

2027 CODE & IS UPDATE PROCESS

International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories

Concepts for Consideration and Feedback

Executive Summary

The International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (ISCCS) was introduced in April 2018 to set out the framework and procedures for ensuring Code compliance by Signatories. More specifically the ISCCS covers:

- The roles, responsibilities, and procedures of the different bodies involved in WADA’s compliance monitoring function (Article 5);
- The support and assistance that WADA will offer to Signatories in their efforts to comply with the Code and the International Standards (Article 6);
- The means by which WADA will monitor compliance by Signatories with their obligations under the Code and the International Standards (Article 7) as well as the opportunities and support that WADA will offer to Signatories to correct non-conformities before any formal action is taken (Article 8);
- If a Signatory fails to correct the non-conformities and disputes the allegation of non-compliance, signatory consequences of such non-compliance or reinstatement conditions, the process to be followed to before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to hear and determine the dispute (Articles 9 and 10; Annexes A and B);
- The procedures that WADA will follow to ensure that a Signatory that has been determined to be non-compliant, is reinstated as quickly as possible once it has corrected that non-conformity (Article 11).

Given the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) CAS case was ongoing during the previous Code review process in 2021, only minimal, clerical amendments were made to the ISCCS. Once the CAS case was concluded and CAS had rendered its decision, WADA initiated its first full review of the ISCCS in 2022 and conducted two rounds of stakeholder consultation. It is currently proposed that an updated ISCCS will come into force in 2024.

It is anticipated that the ISCCS will require further updates as part of the 2027 Code and IS Update process to ensure it reflects any changes made to the Code and other International Standards. It is likely that this will be done through stakeholder consultation in 2025. For example, such changes may include:

- Updating activities in the categories of non-compliance (Annex A) to reflect changes made in the Code and other International Standards; and

- Addressing issues of historical or non-correctable non-compliance if such aspects become effective in the Code (see also Concept #9 of the Code Concept Paper).

Consequently, at the current moment, no new concepts are presented here. Nevertheless, both WADA and the ISCCS Drafting Team welcome any additional feedback on the ISCCS.