

Summary of Audit Outcomes

Audit details

Signatory	Dates of Audit	Type of Audit	Scope of Audit
Ironman	12-15 November 2024	In-person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Desk <input type="checkbox"/>	Full Audit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial Audit <input type="checkbox"/>

Background of the audit

The virtual audit was proposed by WADA's internal Compliance Taskforce and endorsed by the Compliance Review Committee (CRC) based on the monitoring process outlined in the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (ISCCS), specifically Articles 7.2.1 and 7.2.2. WADA officially notified Ironman of the audit on 14 March 2024 for the audit to take place in May, however at the request of WADA the audit was rescheduled until November.

The Lead Auditor communicated with Ironman via email to provide initial details and a draft audit plan, and on 16 May 2024 held a teleconference to discuss the objectives of the audit, the audit plan, logistical details, and to confirm the availability of all Ironman staff and documentation during the period of the audit.

Methodology

To prepare for this audit, the audit team used data held by WADA, including ADAMS, Gracenote, and the legal department's database, as part of its review of Ironman's anti-doping program. Furthermore, WADA requested that Ironman provide a number of documents in advance of the audit.

From the discussions, interviews, observation of procedures and review of documents provided by Ironman during the audit, it was apparent that Ironman had prepared for the audit and was open in the discussions. Staff and documents were available to the audit team during the audit.

Table of findings

Date Updated:	3 September 2025			
Program Area	Critical Findings	High Priority Findings	General Findings	Total
	(completed and signed off)	(completed and signed off)	(completed and signed off)	(completed and signed off)
Governance	-	1 (1)	-	1 (1)
Testing	1 (1)	4 (4)	-	5 (5)
Intelligence & Investigations	-	-	-	-
Results Management	-	2 (2)	-	2 (2)
Therapeutic Use Exemptions	-	-	-	-
Education	1 (1)	-	-	1 (1)
Data Privacy	-	-	8 (0)	8 (0)
Total	2 (2)	7 (7)	8 (0)	17 (9)

Summary of findings¹

Critical findings

1. It was identified that Ironman had not entered all Doping Control Forms (DCFs) within 21-days of sample collection and that additional errors were found on other DCFs requiring attention.
2. Ironman did not provide all mandatory education information on its website as required by the Code, including the context of the sport system and structure of Ironman.

High priority findings

1. Although Ironman did publish a statistical report on its doping control activities, it was not fully complete.

¹ The following is a summary of the key findings of the audit as opposed to an exhaustive list of all findings. In respect of each finding, WADA required a specific corrective action to be undertaken in order to avoid similar issues in the future.

2. Although Ironman had a strategy for the retention of samples it did not include details on further analysis strategies as required in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations (ISTI).
3. Notwithstanding Ironman's confirmation that temperature data loggers were used in the transportation of blood samples, the corresponding data was not uploaded into ADAMS.
4. The notification letter for an athlete's inclusion in the Ironman Registered Testing Pool (RTP) did not include all mandatory requirements as detailed in the ISTI. In addition, some instructions for sample collection were not fully in line with the ISTI.
5. Ironman did not upload all documentation required into ADAMS for results management cases as stated in the International Standard for Results Management (ISRM). In addition, Ironman's website contained athlete sanctions beyond the period of eligibility.

General findings

1. In the area of data privacy a number of findings were identified.

Conclusion

In general, Ironman demonstrated a robust and fit for purpose anti-doping program. The majority of its findings were recorded in the area of data privacy. In other areas, modifications to already existing procedures and policies were required to ensure that its documents and processes were brought in line with the relevant International Standards.