

**WADA ATHLETE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
25 -26 March 2014
Lausanne, Switzerland**

The WADA Athlete Committee is the unified voice of clean athletes worldwide, encouraging integrity and fairness for sport and athletes.

The WADA Athlete Committee met 25-26 March 2014 in Lausanne. The meeting ran concurrently to the WADA's ADO Symposium and included the participation of the Committee in the Symposium's sessions where key elements about the 2015 Code implementation were presented and discussed.

In attendance:

Beckie Scott (Chair), Claudia Bokel, Felipe Contepomi, Kirsty Coventry, Francis Doodoo, Matthew Dunn, Tony Estanguet, Andréanne Morin, Frank Fredericks, Nina Kemppel, Kaveh Mehrabi, Alberto Lopez Moreno, Katarzyna Rogowicz, Ben Sandford, Annelies Vandenberghe

WADA Representatives:

David Howman, Julie Masse, Stacy Spletzer-Jegen

The main objective of the Athlete Committee meeting was to thoroughly and carefully review the Athlete Reference Guide to the Code. This document was spearheaded by the Committee in 2013, with an objective to help athletes better understand their roles and responsibilities under the 2015 Code, and has been through several drafts, and legal scrutiny.

The Committee is very pleased with the content and tone of the Guide – only a few additional points were made which will be integrated into the document and circulated again for final approval by the Committee, as soon as possible.

It was recommended that the document be made available electronically (with links to the Code and International Standards) and also designed for print and easy reproduction purposes by the anti-doping community. It was felt that an abridged version of the document was not necessary. Therefore, upon final approval it shall be made available accordingly.

Following a procedure which has been adhered to in all Athlete Committee meetings, members brought up various concerns from their respective areas and experiences, and also discussed WADA's priority activities and updates. As a result, several comments, and suggestions were offered:

Education and information to athletes, coaches and entourage:

- It appears to be lacking in many parts of the world, and not harmonized in terms of depth and breadth;

- WADA with necessary assistance from all parts of the anti-doping community continuously explore ways and means to reach out to these groups throughout the world. The Committee accepts that WADA cannot perform all this work alone;
- The Committee encourages promotion of the clean athlete and the distribution of information within Athlete Commissions' at NOC's, Federations, NADOs and through Confederations and other regional bodies;
- The Committee will continue to seek synergies, strengthen ties and structure dialogue and communications between the Athlete Commissions/Committees of ANOC –IOC –WADA and others;
- The Committee will look into the IOC AC model on reaching out to the NOC's, IFs and NADOs Athlete Commissions for best practices;
- As agreed and previously implemented, Committee members wish to share ideas and insight directly with WADA's Education Committee – Ben Sanford was delegated the responsibility of partaking at the next meeting April 3-4 in Montreal;
- WADA should continue to promote the good models of education for the benefit of other anti-doping organizations;
- Members discussed the possibility to sanction Federations and other signatories for not doing their job at educating athletes;
- The Committee recommended that governments implement anti-doping ethics in school curricula – it is felt that the best timing is at the same time children are learning the rules of the games – re. Japan model put in place in 2013.

Presentations:

- WADA Director General, David Howman updated members on WADA's activities and current affairs.
- Tania Calles, Committee member, prepared a report about her experience at the Outreach Center in Sochi which was presented to the Committee.
- Annelies Vandenberghe, member of the Committee, shared her experience as a member of the Independent Observer Mission in Sochi.
- WADA Senior Manager Standards and Harmonization, Stuart Kemp provided a detailed presentation of the new Whereabouts App that was launched last December for iPhone users and February for Android users. All members were satisfied with the end product and members who participated in the focus groups were thanked for their involvement.
- Mr. Kemp also presented the Paperless Project which is being developed in collaboration with USADA. This cost-effective paperless doping control system - directly connected to ADAMS - will allow ADOs to collect information from athletes at the time of testing and transmit instantly to both laboratories and ADOs, expediting the entire doping control process.
- WADA Medical Director, Dr Alan Vernec presented the major changes for TUEs in the 2015 Code with the Committee.



Next meetings:

The Committee will meet "virtually" the week preceding WADA's Foundation Board meetings on May 14 at 10:00 am (EST).

The next 2014 Athlete Committee meeting will be held in Incheon, Korea on September 26 - 27 in parallel to the Asian Games, following the generous invitation and collaboration from the Olympic Council of Asia.