

Allegation of non-compliance of the Comité National Lutte Antidopage de Côte d'Ivoire (CNALD)

Relevant Consequences and Impact requiring action by stakeholders

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

On [11 September 2025](#) the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) issued an all-stakeholder communication confirming that the Executive Committee (ExCo) followed the recommendation of the Compliance Review Committee (CRC) to place the Comité National Lutte Antidopage de Côte d'Ivoire (CNALD) on the 'watchlist', giving an additional four months to correct outstanding non-conformities. This deadline of 11 January 2026 passed without the non-conformities having been corrected to the satisfaction of the CRC. Consequently, CNALD is now alleged non-compliant, and the Signatory consequences listed in the ExCo decision (see below) will apply as of 3 February 2026 if the Signatory does not correct their non-conformities in full, or dispute WADA's allegation of non-compliance, and/or the Signatory consequences, and/or the reinstatement conditions by midnight EST on 2 February 2026.

While WADA will monitor the implementation of the consequences imposed on CNALD, 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 and approved by the ExCo on [11 September 2025](#), the consequences applied to CNALD 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. CNALD loses its WADA privileges until Reinstated. This includes:
 - a. The Representatives of CNALD 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. CNALD is ineligible to host any event hosted or organized or co-hosted or co-organized by WADA;

- c. The Representatives of CNALD are ineligible to participate in any WADA Independent Observer Program, WADA Outreach Program or other WADA activities; and
- d. CNALD 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 Representatives of CNALD shall be ineligible to sit as members of the boards or committees or other bodies of any Signatory (or its members) or association of Signatories until CNALD 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 and in section B.4 of Annex B of the ISCCS, 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. (Signatories and related associations include e.g., [Africa Zone 2 and 3 Regional Anti-Doping Organization \(RADO 2 and 3\)](#), [Association of National Olympic Committees \(ANOC\)](#), [Associations of Summer Olympic International Federations \(ASOIF\)](#), [Sport Accord](#), [Alliance of Independent recognized Members of Sport \(AIMS\)](#), [Association of IOC Recognized International Sport Federations \(ARISF\)](#), [International University Sports Federation \(FISU\)](#), [Comité international des Jeux de La Francophonie \(CIJF\)](#), [Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa \(ANOCA\)](#), [African Union Sports Council \(AUSC\)](#), etc.)

3. The Republic of Côte d'Ivoire shall not be awarded the right to host any future editions of regional, continental or world championships, as well as other International Events, until CNALD is Reinstated.

Guidance Note: Signatories cannot award the right to host *inter alia* regional, continental or world championships to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire during its period of non-compliance. Events already allocated to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire 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, CNALD 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 twelve¹ months of the initial consequences coming into effect.

¹ If CNALD 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:
The flag of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire will not be displayed at or in association with regional, continental or world championships, as well as other international events organized by Major Event Organizations, including the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, until CNALD is Reinstated.