

Allegation of non-compliance of the Iran National Anti-Doping Organization (Iran NADO)

Relevant Consequences and Impact requiring action by Signatories

[Please note that the below consequences are not yet in force at this stage, WADA will update Signatories if and when the consequences enter into force]

On 27 March 2025, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) issued a stakeholder communication confirming that the Iran National Anti-Doping Organization (Iran NADO) was alleged to be non-compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code (Code).

Consequently, the Signatory consequences listed in the decision of the WADA Executive Committee (ExCo) (see below) will apply as of 18 April 2025 if the Signatory does not correct the alleged non-conformities in full, or dispute WADA's allegation of non-compliance, and/or the Signatory consequences, and/or the reinstatement conditions by midnight EDT on 17 April 2025.

While WADA will monitor the implementation of the consequences imposed on this NADO as and when they come into effect, 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.

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

As recommended by WADA's independent Compliance Review Committee (CRC) and approved by the ExCo on 27 March 2025, the consequences applied to the Iran NADO in accordance with the Code Article 24, and Article 10 and Annex B of the [International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories](#) (ISCCS), are the following:

i. Consequences of non-compliance

1. The Iran NADO loses its WADA privileges until reinstatement. This includes:
 - a. The Iran NADO'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 Iran NADO is ineligible to host any event hosted or organized or co-hosted or co-organized by WADA;
 - c. The Iran NADO is ineligible to participate in any WADA Independent Observer Program, WADA Outreach Program or other WADA activities; and

- d. The Iran NADO 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. The Iran NADO'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 until the Iran NADO is Reinstated.

Guidance Note: *Signatories and related associations 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. (e.g., [Regional Anti-Doping Organizations](#), [Sport Accord](#), [Associations of Summer Olympic International Federations \(ASOIF\)](#), [Winter Olympic Federations \(WOF\)](#), [Alliance of Independent recognized Members of Sport \(AIMS\)](#), [Association of IOC Recognized International Sport Federations \(ARISF\)](#), [International University Sports Federation \(FISU\)](#), [Olympic Council of Asia \(OCA\)](#)).*

3. The Islamic Republic of Iran may not be awarded the right to host regional, continental or world championships, as well as other events organized by Major Event Organizations, until the Iran NADO is Reinstated.

Guidance Note: *Signatories cannot award the right to host inter alia regional, continental or world championships to the Islamic Republic of Iran during its period of non-compliance. Events already allocated to the Islamic Republic of Iran 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 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.

ii. **Conditions of reinstatement**

In accordance with ISCCS Article 11.2.1, the Iran NADO must satisfy the outstanding critical requirements and comply with all the above-mentioned consequences of non-compliance to be reinstated to the list of compliant Signatories.

iii. **Additional consequences**

Further consequences might be imposed if the non-conformities are not resolved within 12 months of the consequences coming into effect.¹

¹ If the Iran NADO has not met the conditions of reinstatement described above within twelve months of the entering into effect of the consequences of non-compliance, the following additional consequence shall be automatically imposed:

1. The Islamic Republic of Iran's flag will not be flown at regional, continental or world championships, as well as other events organized by Major Event Organizations (including the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games) until the Iran NADO is Reinstated.
2. The Islamic Republic of Iran's flag will not be displayed or appear at or in association with the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, until the Iran NADO is Reinstated.