ROLE OF THE APMU
AND PRINCIPLES OF
TD2019APMU

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**Athlete Passport Management Unit**

**Requirements and Procedures**

1.0 **Introduction**

This Technical Document has been established to harmonize effective management of Athlete Passports by providing specific requirements that an Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) shall meet in order to be a WADA approved APMU.

2.0 **APMU Roles and Responsibilities**

2.1 The APMU is the dedicated unit that is responsible for the timely management
PASSPORT ELEMENTS: MODEL

- Analytical data is connected to an individual athlete
- Anonymous processing of data
- Automatic evaluation/Notification for ATPF/SSP
- Warning to APMU
PASSPORT ELEMENTS: APMU EVALUATION

- Evaluates the passport
- Checks conformity
- Request follow up analysis (to lab/to PC)
  - IRMS
  - Target testing
  - DNA
  - ESA test on blood/urine
  - Etc.
- Verifies confirmation results
- Directs towards 2nd and 3rd expert (and 1st for blood)
  - Experts Make the judgement; the APMU facilitates the process
PASSPORT ELEMENTS: EXPERT EVALUATION

– Evaluates the passport
  – Normal - likely doping – follow up needed
  – Should start from the idea it is normal and potentially disturbed by a confounding factor
  – Should evaluate if the extent of deviation can indeed be attributed to a non-doping reason
  – If the above is not the case: should think of a potential doping scenario
  – Can ask for additional analysis (e.g. IRMS, DNA, serum test, ESA analysis)/follow up
  – If a doping scenario can explain… only then call it ‘likely doping’
POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT: APMU

The current situation allows just about any organization to call itself an APMU
  – Lack of resources
  – Lack of expertise to evaluate
  – Lack of technical knowledge
  – Lack of links to experts - laboratories
  – Lack of willingness to act against own athletes
New TD will change this; it sets criteria:
  – Operational
  – Managerial
  – Technical
  – For the internal APMU expert, the same limitations as for the external experts keep existing
NEW TD: TD2019APMU (MARCH 1ST 2019)

- Professionalize (some) APMU
  - Independence – secured - confidential
  - Knowledgeable & qualified staff
  - Swift action
  - Minimum number of passports (proficiency)
  - Liability (insurance)
  - Extensive knowledge of analytical testing methods and possibilities

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THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION


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