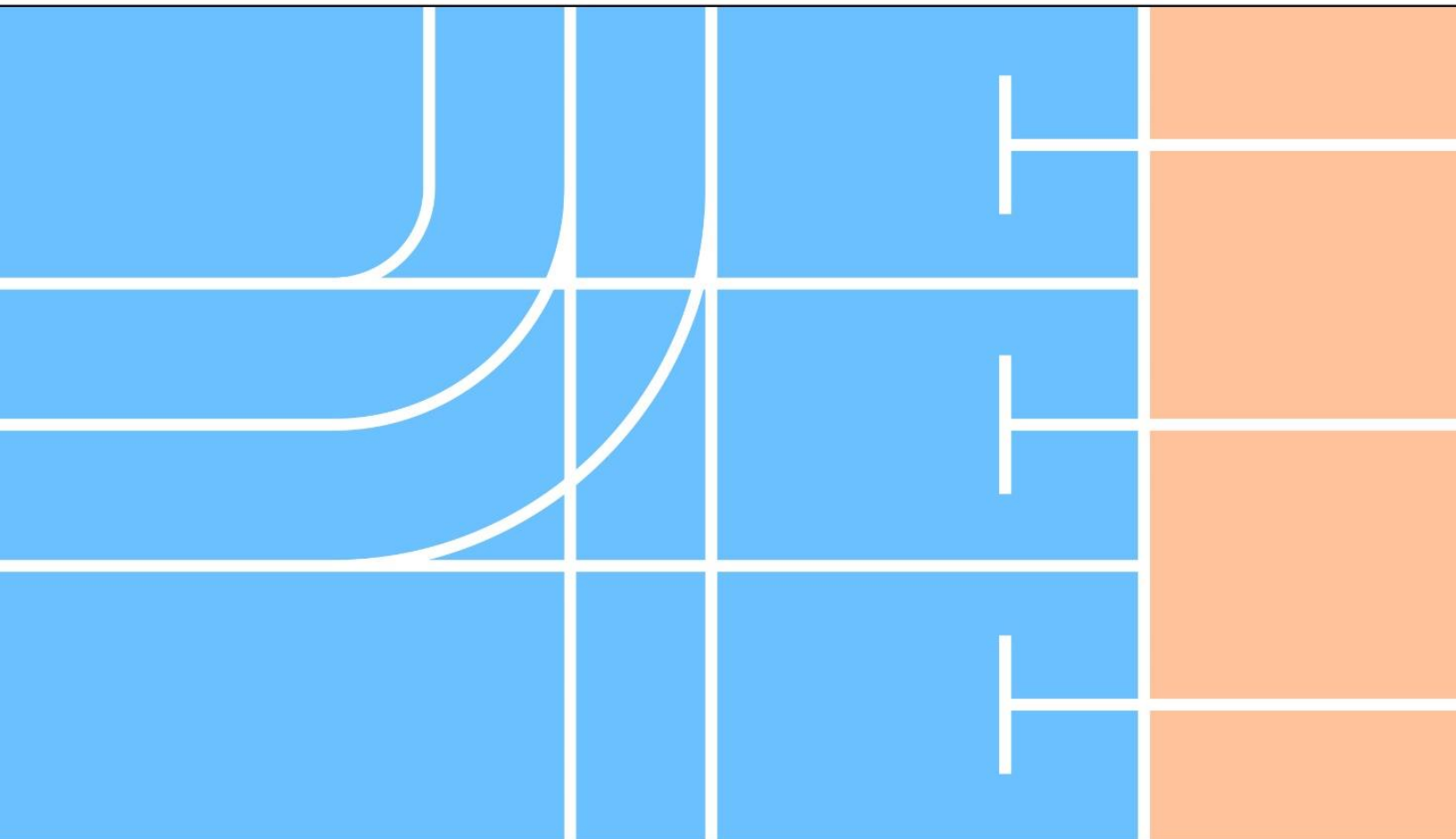




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PART ONE: INTRODUCTION, CODE PROVISIONS, **INTERNATIONAL STANDARD PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS** AND INTERPRETATION

1.0 Introduction and Scope

The *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* is a mandatory *International Standard* developed as part of the World Anti-Doping Program.

The purpose of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* is to establish (a) the **conditions**criteria that must be satisfied in order for a *Therapeutic Use Exemption* (or *TUE*) to be granted, permitting the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* in an *Athlete's Sample* or the *Athlete's Use* or *Attempted Use*, *Possession* and/or *Administration* or *Attempted Administration* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* for Therapeutic reasons; (b) the responsibilities imposed on *Anti-Doping Organizations* in making and communicating *TUE* decisions; (c) the process for an *Athlete* to apply for a *TUE*; (d) the process for an *Athlete* to get a *TUE* granted by one *Anti-Doping Organization* recognized by another *Anti-Doping Organization*; (e) the process for *WADA* to review *TUE* decisions; and (f) the strict confidentiality provisions that apply to the *TUE* process.

Terms used in this *International Standard* that are defined terms from the *Code* are italicized. Terms that are defined in this or another *International Standard* are underlined.

2.0 Code Provisions

The following articles in the **2021** *Code* are directly relevant to the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*; they can be obtained by referring to the *Code* itself:

- *Use Exemptions ("TUEs")* Code Article 4.4 *Therapeutic Use Exemptions*
- *Use Exemption Criteria* Code Article 10.2.4 *Therapeutic Use Exemption Criteria*
- *Relating to TUEs* Code Article 13.4 *Appeals*

3.0 Definitions and Interpretation

3.1 Defined terms from the **2021** *Code* that are used in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*

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.

Administration: Providing, supplying, supervising, facilitating, or otherwise participating in the *Use* or *Attempted Use* by another *Person* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*. However, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method 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 that such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic

purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

Adverse Analytical Finding: A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA- approved laboratory that, consistent with the *International Standard* for Laboratories, establishes in a *Sample* the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* or evidence of the *Use* of a *Prohibited Method*.

Anti-Doping Organization: WADA or 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*, International Federations, and *National Anti-Doping Organizations*.

Athlete: Any *Person* who competes in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation) or the national level (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*). An *Anti-Doping Organization* has discretion to apply anti-doping rules to an *Athlete* who is neither an *International-Level Athlete* nor a *National-Level Athlete*, and thus to bring them within the definition of “*Athlete*”. In relation to *Athletes* who are neither *International-Level* nor *National-Level Athletes*, an *Anti-Doping Organization* may elect to: conduct limited *Testing* or no *Testing* at all; analyze *Samples* for less than the full menu of *Prohibited Substances*; require limited or no whereabouts information; or not require advance ~~TUEs~~ [Therapeutic Use Exemptions](#). However, if an Article 2.1, 2.3 or 2.5 anti-doping rule violation is committed by any *Athlete* over whom an *Anti-Doping Organization* has elected to exercise its authority to test and who competes below the international or national level, then the *Consequences* set forth in the *Code* must be applied. For purposes of Article 2.8 and Article 2.9 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 to Athlete: Individuals who participate in sport may fall in one of five categories:

1) *International-Level Athlete*, 2) *National-Level Athlete*, 3) individuals who are not *International* or *National-Level Athletes* but over whom the *International Federation* or *National Anti-Doping Organization* has chosen to exercise authority, 4) *Recreational Athlete*, and 5) individuals over whom no *International Federation* or *National Anti-Doping Organization* has, or has chosen to, exercise authority. All *International* and *National-Level 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*.]

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*.

CAS: The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Code: The World Anti-Doping Code.

Competition: A single race, match, game or singular sport contest. For example, a basketball game or the finals of the Olympic 100-meter race in athletics. For stage races and other sport 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.

Education: The process of learning to instill values and develop behaviors that foster and protect the spirit of sport, and to prevent intentional and unintentional doping.

Event: A series of individual *Competitions* conducted together under one ruling body (e.g., the Olympic Games, World Championships of an International Federation, or Pan American Games).

In-Competition: The period commencing at 11:59 p.m. on the day 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*. Provided, however, WADA may approve, for a particular sport, an alternative definition if an International Federation provides a compelling justification that a different definition is necessary for its sport; upon such approval by WADA, the alternative definition shall be followed by all *Major Event Organizations* for that particular sport.

[Comment to In-Competition: Having a universally accepted definition for In-Competition provides greater harmonization among Athletes across all sports, eliminates or reduces confusion among Athletes about the relevant timeframe for In-Competition Testing, avoids inadvertent Adverse Analytical Findings in between Competitions during an Event and assists in preventing any potential performance enhancement benefits from substances prohibited Out-of-Competition being carried over to the Competition period.]

International Event: An *Event* or *Competition* 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* who compete in sport at the international level, as defined by each International Federation, consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

[Comment to International-Level Athlete: Consistent with the International Standard ~~for Testing and Investigations~~, the International Federation is free to determine the criteria it will use to classify Athletes as International-Level Athletes, e.g., by ranking, by participation in particular International Events, by type of license, etc. However, it must publish those criteria in clear and concise form, so that Athletes are able to ascertain quickly and easily when they will become classified as International-Level Athletes. For example, if the criteria include participation in certain International Events, then the International Federation must publish a list of those International Events.]

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* and *Technical Letters* issued pursuant to the *International Standard*.

Major Event Organizations: 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*.

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*, manage test results and conduct *Results Management* at the national level. 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-Level Athlete: *Athletes* who compete in sport at the national level, as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*, consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

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

Possession: The actual, physical *Possession*, or the constructive *Possession* (which shall be found only if the *Person* has exclusive control or intends to exercise control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists); provided, however, that if the *Person* does not have exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists, constructive *Possession* shall only be found if the *Person* knew about the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited 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 to Possession: Under this definition, anabolic 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 anabolic steroids and intended to have control over them. Similarly, in the example of anabolic 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 them. The act of purchasing a Prohibited Substance alone constitutes Possession, even where, for example, the product does not arrive, is received by someone else, or is sent to a third-party address.]

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, or class of substances, so described on the *Prohibited List*.

Recreational Athlete: A natural *Person* who is so defined by the relevant *National Anti-Doping Organization*; provided, however, the term shall not include any *Person* who, within the five (5) years prior to committing any anti-doping rule violation, has been an *International-Level Athlete* (as defined by each *International Federation* consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*) or *National-Level Athlete* (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*)

consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*), has represented any country in an *International Event* in an open category or has been included within any Registered Testing Pool or other whereabouts information pool maintained by any International Federation or *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

[Comment to Recreational Athlete: The term “open category” is meant to exclude competition that is limited to junior or age group categories. Those circumstances where a Protected Person or Recreational Athlete is to be treated differently than Persons or Athletes have been specifically identified in the Code. It should not be assumed, with respect to Article 7.4 or any other Article in the Code, that different treatment was intended where it is not specifically expressed.]

Results Management: The process encompassing the timeframe between notification as per Article 5 of the *International Standard for Results Management*, or in certain cases (e.g., *Atypical Finding, Athlete Biological Passport, ~~Whereabouts Failure~~ whereabouts failure*), such pre-notification steps expressly provided for in Article 5 of the *International Standard for Results Management*, through the charge until the final resolution of the matter, including the end of the hearing process at first instance or on appeal (if an appeal was lodged).

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

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

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

Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE): A *Therapeutic Use Exemption* allows an Athlete with a medical condition to use a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*, but only if the conditions set out in Article 4.4 and the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* are met.

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.

3.2 Defined terms from the *International Standard for the Data Protection of Privacy and Personal Information*

Personal Information: Information, whether in electronic or physical form, including without limitation Sensitive Personal Information, relating to an identified or identifiable ~~Participant or other Person whose information is~~ individual when Processed solely in the context of ~~an Anti-Doping Organization’s~~ Anti-Doping Activities.

*[Comment to Personal Information: It is understood that Personal Information includes, but is not limited to, information relating to an Athlete’s name, date of birth, contact details and sporting affiliations, whereabouts, designated TUEs (if any), anti-doping test results, and Results Management ~~(including disciplinary hearings, appeals and sanctions)~~. Personal Information also includes personal details and contact information relating to other ~~Persons~~ individuals, such as medical professionals and ~~other Persons~~ others working with, treating or assisting an Athlete in the context of Anti-Doping Activities. Such information remains Personal Information and is regulated by this *International Standard* for the entire duration of its Processing, irrespective of whether the relevant individual remains involved in organized sport.]*

Processing: (and its cognates, **Process** and **Processed**): Collecting, accessing, retaining, storing, disclosing, transferring, transmitting, amending, deleting or otherwise making use of Personal Information.

3.3 Defined terms specific to the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*

Therapeutic: Of or relating to the treatment of a diagnosed medical condition by remedial agents or methods; or providing or assisting in a cure.

Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee (or "TUEC"): The panel established by an *Anti-Doping Organization* to consider applications for *TUEs*.

WADA TUEC: The panel established by *WADA* to review the *TUE* decisions of other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.

3.4 Interpretation

3.4.1 The official text of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* ~~shall~~will be published in English and French. In the event of any conflict between the English and French versions, the English version ~~shall~~will prevail.

3.4.2 Like the *Code*, the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* has been drafted giving consideration to the principles of proportionality, human rights, and other applicable legal principles. It ~~shall~~will be interpreted and applied in that light.

3.4.3 The comments annotating various provisions of the *International Standard* for ~~3.4.4— Therapeutic Use Exemptions~~ ~~shall~~will be used to guide its interpretation.

~~3.4.4~~ ~~3.4.5~~—Unless otherwise specified, references to ~~Sections and~~ Articles are references to ~~Sections and~~ Articles of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.

~~3.4.5~~ ~~3.4.6~~—Where the term “days” is used in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, it ~~shall~~will mean calendar days unless otherwise specified.

~~3.4.6~~ ~~3.4.7~~—The Annexes to the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* have the same mandatory status as the rest of the *International Standard*.

PART TWO: STANDARDS AND PROCESS FOR GRANTING TUES

4.0 **Obtaining**Criteria for obtaining a TUE

4.1 An *Athlete* who needs to Use a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* for Therapeutic reasons must apply for and obtain a TUE prior to Using or Possessing the substance or method in question, unless the *Athlete* is entitled to apply for a TUE retroactively under Article ~~4.1.~~4.3 or has another acceptable justification for Possession in accordance with Code Article 2.6. Whether applying in advance or retroactively under Article 4.3, in both cases, the Article 4.2 ~~conditions~~criteria must be satisfied.

[Comment to Article ~~4.0-4.1~~: Athletes who Use or Possess a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method before obtaining a TUE do so at their own risk. A retroactive TUE or other acceptable justification for Possession would be required.]

There may be situations where an *Athlete* has a medical condition and is Using or Possessing a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* prior to becoming subject to anti-doping rules. In that case, such prior Use/Possession does not require a TUE, and a prospective TUE will be sufficient.]

4.2 An *Athlete* may be granted a TUE if (and only if) they can show, on the balance of probabilities, that each of the following criteria is met:

a) The *Athlete* has a diagnosed medical condition supported by relevant clinical evidence.

b) The *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is an indicated treatment for the medical condition, and there is no reasonable permitted Therapeutic alternative.

[Comment to Articles 4.2(a) and (b): The Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method may be part of a necessary diagnostic investigation rather than a treatment per se.]

[Comment to Article 4.2(b): An indicated treatment and considerations of reasonable permitted alternative(s) could be based on factors such as physician experience, evidence-based guidelines, side-effect profiles or other medical justifications, including, where applicable, geographically specific medical practice, and the ability to access the medication. It may not be necessary to try and fail alternatives before using the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.]

c) The Therapeutic Use of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* will not, on the balance of probabilities, produce any additional enhancement of performance beyond what might be anticipated by a return to the *Athlete*'s normal state of health following the treatment of the medical condition.

*[Comment to Article 4.2(c): An *Athlete*'s normal state of health will need to be determined on an individual basis. A normal state of health for a specific *Athlete* is their state of health but for the medical condition for which the *Athlete* is seeking a TUE.]*

d) The necessity for the Use of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is not a consequence, wholly or in part, of the prior Use (without a TUE) of a substance or method which was prohibited at the time of such Use.

[Comment to Article 4.2: The WADA TUE Physician Guidelines, available on WADA's website, should be used to assist in the application of these criteria in relation to particular medical conditions.]

The granting of a TUE is based solely on consideration of the [criteria](#) set out in Article 4.2. It does not consider whether the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is the most clinically appropriate or safe, or whether its Use is legal in all jurisdictions.

When an International Federation or Major Event Organization TUEC is deciding whether or not to recognize a TUE granted by another Anti-Doping Organization (see Article 7), and when WADA is reviewing a decision to grant (or not to grant) a TUE (see Article 8), the issue will be the same as it is for a TUEC that is considering an application for a TUE under Article 6, i.e., has the Athlete demonstrated on the balance of probabilities that each of the [criteria](#) set out in Article 4.2 is met?]

4.3 ~~4.1~~—A retroactive TUE provides an Athlete the opportunity to apply for a TUE for a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method after Using or Possessing the substance or method in question.

An Athlete may apply retroactively for a TUE (but must still meet the [conditions/criteria](#) in Article 4.2) if any one of the following exceptions applies:

- a) ~~Emergency~~[emergency](#) or urgent treatment of a medical condition was necessary;
- b) ~~There~~[there](#) was insufficient time, opportunity or ~~other~~ exceptional circumstances that ~~prevented~~[resulted in](#) the Athlete ~~from submitting (or the TUEC to consider) an application for the TUE prior to Sample collection~~[not being able to obtain a TUE prior to Using or Possessing the substance or method in question](#);
- c) ~~Due~~[due](#) to national level prioritization of certain sports or disciplines, the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization did not permit or require the Athlete to apply for a prospective TUE (see ~~comment to~~ Article ~~5.15.2c~~);
- d) ~~If~~[if](#) an Anti-Doping Organization chooses to collect a Sample from an Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete or National-Level Athlete, and that Athlete is Using a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for [Therapeutic](#) reasons, the Anti-Doping Organization must permit the Athlete to apply for a retroactive TUE; or
- e) ~~The~~[the](#) Athlete Used Out-of-Competition, for [Therapeutic](#) reasons, a Prohibited Substance that is only prohibited In-Competition.

[Comment to Article ~~4.14.3~~: The fulfillment of one of the retroactive exceptions does not mean that a TUE will necessarily be granted; it means that the Athlete's application may be evaluated under Article 4.2 to determine if the specified TUE [conditions/criteria](#) have been satisfied.]

[Comment to Article ~~4.14.3~~(c), (d) and (e): Such Athletes are strongly advised to have a medical file prepared and ready to demonstrate their satisfaction of the TUE [conditions/criteria](#) set out at Article 4.2, in case an application for a retroactive TUE is necessary following Sample collection.]

[Comment to Article ~~4.14.3~~(e): This seeks to address situations where, for [Therapeutic](#) reasons, an Athlete Uses a substance Out-of-Competition that is only prohibited In-Competition, but there is a risk that the substance will remain in their system In-Competition. In such situations, the Anti-Doping Organization must permit the Athlete to apply for a retroactive TUE (where the Athlete has not applied in advance). This also seeks to prevent Anti-Doping Organizations from having to assess advance TUE applications that may not be necessary.]

~~4.2~~—An Athlete may be granted a TUE if (and only if) they can show, on the balance of probabilities, that each of the following ~~conditions is met~~:

- a) ~~The Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question is needed to treat a diagnosed medical condition supported by relevant clinical evidence.~~

~~[Comment to Article 4.2(a): The Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method may be part of a necessary diagnostic investigation rather than a treatment per se.]~~

- ~~b) The Therapeutic Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method will not, on the balance of probabilities, produce any additional enhancement of performance beyond what might be anticipated by a return to the Athlete's normal state of health following the treatment of the medical condition.~~

~~[Comment to Article 4.2(b): An Athlete's normal state of health will need to be determined on an individual basis. A normal state of health for a specific Athlete is their state of health but for the medical condition for which the Athlete is seeking a TUE.]~~

- ~~e) The Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is an indicated treatment for the medical condition, and there is no reasonable permitted Therapeutic alternative.~~

~~[Comment to Article 4.2(c): The physician must explain why the treatment chosen was the most appropriate, e.g., based on experience, side-effect profiles or other medical justifications, including, where applicable, geographically specific medical practice, and the ability to access the medication. Further, it is not always necessary to try and fail alternatives before using the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.]~~

- ~~d) The necessity for the Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is not a consequence, wholly or in part, of the prior Use (without a TUE) of a substance or method which was prohibited at the time of such Use.~~

~~[Comment to Article 4.2: The WADA documents titled "TUE Physician Guidelines", posted on WADA's website, should be used to assist in the application of these criteria in relation to particular medical conditions.~~

~~The granting of a TUE is based solely on consideration of the **conditions** set out in Article 4.2. It does not consider whether the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is the most clinically appropriate or safe, or whether its Use is legal in all jurisdictions.~~

~~When an International Federation or Major Event Organization TUEC is deciding whether or not to recognize a TUE granted by another Anti-Doping Organization (see Article 7), and when WADA is reviewing a decision to grant (or not to grant) a TUE (see Article 8), the issue will be the same as it is for a TUEC that is considering an application for a TUE under Article 6, i.e., has the Athlete demonstrated on the balance of probabilities that each of the **conditions** set out in Article 4.2 is met?]~~

- 4.4** ~~4.3~~—In exceptional circumstances and notwithstanding any other provision in this *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, an Athlete may apply for and be granted a retroactive **approval TUE** for their Therapeutic Use of a *Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method* if, considering the purpose of the Code, it would be manifestly unfair not to grant a retroactive TUE. For *International-Level Athletes* and *National-Level Athletes*, an *Anti-Doping Organization* may grant an Athlete's application for a retroactive TUE pursuant to this Article only with the prior approval of WADA (and WADA may in its absolute discretion agree with or reject the *Anti-Doping Organization's* decision).

For Athletes who are not *International-Level Athletes* or *National-Level Athletes*, the relevant *Anti-Doping Organization* may grant an Athlete's application for a retroactive TUE pursuant to this Article without first consulting WADA; however, WADA may at any time review an *Anti-Doping Organization's* decision to grant a retroactive TUE pursuant to this Article, and may in its absolute discretion, agree with or reverse the decision.

Any decision made by WADA and/or an *Anti-Doping Organization* under this Article may not be challenged either as a defense to proceedings for an anti-doping rule

violation, or by way of appeal, or otherwise.

~~All decisions of an Anti-Doping Organization under this Article 4.3, whether granting or denying a TUE, must be reported through ADAMS in accordance with Article 5.5.~~

~~[Comment to Article 4.3.4: For the avoidance of doubt, retroactive approval may be granted under Article 4.3.4 even if the conditions/criteria in Article 4.2 are not met (although satisfaction of such conditions/criteria will be a relevant consideration). Other relevant factors might include, without limitation, the reasons why the Athlete did not apply in advance; the Athlete's experience; the Education previously received by the Athlete; whether the Athlete declared the Use of the substance or method on the Doping Control form; and the recent expiration of the Athlete's TUE. In making its decision]~~

4.5 The criteria in Article 4.2 must be assessed by a TUEC. The criteria in Article 4.3 must be assessed by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization, WADA which may, at its discretion, consult with a member(s) an appropriate medical or scientific expert(s) (for example, a member of staff or a member of a TUEC). The criteria in Article 4.4 must be assessed by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization in consultation with an appropriate medical or scientific expert(s) (for example, a member of staff or a WADA member of a TUEC).

5.0 TUE Responsibilities of Anti-Doping Organizations

5.1 Each Anti-Doping Organization must establish a clear process for applying for a TUE that complies with the requirements of this International Standard.

~~[Comment to Article 5.1: Annex 1 contains flowcharts summarizing the key TUE procedures for National Anti-Doping Organizations, International Federations and Major Event Organizations, including who has authority to make TUE decisions, recognition of such decisions, and rights of review/appeal (see Code Article 4.4).]~~

5.2 Each Anti-Doping Organization must publish the following information in a conspicuous place on its website that is easily accessible to all Athletes and stakeholders:

- a) Details of its TUE application process, including clearly setting out which Athletes are required to apply to it for a TUE, and when.
- b) The TUE application form (or alternative application method). If an application form is used, it must be based on the "TUE Application Form" template available on WADA's website. The template may be modified by Anti-Doping Organizations to include additional requests for information, but no sections or items may be removed. The template may be translated into other languages by Anti-Doping Organizations, but certain elements of the original English or French text must remain on the form, as set out in the template.
- c) For each National Anti-Doping Organization, its definition of National-Level Athlete.
- ~~d) 5.1 Code Article 4.4 specifies (a) which Anti-Doping Organizations have authority to make TUE decisions; (b) how those TUE decisions should be recognized and respected by other For National Anti-Doping Organizations; and (c) when TUE decisions may be reviewed and/or appealed.~~

~~[Comment to Article 5.1: See Annex 1 – Code Article 4.4 Flowchart summarizing the key provisions of Code Article 4.4.~~

~~Where, where~~ national policy requirements and imperatives lead a *National Anti-Doping Organization* to prioritize certain sports or disciplines over others in its test distribution planning (as contemplated by Article 4.4.1 of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*), the *National Anti-Doping Organization* may decline to consider advance applications for *TUEs* from *Athletes* in some or all of the non-priority sports or disciplines, ~~(but in that case it must permit any such Athlete from whom a Sample is subsequently collected to apply for a retroactive TUE in accordance with Article 4.3(c)).~~ The *National Anti-Doping Organization* ~~should publicize any such policy~~ must clearly set out on its website ~~for the benefit of affected~~ which Athletes are not required to apply for a TUE in advance under any such policy.

e) For each International Federation, a clear definition of International-Level Athlete and a clear definition/list of International Events, so that Athletes can understand their TUE obligations.

~~Code Article 4.4.2 specifies the authority of a National Anti-Doping Organization to make TUE decisions in respect of Athletes who are not International-Level Athletes. In case of dispute as to which National Anti-Doping Organization should deal with the TUE application of an Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete, WADA will decide. WADA's decision will be final and not subject to appeal.]~~

~~5.2 For the avoidance of doubt, when a National Anti-Doping Organization grants a TUE to an Athlete, that TUE is valid at national level on a global basis and does not need to be formally recognized by other National Anti-Doping Organizations under Article 7.0 (for example, if an Athlete is granted a TUE by their National Anti-Doping Organization and then trains or competes in the country of another National Anti-Doping Organization, that TUE will be valid if the Athlete is then tested by such other National Anti-Doping Organization)~~

f) For each International Federation and (where applicable) Major Event Organization that was granted an exception to automatic recognition under Article 7.1(b): (1) which TUE decisions of other Anti-Doping Organizations it will automatically recognize (if any); and (2) which TUE decisions of other Anti-Doping Organizations will have to be submitted to it by the Athlete for evaluation.

5.3 Each *National Anti-Doping Organization*, *International Federation* and (where applicable) Major Event Organization must establish a *TUEC* to consider whether applications for grant or recognition of *TUEs* meet the ~~conditions~~ criteria set out in Article 4.2.:

~~[Comment to Article 5.3: For the avoidance of doubt, the fulfilment of the conditions set out in Articles 4.1 and 4.3 may be determined by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization in consultation with a member(s) of the TUEC.]~~

~~While a Major Event Organization may choose to recognize pre-existing TUEs automatically, there must be a mechanism for Athletes participating in the Event to obtain a new TUE if the need arises. It is up to each Major Event Organization whether it sets up its own TUEC for this purpose, or rather whether it outsources the task by agreement to a third party. The aim in each case is to ensure that Athletes competing in such Events have the ability to obtain TUEs quickly and efficiently before they compete.]~~

a) A pool of potential TUEC members may be established, from which TUECs can be selected for specific applications.

b) A TUEC may seek the assistance of such other medical or scientific experts as it deems appropriate.

c) ~~a) TUECs~~ A TUEC considering a specific application should include at least three (3) physicians with experience in the care and treatment of *Athletes* and a sound knowledge of clinical, sports and exercise medicine. In cases where specific expertise is required (for example, for *Athletes* with impairments where the substance or method pertains to the *Athlete's* impairment), at least one (1) TUEC member or expert should possess such expertise. One (1) physician member should act as chair of the TUEC.

d) Decisions should ideally be reached through consensus of the TUEC, with further input from other physicians and/or experts, if necessary. If consensus cannot be reached, a majority decision will be made.

e) ~~b)~~ In order to ensure impartiality of decisions, all members of the TUEC must ~~sign~~ have signed a conflict of interest and confidentiality declaration (a template declaration is available on WADA's website).

~~5.4 Each National Anti-Doping Organization, International Federation and Major Event Organization must establish a clear process for applying to its TUEC for a TUE that complies with the requirements of this International Standard. It must also publish details of that process by (at a minimum) posting the information in a conspicuous place on its website. The Anti-Doping Organization/TUEC will decide whether or not to grant the application/recognize the TUE as soon as possible, and usually within no more than twenty-one (21) days of receipt of a complete application/request for recognition. Where a TUE application/request for recognition is made in a reasonable time prior to an Event, the Anti-Doping Organization/TUEC must use its best endeavors to issue its decision before the start of the Event.~~

5.5 The effective date for a prospective TUE will be the date of the TUEC's decision to grant the TUE. Retroactive TUEs do not continue into the future and apply retroactively where an Athlete has already Used or Possessed the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question.

[Comment to Article 5.5: An Anti-Doping Organization may grant a prospective TUE in conjunction with a retroactive TUE, and vice versa. This process will be facilitated within ADAMS.]

5.6 Each TUE will have a specified duration, as decided by the TUEC, at the end of which the TUE will expire automatically. The duration of the TUE should generally reflect the duration of treatment.

[Comment to Article 5.6: Where applicable, the duration of the TUE should be guided by the WADA TUE Physician Guidelines.]

5.7 The Anti-Doping Organization/TUEC must notify the Athlete of its decision in writing. A decision not to grant or not to recognize a TUE must include a clear explanation of the reason(s) for the decision, and notification of the Athlete's rights of review and appeal (if applicable).

5.8 ~~5.5~~ Each National Anti-Doping Organization, International Federation and Major Event Organization must promptly report (in English or French) all decisions ~~of its TUE~~ granting or denying TUEs, and all decisions to recognize or refusing to recognize other Anti-Doping Organizations' TUE decisions, through ADAMS as soon as possible and in any event within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the decision. ~~A decision to deny a TUE shall~~ In respect of TUEs denied/not recognized, the information reported must include ana clear explanation of the reason(s) for the ~~denial~~ decision. In respect of TUEs granted, the information reported ~~shall~~ must include ~~(in English or French)~~:

- a) ~~Whether~~ whether the Athlete was permitted to apply for a TUE retroactively under Article ~~4.14.3~~ and ana clear explanation of the reason(s) why, or whether the Athlete was permitted to apply for and was granted a TUE retroactively under Article ~~4.34.4~~ and ana clear explanation of the reason(s) why;
- b) ~~The~~ the approved substance or method, the dosage(s), frequency, route of ~~Administration~~ administration permitted, the duration of the TUE ~~(and, if different, the duration of prescribed treatment)~~, and any conditions imposed in connection with the TUE; and
- c) ~~The~~ the TUE application form (if not completed electronically in ADAMS) and the relevant clinical information establishing that the Article 4.2 ~~conditions~~ criteria have been satisfied in respect of such TUE (for access only by WADA, the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization and International Federation, and the Major Event Organization organizing an Event in which the Athlete wishes to compete).

[Comment to Article ~~5.5.8~~: ~~If a~~ The content of the TUE application form ~~is used it may be translated into other languages by Anti-Doping Organizations, but the original English or French text must remain on the form, and an~~ must be provided in English or French ~~translation of the content must be provided~~. The full medical file, including diagnostic tests, laboratory results and values must be provided, but need not be translated into English or French. However, a translated summary of all the key information (including key diagnostic tests) must be entered into ADAMS, with sufficient information to clearly establish the diagnosis. It is strongly suggested that the summary be prepared by a physician or other person with adequate medical knowledge, in order to properly understand and summarize the medical information. More detailed/full translations may be required by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization or WADA, upon request.]

5.9 The Anti-Doping Organization that granted the TUE will be responsible for the ongoing monitoring of any conditions attached to the TUE, unless agreed otherwise by the relevant Anti-Doping Organizations. This remains the case whether or not the TUE is then recognized by another Anti-Doping Organization under Article 7.0.

5.10 ~~5.6~~ When a National Anti-Doping Organization grants a TUE to an Athlete, it must warn ~~him/her~~ them in writing that (a) the TUE is valid at national level only, and (b) if the Athlete becomes an International-Level Athlete or competes in an International Event, or becomes subject to the TUE requirements of a Major Event Organization, that TUE will not be valid for those purposes unless it is recognized by the relevant International Federation or Major Event Organization in accordance with Article 7.0. ~~Thereafter,~~ The National Anti-Doping Organization should help the Athlete to determine ~~when~~ whether they need to submit the TUE to an International Federation or Major Event Organization for recognition, ~~and/or~~ whether the TUE is automatically recognized. The National Anti-Doping Organization should guide and support the Athlete through the recognition process.

~~5.7~~ Each International Federation and Major Event Organization must publish and keep updated a notice (at a minimum, by posting it in a conspicuous place on its website and sending it to WADA) that sets out clearly (1) which Athletes under its jurisdiction are required to apply to it for a TUE, and when; (2) which TUE decisions of other Anti-Doping Organizations it will automatically recognize in lieu of such application, in accordance with Article 7.1(a); and (3) which TUE decisions of other Anti-Doping Organizations will have to be submitted to it for recognition, in accordance with Article 7.1(b).

~~5.8~~ If a National Anti-Doping Organization grants a TUE to an Athlete and the Athlete subsequently becomes an International-Level Athlete or competes in an International Event, the TUE will not be valid unless and until the relevant International Federation recognizes that TUE in accordance with Article 7.0. If an International Federation grants a TUE to an Athlete and the Athlete then competes in an International Event organized by a Major Event Organization, the TUE will not be valid unless and until the relevant Major Event Organization recognizes that TUE in accordance with Article 7.0. As a result, if the International Federation or Major Event Organization (as applicable) declines to recognize that TUE, then (subject to the Athlete's rights of review and appeal) that TUE may not be relied upon to excuse the presence, Use, Possession or Administration of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method mentioned in the TUE vis-à-vis that International Federation or Major Event Organization.

6.0 TUE Application Process

~~6.1~~ An Athlete who needs a TUE should apply ~~as soon as possible~~. For substances prohibited ~~In-Competition only~~, the Athlete should apply for a TUE at least thirty (30) days before their next Competition, unless it is an emergency or exceptional situation.

~~6.2~~ The Athlete should apply to their National to the appropriate Anti-Doping Organization; International Federation and/or a Major Event Organization (as applicable), as soon as possible online or using the TUE application form provided. ~~Anti-Doping Organizations shall make the application form or process they want~~

6.2 Athletes who are not International-Level Athletes must apply to use available on their websites. If an application form is used, it must be based on the "TUE Application Form" template available on WADA's website. The template may be modified by Anti-Doping Organizations to include additional requests for information, but no sections or items may be removed National Anti-Doping Organization for a TUE.

[Comment to Article 6.2: In case of dispute as to which National Anti-Doping Organization should deal with the TUE application of an Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete, WADA will decide. WADA's decision will be final and not subject to appeal.]

[Comment to Article 6.2: In certain situations, an Athlete may not know which National Anti-Doping Organization they should apply to for a TUE. In such circumstances, the Athlete should consult the National Anti-Doping Organization of the country of the sport organization for which they compete (or with which they are a member or license holder), to determine if they fall within that National Anti-Doping Organization's TUE jurisdiction, according to their rules.]

If that National Anti-Doping Organization refuses to evaluate the TUE application because the Athlete does not fall within its TUE jurisdiction, the Athlete should consult the anti-doping rules of the National Anti-Doping Organization of the country in which they reside (if different).

If the Athlete still does not fall within that National Anti-Doping Organization's TUE jurisdiction, the Athlete should then consult the anti-doping rules of the National Anti-Doping Organization of their country of citizenship (if different from where they compete or reside).

Athletes may contact any of the above-referenced National Anti-Doping Organizations for assistance with determining whether the National Anti-Doping Organization has TUE jurisdiction. In the event that none of the above-mentioned National Anti-Doping Organizations have TUE jurisdiction, where there is an Adverse Analytical Finding, the Athlete should ordinarily be permitted to apply for a retroactive TUE from the Anti-Doping Organization that has Results Management authority. See also the summary flowcharts on “Where to Apply?” in the [medical TUE](#) section of WADA’s website.]

6.3 ~~An Athlete may not apply to more than one (1) Anti-Doping Organization for a TUE for the Use of the same Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for the same medical condition. Nor may an Athlete have more than one (1) TUE at a time for the Use of the same Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for the same medical condition (and any such new TUE will supersede the previous TUE, which should be cancelled by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization).~~ Athletes who are International-Level Athletes must apply to their International Federation. However, where the Athlete already has a TUE granted by their National Anti-Doping Organization, they should not submit an application for a new TUE to the International Federation but the existing TUE will need to be recognized by the International Federation in accordance with Article 7.0.

6.4 As per Code Article 4.4.4, a Major Event Organization may require Athletes to apply to it for a TUE if they wish to Use a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method in connection with the Event. If a TUE is granted by a Major Event Organization it is effective for its Event only. Where the Athlete already has a TUE granted by their National Anti-Doping Organization or International Federation, they should not submit an application for a new TUE to the Major Event Organization but the existing TUE will need to be recognized by the Major Event Organization in accordance with Article 7.0.

6.5 ~~6.4~~ ~~The Athlete should submit the TUE application to the relevant Anti-Doping Organization via ADAMS or as otherwise specified by the Anti-Doping Organization. The’s TUE~~ application must be accompanied by a comprehensive medical history, including documentation from the original diagnosing physician(s) (where possible) and the results of all relevant examinations, laboratory investigations and imaging studies. The application form must include ~~the~~ physician’s signature; (which may be electronic) in the designated area.

[Comment to Article ~~6.4~~ 6.5: The information submitted in relation to the diagnosis and treatment should be guided by the relevant WADA ~~documents posted~~ [TUE Physician Guidelines available](#) on WADA’s website.]

~~6.5~~ ~~The Athlete should keep a complete copy of the TUE application and of all materials and information submitted to their Anti-Doping Organization.~~

6.6 A TUE application will only be ~~considered by the TUEC~~ assessed following the receipt of a properly completed application, accompanied by all relevant documents. Incomplete applications will be returned to the Athlete for completion and re-submission. If the Athlete fails to respond to the Anti-Doping Organization within a reasonable timeframe following notification of the requirement for additional information, the Anti-Doping Organization may cancel the TUE application.

6.7 The Anti-Doping Organization/TUEC may request from the Athlete or their physician any additional information, examinations or imaging studies, or other information that it deems necessary in order to consider the Athlete’s application; ~~and/or it may seek the assistance of such other medical or scientific experts as it deems appropriate.~~

6.8 The *Athlete* should keep a complete copy of the *TUE* application and of all materials and information submitted to their *Anti-Doping Organization*.

6.9 ~~6.8~~ Any costs incurred by the *Athlete* in making the *TUE* application and in supplementing it as required by the *Anti-Doping Organization/TUEC* are the responsibility of the *Athlete*.

~~6.9~~ The *TUEC* shall decide whether or not to grant the application as soon as possible, and usually (i.e., unless exceptional circumstances apply) within no more than twenty-one (21) days of receipt of a complete application. Where a *TUE* application is made in a reasonable time prior to an *Event*, the *TUEC* must use its best endeavors to issue its decision before the start of the *Event*.

6.10 The *TUEC*'s decision must be communicated in writing to the *Athlete* and must be made available to WADA and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* via ADAMS, in accordance with Article 5.5. In the event that, after their *TUE* is granted, the *Athlete* requires a materially different dosage, frequency, route or duration of administration of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* to that specified in the *TUE*, they must contact the relevant *Anti-Doping Organization*, who will then determine whether the *Athlete* needs to apply for a new *TUE*.

[Comment to Article 6.10: It is recognized that for certain medical conditions, dosages may fluctuate, particularly during the early stages of the establishment of a treatment regime or for a condition such as insulin-dependent diabetes. Such potential fluctuations should be accounted for in the TUE. However, in the event of a change that is not accounted for in the TUE, the Athlete must contact the relevant Anti-Doping Organization to determine whether a new TUE is required.]

6.11 ~~Each *TUE* will have a specified duration, as decided by the *TUEC*, at the end of which the *TUE* will expire automatically.~~ If the *Athlete* needs to continue to Use the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* after the expiry date of their *TUE*, they must submit an application for a new *TUE* well in advance of that expiry date, so that there is sufficient time for a decision to be made on the application before the expiry date.

[Comment to Article 6.11: Where applicable, the duration of validity should be guided by the WADA documents titled "TUE Physician Guidelines".]

6.12 A *TUE* will be withdrawn prior to expiry if the *Athlete* does not promptly comply with any requirements or conditions imposed by the *Anti-Doping Organization* granting the *TUE*. Alternatively a *TUE* may be reversed upon review by WADA or on appeal.

6.13 An *Athlete* may be granted more than one *TUE* for different treatments or medical conditions. However, an *Athlete* may not apply to more than one (1) *Anti-Doping Organization* for a *TUE* for the Use of the same *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* for the same medical condition. Nor may an *Athlete* have more than one (1) *TUE* at a time for the Use of the same *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* for the same medical condition (and any such new *TUE* will supersede the previous *TUE*, which should be cancelled by the relevant *Anti-Doping Organization*).

- 6.14** ~~6.13~~—Where an *Adverse Analytical Finding* is issued ~~shortly~~ after a *TUE* for the *Prohibited Substance* in question has expired or has been withdrawn or reversed, the *Anti-Doping Organization* conducting the initial review of the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, in accordance with Article 5.1.1.1 of the *International Standard for Results Management* ~~shall~~must consider whether the finding is consistent with *Use* of the *Prohibited Substance* prior to the expiry, withdrawal or reversal of the *TUE*. If so, such *Use* (and any resulting presence of the *Prohibited Substance* in the *Athlete's Sample*) is not an anti-doping rule violation.
- 6.15** ~~6.14~~ ~~In the event that, after their *TUE* is granted, the *Athlete* requires a materially different dosage, frequency, route or duration of *Administration* of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* to that specified in the *TUE*, they must contact the relevant *Anti-Doping Organization*, who will then determine whether the *Athlete* needs to apply for a new *TUE*.~~ If the presence, *Use*, *Possession* or *Administration* of ~~the~~a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is not consistent with the terms of the *TUE* granted, the fact that the *Athlete* has the *TUE* will not prevent the finding of an anti-doping rule violation.
- ~~[Comment to Article 6.14: It is recognized that for certain medical conditions, dosages may fluctuate, particularly during the early stages of the establishment of a treatment regime or for a condition such as insulin-dependent diabetes. Such potential fluctuations should be accounted for in the *TUE*. However, in the event of a change that is not accounted for in the *TUE*, the *Athlete* must contact the relevant *Anti-Doping Organization* to determine whether a new *TUE* is required.]~~
- 6.16** For the avoidance of doubt, when a *National Anti-Doping Organization* grants a *TUE* to an *Athlete*, that *TUE* is valid at national level on a global basis and does not need to be formally recognized by other *National Anti-Doping Organizations* under Article 7.0 (for example, if an *Athlete* is granted a *TUE* by their *National Anti-Doping Organization* and then trains or competes in the country of another *National Anti-Doping Organization*, that *TUE* will be valid if the *Athlete* is then tested by the other *National Anti-Doping Organization*).
- 6.17** If a *National Anti-Doping Organization* grants a *TUE* to an *Athlete* and the *Athlete* subsequently becomes an *International-Level Athlete* or competes in an *International Event* or becomes subject to the *TUE* requirements of a *Major Event Organization*, the *TUE* will not be valid unless and until the relevant *International Federation/Major Event Organization* recognizes that *TUE* in accordance with Article 7.0. If an *International Federation* grants a *TUE* to an *Athlete* and the *Athlete* then becomes subject to the *TUE* requirements of a *Major Event Organization*, the *TUE* will not be valid for those purposes unless and until the relevant *Major Event Organization* recognizes that *TUE* in accordance with Article 7.0. As a result, if the *International Federation* or *Major Event Organization* (as applicable) declines to recognize that *TUE*, then (subject to the *Athlete's* rights of review and appeal) that *TUE* may not be relied upon to excuse the presence, *Use*, *Possession* or *Administration* of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* mentioned in the *TUE* vis-à-vis that *International Federation* or *Major Event Organization*.
- 6.18** If an *International Federation* grants a *TUE*, the *National Anti-Doping Organization* has twenty-one (21) days from the notification to refer the matter to *WADA* for review:

- a) If the National Anti-Doping Organization refers the matter to WADA for review, the TUE granted by the International Federation remains valid for international-level Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing (but is not valid for national-level Competition) pending WADA's decision.
- b) If the National Anti-Doping Organization does not refer the matter to WADA for review within the deadline, the TUE granted by the International Federation becomes valid for national-level Competition when the twenty-one (21) day review deadline expires.

7.0 TUE Recognition Process

7.1 Code Article 4.4 requires *Anti-Doping Organizations* to recognize TUEs granted by other *Anti-Doping Organizations* that satisfy the Article 4.2 ~~conditions~~criteria. Therefore, if an *Athlete* who becomes subject to the TUE requirements of an International Federation or *Major Event Organization* already has a TUE, they should not submit an application for a new TUE to the International Federation or *Major Event Organization*. Instead:

- a) Unless WADA has granted an exception under Article 7.1(b), all TUE decisions that are made pursuant to Code Article 4.4 and are reported in accordance with Article 5.8 will be automatically recognized by the International Federation or Major Event Organization. In this case the Athlete does not need to take any further action, and the TUE cannot then be subject to further review by the International Federation or Major Event Organization.
- b) ~~a) The WADA may, in its discretion, grant an International Federation or Major Event Organization may publish notice that an exception to the default position of automatic recognition. If an exception is granted, the International Federation or Major Event Organization must publish the following information in accordance with Article 5.2(f): (1) which TUE decisions it will automatically recognize TUE decisions made pursuant to Code Article 4.4 (or certain categories of such decisions, e.g., those made by specified Anti-Doping Organizations, or those relating to particular Prohibited Substances), provided that such TUE decisions have been reported in accordance with Article 5.5. If the Athlete's TUE falls into a category of TUEs (if any); and (2) which TUE decisions will have to be submitted to it by the Athlete for evaluation. For TUE decisions that are automatically recognized in this way at the time the TUE is granted, they do the Athlete does not need to take any further action. The, and the TUE may not cannot then be subject to further review by the Anti-Doping International Federation or Major Event Organization once automatically recognized.~~

[Comment to Article 7.1(a): Automatic recognition of TUE decisions can ease the burden on Athletes. Nevertheless, International Federations and Major Event Organizations should carefully select the Anti-Doping Organizations and/or substances for which they will automatically recognize. If an International Federation or Major Event Organization is willing to grant automatic recognition of TUE may instead wish to review such decisions (or certain categories of such decisions e.g., it should publish on its website and keep updated a list of Anti-Doping Organizations whose TUE decisions it will recognize automatically, and/or a list of those relating to particular Prohibited Substances for which TUE decisions will be recognized automatically).]

- ~~b) In the absence of such automatic recognition, the Athlete shall submit a request for recognition of the granted TUE to the International Federation or Major Event Organization in question, via ADAMS or as otherwise specified by that International~~

~~Federation or Major Event Organization.~~

~~[Comment to Article 7.1(b): Recognition is based solely on satisfaction of the Article 4.2 conditions. Accordingly, TUE duration alone is not a reason to deny recognition (unless it relates to satisfaction of the Article 4.2 conditions). Where applicable, TUE duration should be guided by the WADA TUE Physician Guidelines.]~~

~~7.2~~ ~~Incomplete requests for~~if an exception to automatic recognition of a TUE will be returned to the Athlete for completion and re-submission. In addition is granted by WADA under Article 7.1(b), the Anti-Doping Organization/TUEC may request from the Athlete or their physician any additional information, examinations or imaging studies, or other information that it deems necessary in order to consider the Athlete's request for recognition of the TUE;

~~7.3~~ An International Federation/Major Event Organization may recognize a TUE retroactively (provided the Athlete has demonstrated on the balance of probabilities that each of the criteria set out in Article 4.2 is met).

~~[Comment to Article 7.3: Retroactive recognition is at the Athlete's own risk as the International Federation/Major Event Organization may decide not to recognize the TUE. In that case the TUE will not be valid for those purposes and/or it may seek the assistance of such other medical or scientific experts as it deems appropriate not be relied on to excuse the presence, Use, Possession or Administration of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method mentioned in the TUE vis-à-vis the International Federation or Major Event Organization.]~~

~~7.4~~ 7.3 Any costs incurred by the Athlete in making the request for recognition of the TUE and in supplementing it as required by the Anti-Doping Organization/TUEC are the responsibility of the Athlete.

~~7.4~~ ~~The TUEC shall decide whether or not to recognize the TUE as soon as possible, and usually (i.e., unless exceptional circumstances apply) within no more than twenty-one (21) days of receipt of a complete request for recognition. Where the request is made a reasonable time prior to an Event, the TUEC must use its best endeavors to issue its decision before the start of the Event.~~

~~7.5~~ ~~The TUEC's decision will be notified in writing to the Athlete and will be made available to WADA and to other Anti-Doping Organizations via ADAMS. A decision not to recognize a TUE must include an explanation of the reason(s) for the non-recognition.~~If an International Federation who was granted an exception to automatic recognition under Article 7.1(b) refuses to recognize the TUE, the Athlete or the National Anti-Doping Organization will have twenty-one (21) days from the notification to refer the matter to WADA for review:

a) If the matter is referred to WADA for review, the TUE granted by the National Anti-Doping Organization remains valid for national-level Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing (but is not valid for international-level Competition) pending WADA's decision.

b) If the matter is not referred to WADA for review within the deadline, the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization must determine whether the original TUE granted by that National Anti-Doping Organization should nevertheless remain valid for national-level Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing (provided that the Athlete ceases to be an International-Level Athlete and does not participate in international-level Competition). Pending the National Anti-Doping Organization's decision, the TUE remains valid for national-level Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing (but is not valid for international-level Competition).

[Comment to Article 7.5: A decision to recognize (or not) a TUE decision is based solely on satisfaction of the Article 4.2 criteria. Accordingly, TUE duration alone is not a reason to deny recognition (unless it relates to satisfaction of the Article 4.2 criteria). Where applicable, TUE duration should be guided by the WADA TUE Physician Guidelines.]

7.6 If an International Federation chooses to test an Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete, it must recognize a TUE granted by that Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization unless the Athlete is required to apply for recognition of the TUE pursuant to Articles 5.8 and 7.0, i.e., because the Athlete is competing in an International Event.

8.0 Review of ~~TUE Decisions~~ decisions by WADA

8.1 As per Code Article 4.4.6 ~~provides that, WADA, in certain cases, must review TUE decisions of International Federations, and that it may~~ has the following powers of review ~~any other TUE decisions~~, in each case to determine compliance with the Article ~~4.14.2~~ and ~~4.2 conditions~~ Article 4.3 criteria:

a) WADA must review an International Federation's decision not to recognize a TUE granted by a National Anti-Doping Organization that is referred to it by the Athlete or the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization.

b) WADA must review an International Federation's decision to grant a TUE that is referred to it by the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization.

c) WADA may review any other TUE decisions at any time, whether upon request by those affected or on its own initiative.

8.2 In relation to the Article 4.2 ~~conditions~~ criteria, WADA ~~shall~~ will establish a WADA TUEC that meets the requirements of Article 5.3 to carry out such reviews. In relation to the Article ~~4.1 conditions~~ 4.3 criteria, these ~~can~~ will be reviewed by WADA (which may, at its discretion, consult with an appropriate medical or scientific expert(s) (for example, a member(s) of a WADA TUEC staff or an external expert)).

8.3 ~~8.2~~ Each request for review must be submitted to WADA in writing and must be accompanied by payment of the application fee established by WADA, as well as copies of all of the information specified in Article ~~6.46.5~~ (or, in the case of review of a TUE denial, all of the information that the Athlete submitted in connection with the original TUE application). The request must be copied to the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose decision would be the subject of the review, and to the *Athlete* (if they are not requesting the review).

- 8.4** ~~8.3~~ Where the request is for review of a *TUE* decision that WADA is not obliged to review, WADA ~~shall~~will advise the *Athlete* as soon as practicable following receipt of the request whether or not it will review the *TUE* decision. Any decision by WADA not to review the *TUE* decision is final and may not be appealed. However, the *TUE* decision may still be appealable, as set out in Code Article 4.4.7.
- 8.5** ~~8.4~~ Where the On any request ~~is~~ for a review ~~of a *TUE* decision of an International Federation that~~, WADA ~~is obliged to review~~, WADA may nevertheless refer the decision back to the ~~International Federation~~relevant Anti-Doping Organization (a) for clarification (for example, if the reasons are not clearly set out in the decision); and/or (b) for re-consideration by the ~~International Federation~~Anti-Doping Organization (for example, if the *TUE* was only denied because medical tests or other information required to demonstrate satisfaction of the Article 4.2 ~~conditions~~criteria were missing).
- [Comment to Article 8.4.5: #For example, if an International Federation refuses to recognize a TUE granted by a National Anti-Doping Organization only because medical tests or other information required to demonstrate satisfaction of the Article 4.2 conditions/criteria are missing, the matter should not be referred to WADA. Instead, the file should be completed and re-submitted to the International Federation.]*
- 8.6** ~~8.5~~ Where In considering a request for review ~~is referred to the~~, WADA ~~TUEC~~, ~~(the~~ WADA TUEC may seek additional information from the *Anti-Doping Organization* ~~and/or~~ the *Athlete* and/or their physician, including further studies as described in Article 6.7, ~~and/or it~~. WADA/the WADA TUEC may also obtain the assistance of other medical or scientific experts as it deems appropriate. ~~8.6~~ ~~WADA shall~~
- 8.7** WADA will reverse any grant of a *TUE* that does not comply with the Article ~~4.14.2~~ and ~~4.2 conditions~~Article 4.3 criteria (as applicable). Where the *TUE* reversed was a prospective *TUE* (rather than a retroactive *TUE*), such reversal ~~shall~~will take effect upon the date specified by WADA (which ~~shall~~will not be earlier than the date of WADA's notification to the *Athlete*). The reversal ~~shall~~will not apply retroactively and the *Athlete's* results prior to such notification ~~shall~~will not be *Disqualified*. Where the *TUE* reversed was a retroactive *TUE*, however, the reversal ~~shall~~will also be retroactive.
- 8.8** ~~8.7~~ WADA ~~shall~~will reverse any denial of a *TUE* where the *TUE* application met the Article ~~4.14.2~~ and ~~4.2 conditions~~Article 4.3 criteria (as applicable), i.e., it ~~shall~~will grant the *TUE*.
- 8.9** ~~8.8~~ Where WADA reviews a decision of an International Federation ~~that has been referred to it pursuant to Code~~under Article ~~4.4.38.1(a) or (b)~~ (i.e., a mandatory review), it may require whichever *Anti-Doping Organization* "loses" the review (i.e., the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose view it does not uphold) (a) to reimburse the application fee to the party that referred the decision to WADA (if applicable); and/or (b) to pay all/some of the costs incurred by WADA in respect of that review (including WADA TUEC costs, expert fees and internal staff costs), to the extent they are not covered by the application fee.
- 8.10** ~~8.9~~ Where WADA reverses a *TUE* decision that WADA has decided in its discretion to review, WADA may require the *Anti-Doping Organization* that made the decision to pay all/some of the costs incurred by WADA in respect of that review (including WADA TUEC costs, expert fees and internal staff costs).

8.11 ~~8.10~~ If applicable, WADA ~~shall~~will communicate the reasoned decision of the WADA TUEC promptly to the Athlete ~~and to~~ their National Anti-Doping Organization and, where applicable, the International Federation (~~and, if applicable, the any Major Event Organization~~).

9.0 Confidentiality of Information

9.1 The Processing of Personal Information during the TUE process by Anti-Doping Organizations ~~shall~~must comply with the International Standard for the Data Protection of Privacy and Personal Information, including the provisions relating to retention times. Anti-Doping Organizations ~~shall~~must ensure that they have a valid legal authority or basis for such Processing, in accordance with the International Standard for the Data Protection of Privacy and Personal Information and applicable laws.

9.2 Anti-Doping Organizations ~~shall~~will communicate in writing the following information to Athletes as well as any other relevant information in accordance with Article ~~7.18.1~~ of the International Standard for the Data Protection of Privacy and Personal Information in connection with an Athlete's application for the grant or recognition of a TUE:

- a) ~~All~~all information pertaining to the application will be transmitted to members of all TUECs with authority under this International Standard to review the file and, as required, other independent medical or scientific experts, and to all necessary staff (including WADA staff) involved in the management, review or appeal of TUE applications;
- b) ~~The~~the Athlete must authorize their physician(s) to release to any relevant TUEC/Anti-Doping Organization upon request any health information that any such TUEC/Anti-Doping Organization deems necessary in order to consider and determine the Athlete's application; and
- c) ~~The~~the decision on the application will be made available to all Anti-Doping Organizations with Testing authority and/or Results Management authority over the Athlete.

[Comment to Article 9.2: Where Anti-Doping Organizations are relying upon the Athlete's consent to Process Personal Information in connection with the TUE process, the Athlete applying for the grant or recognition of a TUE ~~shall~~must provide written and explicit consent to the foregoing.]

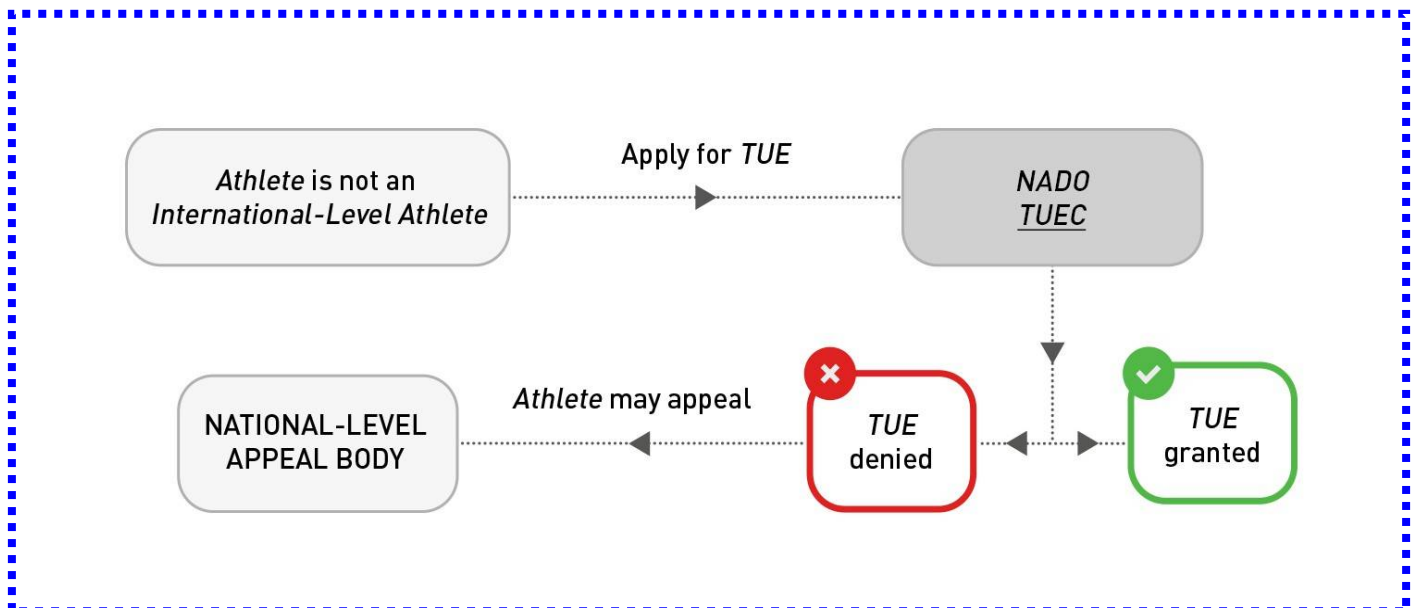
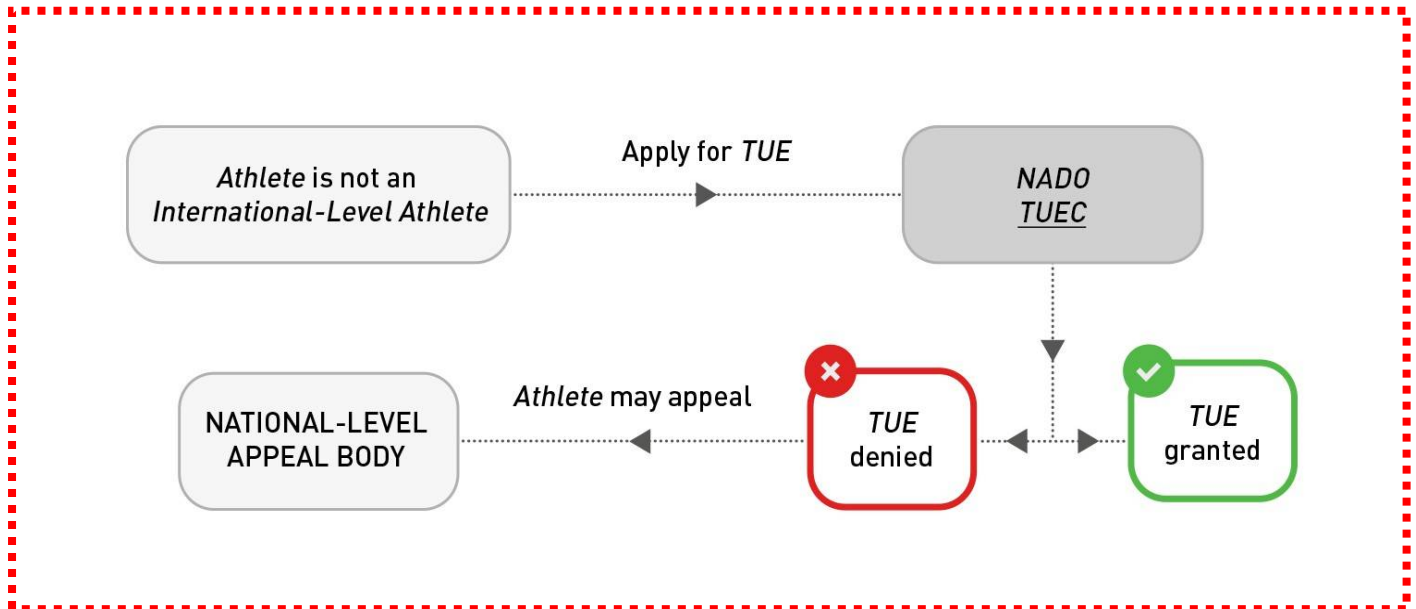
9.3 The TUE application ~~shall~~will be dealt with in accordance with the principles of strict medical confidentiality. The members of all relevant TUECs, any consulted independent experts and the relevant staff of the Anti-Doping Organization ~~shall~~will conduct all of their activities relating to the process in strict confidence and ~~shall~~will sign appropriate confidentiality agreements. In particular, they ~~shall~~will keep the following information confidential:

- a) ~~All~~all medical information provided by the Athlete and physician(s) involved in the Athlete's care; and
- b) ~~All~~all details of the application, including the name of the physician(s) involved in the process.

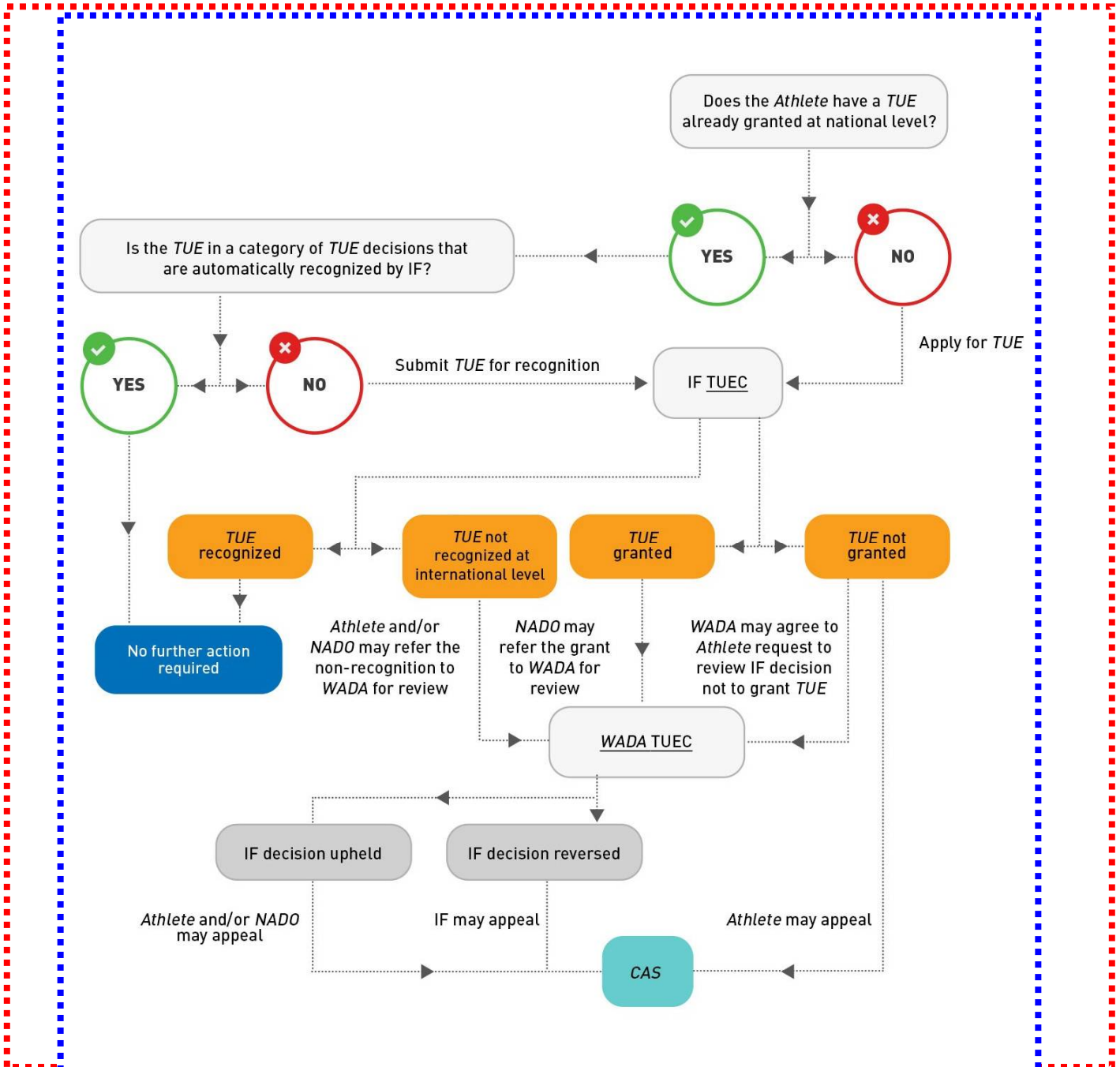
- 9.4 Should the *Athlete* wish to revoke the right of ~~a TUE~~an Anti-Doping Organization to obtain any health information on their behalf, the *Athlete* ~~shall~~must notify their physician in writing of such revocation; provided that, as a result of that revocation, the *Athlete's* application for a *TUE* or for recognition of an existing *TUE* will be deemed withdrawn without approval/recognition having been granted.
- 9.5 *Anti-Doping Organizations* ~~shall~~will only use information submitted by an *Athlete* in connection with a *TUE* application to evaluate the application and in the context of potential anti-doping rule violation investigations and proceedings.

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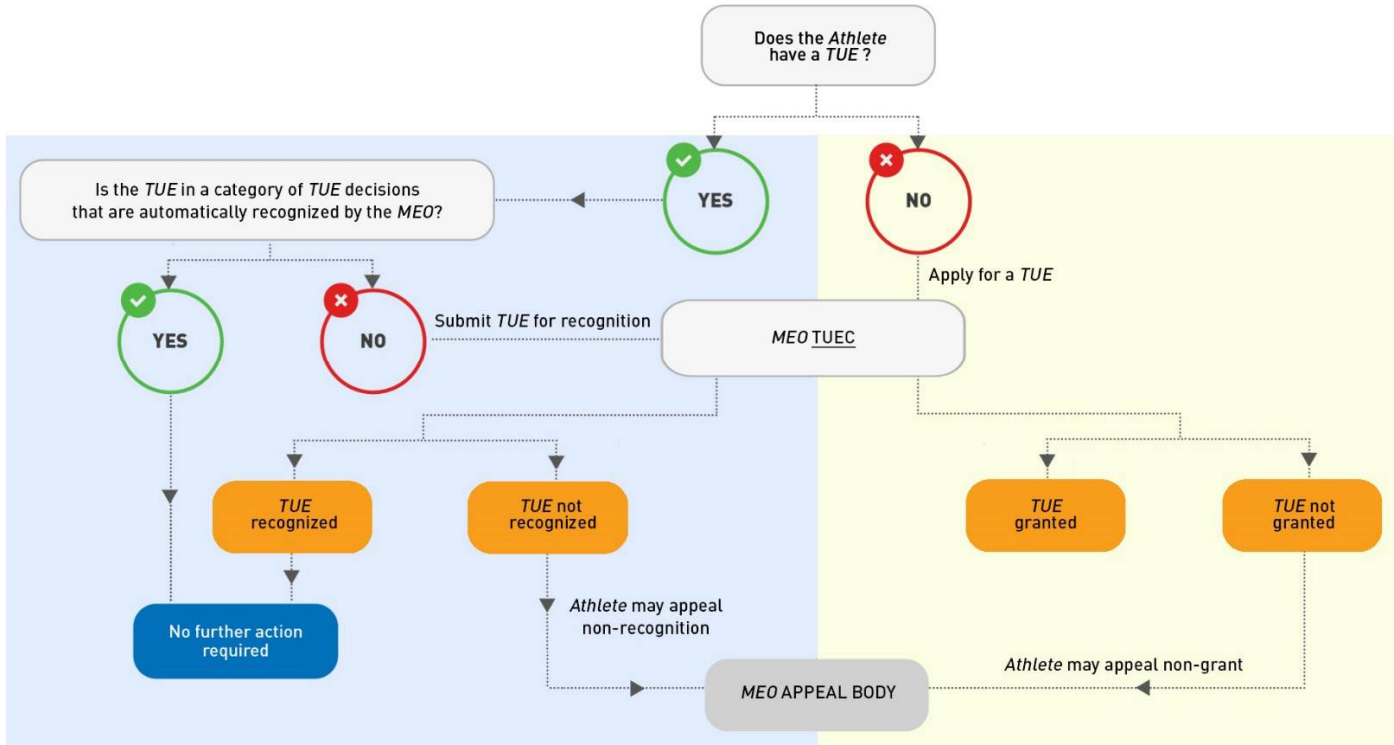
1. TUE procedure if Athlete is not an *International-Level Athlete* when need for TUE arises



2. **TUE procedure if Athlete is an International-Level Athlete (and so subject to the International Federation's TUE requirements) when need for TUE arises**



3. Athlete enters Event for which Major Event Organization (or "MEO") has its own TUE requirements



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