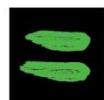


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PART ONE: INTRODUCTION, CODE PROVISIONS, INTERNATIONAL STANDARD PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.0 Introduction and Scope

The *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* is a mandatory *International Standard* developed as part of the World Anti-Doping Program.

The purpose of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* is to establish (a) the conditions that must be satisfied in order for a *Therapeutic Use Exemption* (or *TUE*) to be granted, permitting the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* in an *Athlete's Sample* or the *Athlete's Use or Attempted Use, Possession and/or Administration or Attempted Administration* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* for ~~therapeutic~~Therapeutic reasons; (b) the responsibilities imposed on *Anti-Doping Organizations* in making and communicating *TUE* decisions; (c) the process for an *Athlete* to apply for a *TUE*; (d) the process for an *Athlete* to get a *TUE* granted by one *Anti-Doping Organization* recognized by another *Anti-Doping Organization*; (e) the process for *WADA* to review *TUE* decisions; and (f) the strict confidentiality provisions that apply to the *TUE* process.

Terms used in this *International Standard* that are defined terms from the *Code* are ~~written in italics~~italized. Terms that are defined in this or another *International Standard* are underlined.

2.0 Code Provisions

The following articles in the 2015~~2021~~ *Code* are directly relevant to the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, they can be obtained by referring to the Code itself:

▬ Code Article 4.4 Therapeutic Use Exemptions ("TUEs"):

~~4.4.1 The presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers, and/or the Use or Attempted Use, Possession or Administration or Attempted Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation if it is consistent with the provisions of a TUE granted in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.~~

~~4.4.2 An Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete should apply to his or her National Anti-Doping Organization for a TUE. If the National Anti-Doping Organization denies the application, the Athlete may appeal exclusively to the national-level appeal body described in Articles 13.2.2 and 13.2.3.~~

~~4.4.3 An Athlete who is an International-Level Athlete should apply to his or her International Federation.~~

~~4.4.3.1 Where the Athlete already has a TUE granted by his or her National Anti-Doping Organization for the substance or method in question, if that TUE meets the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, then the International Federation must recognize it. If the International Federation considers that the TUE does not meet those criteria and so refuses to recognize it, it must notify the Athlete and his or her National Anti-~~

~~Doping Organization promptly, with reasons. The Athlete or the National Anti-Doping Organization shall have 21 days from such notification to refer the matter to WADA for review. If the matter is referred to WADA for review, the TUE granted by the National Anti-Doping~~

~~Organization remains valid for national-level Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing (but is not valid for international-level Competition) pending WADA's decision. If the matter is not referred to WADA for review, the TUE becomes invalid for any purpose when the 21-day review deadline expires.~~

~~4.4.3.2 If the Athlete does not already have a TUE granted by his or her National Anti-Doping Organization for the substance or method in question, the Athlete must apply directly to his or her International Federation for a TUE as soon as the need arises. If the International Federation (or the National Anti-Doping Organization, where it has agreed to consider the application on behalf of the International Federation) denies the Athlete's application, it must notify the Athlete promptly, with reasons. If the International Federation grants the Athlete's application, it must notify not only the Athlete but also his or her National Anti-Doping Organization, and if the National Anti-Doping Organization considers that the TUE does not meet the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, it has 21 days from such notification to refer the matter to WADA for review. If the National Anti-Doping Organization refers the matter to WADA for review, the TUE granted by the International Federation remains valid for international-level Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing (but is not valid for national-level Competition) pending WADA's decision. If the National Anti-Doping Organization does not refer the matter to WADA for review, the TUE granted by the International Federation becomes valid for national-level Competition as well when the 21-day review deadline expires.~~

~~[Comment to Article 4.4.3: If the International Federation refuses to recognize a TUE granted by a National Anti-Doping Organization only because medical records or other information are missing that are needed to demonstrate satisfaction with the criteria in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, the matter should not be referred to WADA. Instead, the file should be completed and re-submitted to the International Federation.]~~

~~If an International Federation chooses to test an Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete, it must recognize a TUE granted to that Athlete by his or her National Anti-Doping Organization.]~~

~~4.4.4 A Major Event Organization may require an Athlete to apply to it for a TUE if they wish to Use a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method in connection with the Event. In that case:~~

~~4.4.4.1 The Major Event Organization must ensure a process is available for an Athlete to apply for a TUE if he or she does not already have one. If the TUE is granted, it is effective for its Event only.~~

~~4.4.4.2 Where the Athlete already has a TUE granted by his or her National Anti-Doping Organization or International Federation, if that TUE meets the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, the Major Event Organization must recognize it. If the Major Event Organization decides the TUE does not meet those criteria and so refuses to recognize it, it must notify the Athlete promptly, explaining its reasons.~~

~~4.4.4.3 A decision by a Major Event Organization not to recognize or not to grant a TUE may be appealed by the Athlete exclusively to an independent body established or appointed by the Major Event Organization for that purpose. If the Athlete does not appeal (or the appeal is unsuccessful), he or she may not use the substance or~~

~~method in question in connection with the Event, but any TUE granted by his or her National Anti-Doping Organization or International Federation for that substance or method remains valid outside of that Event.~~

~~[Comment to Article 4.4.4.3: For example, the CAS Ad Hoc Division or a similar body may act as the independent appeal body for particular Events, or WADA may agree to perform that function. If neither CAS nor WADA are performing that function, WADA retains the right (but not the obligation) to review the TUE decisions made in connection with the Event at any time, in accordance with Article 4.4.6.]~~

~~4.4.5 If an Anti-Doping Organization chooses to collect a Sample from a Person who is not an International-Level or National-Level Athlete, and that Person is Using a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for therapeutic reasons, the Anti-Doping Organization may permit him or her to apply for a retroactive TUE.~~

~~4.4.6 WADA must review an International Federation's decision not to recognize a TUE granted by the National Anti-Doping Organization that is referred to it by the Athlete or the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization. In addition, WADA must review an International Federation's decision to grant a TUE that is referred to it by the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization. WADA may review any other TUE decisions at any time, whether upon request by those affected or on its own initiative. If the TUE decision being reviewed meets the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, WADA will not interfere with it. If the TUE decision does not meet those criteria, WADA will reverse it.~~

~~[Comment to Article 4.4.6: WADA shall be entitled to charge a fee to cover the costs of (a) any review it is required to conduct in accordance with Article 4.4.6; and (b) any review it chooses to conduct, where the decision being reviewed is reversed.]~~

~~4.4.7 Any TUE decision by an International Federation (or by a National Anti-Doping Organization where it has agreed to consider the application on behalf of an International Federation) that is not reviewed by WADA, or that is reviewed by WADA but is not reversed upon review, may be appealed by the Athlete and/or the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization, exclusively to CAS.~~

~~[Comment to Article 4.4.7: In such cases, the decision being appealed is the International Federation's TUE decision, not WADA's decision not to review the TUE decision or (having reviewed it) not to reverse the TUE decision. However, the time to~~

~~appeal the TUE decision does not begin to run until the date that WADA communicates its decision. In any event, whether the decision has been reviewed by WADA or not, WADA shall be given notice of the appeal so that it may participate if it sees fit.]~~

~~4.4.8A decision by WADA to reverse a TUE decision may be appealed by the Athlete, the National Anti-Doping Organization and/or the International Federation affected, exclusively to CAS.~~

~~4.4.9A failure to take action within a reasonable time on a properly submitted application for grant/recognition of a TUE or for review of a TUE decision shall be considered a denial of the application.~~

- Code Article 13.4 Appeals ~~relating~~ Relating to TUEs

~~TUE decisions may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 4.4.~~

3.0 Definitions and Interpretation

3.1 Defined terms from the ~~2015~~2021 Code that are used in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*:

ADAMS: The Anti-Doping Administration and Management System is a Web-based database management tool for data entry, storage, sharing, and reporting designed to assist stakeholders and WADA in their anti-doping operations in conjunction with data protection legislation.

Administration: Providing, supplying, supervising, facilitating, or otherwise participating in the Use or Attempted Use by another Person of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method. However, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification and shall not include actions involving Prohibited Substances which are not prohibited in Out-of-Competition Testing unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate that such Prohibited Substances are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

Adverse Analytical Finding: A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory that, consistent with the *International Standard for Laboratories* ~~and related Technical Documents~~, identifies, establishes in a Sample the presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers ~~(including elevated quantities of endogenous substances)~~ or evidence of the Use of a Prohibited Method.

Anti-Doping Organization: AWADA or a Signatory that is responsible for adopting rules for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the *Doping Control* process. This includes, for example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other Major Event Organizations that conduct Testing at their Events, WADA, International Federations, and National Anti-Doping Organizations.

Athlete: Any Person who competes in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation) or the national level (as defined by each National Anti-Doping Organization). An Anti-Doping Organization has discretion to apply anti-doping rules to an Athlete who is neither an International-Level Athlete nor a National-Level Athlete, and thus

to bring them within the definition of “Athlete”.” In relation to *Athletes* who are neither *International-Level* nor *National-Level Athletes*, an *Anti-Doping Organization* may elect to: conduct limited *Testing* or no *Testing* at all; analyze *Samples* for less than the full menu of *Prohibited Substances*; require limited or no whereabouts information; or not require advance *TUEs*. However, if an Article 2.1, 2.3 or 2.5 anti-doping rule violation is committed by any *Athlete* over whom an *Anti-Doping Organization* has [elected to exercise its authority to test and](#) who competes below the international or national level, then the *Consequences* set forth in the *Code* ~~(except Article 14.3.2)~~ must be applied. For purposes of Article 2.8 and Article 2.9 and for purposes of anti-doping information and [education](#) *Education*, any *Person* who participates in sport under the authority of any *Signatory*, government, or other sports organization accepting the *Code* is an *Athlete*.

~~[Comment: This definition makes it clear that all International- to Athlete: Individuals who participate in sport may fall in one of five categories: 1) International-Level Athlete, 2) National-Level Athlete, 3) individuals who are not International or National-Level Athletes but over whom the International Federation or National Anti-Doping Organization has chosen to exercise authority, 4) Recreational Athlete, and 5) individuals over whom no International Federation or National Anti-Doping Organization has, or has chosen to, exercise authority. All International and National-Level Athletes are subject to the anti-doping rules of the Code, with the precise definitions of international- and national- level sport to be set forth in the anti-doping rules of the International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations, respectively. The definition also allows each National Anti-Doping Organization, if it chooses to do so, to expand its anti-doping program beyond International- or National-Level Athletes to competitors at lower levels of Competition or to individuals who engage in fitness activities but do not compete at all. Thus, a National Anti-Doping Organization could, for example, elect to test recreational-level competitors but not require advance TUEs. But an anti-doping rule violation involving an Adverse Analytical Finding or Tampering, results in all of the Consequences provided for in the Code (with the exception of Article 14.3.2). The decision on whether Consequences apply to recreational- level Athletes who engage in fitness activities but never compete is left to the National Anti-Doping Organization. In the same manner, a Major Event Organization holding an Event only for masters-level competitors could elect to test the competitors but not analyze Samples for the full menu of Prohibited Substances. Competitors at all levels of Competition should receive the benefit of anti-doping information and education.] National Anti-Doping Organizations.]~~

Attempt: Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an anti-doping rule violation. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on an *Attempt* to commit a violation if the *Person* renounces the *Attempt* prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the *Attempt*.

CAS: The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Code: The World Anti-Doping Code.

Competition: A single race, match, game or singular sport contest. For example, a basketball game or the finals of the Olympic 100-meter race in athletics. For stage races and other sport contests where prizes are awarded on a daily or other interim basis the distinction



between a *Competition* and an *Event* will be as provided in the rules of the applicable International Federation.

Event: A series of individual *Competitions* conducted together under one ruling body (e.g., the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships of an International Federation, or Pan American Games).

In-Competition: ~~Unless provided otherwise in the rules of an International Federation or the ruling body of the Event in question, "In-Competition" means the~~ The period commencing twelve hours at 11:59 p.m. on the day before a Competition in which the Athlete is scheduled to participate through the end of such Competition and the Sample collection process related to such Competition. Provided, however, WADA may approve, for a particular sport, an alternative definition if an International Federation provides a compelling justification that a different definition is necessary for its sport; upon such approval by WADA, the alternative definition shall be followed by all Major Event Organizations for that particular sport.

[Comment to In-Competition: Having a universally accepted definition for In-Competition provides greater harmonization among Athletes across all sports, eliminates or reduces confusion among Athletes about the relevant timeframe for In-Competition Testing, avoids inadvertent Adverse Analytical Findings in between Competitions during an Event and assists in preventing any potential performance enhancement benefits from substances prohibited Out-of-Competition being carried over to the Competition period.]

International Event: ~~An Event or Competition where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation or, a Major Event Organization, or another international sport organization is the ruling body for an Event may establish an "In-Competition" period that is different than the Event Period~~ the Event or appoints the technical officials for the Event.]

International-Level Athlete: Athletes who compete in sport at the international level, as defined by each International Federation, consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

[Comment to International-Level Athlete: Consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, the International Federation is free to determine the criteria it will use to classify Athletes as International-Level Athletes, e.g., by ranking, by participation in particular International Events, by type of license, etc. However, it must publish those criteria in clear and concise form, so that Athletes are able to ascertain quickly and easily when they will become classified as International-Level Athletes. For example, if the criteria include participation in certain International Events, then the International Federation must publish a list of those International Events.]

International Standard: A standard adopted by WADA in support of the Code. Compliance with an International Standard (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the International Standard were performed properly. International Standards shall include any Technical Documents issued pursuant to the International Standard.



Major Event Organizations: The continental associations of *National Olympic Committees* and other international multi-sport organizations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other *International Event*.

National Anti-Doping Organization: The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules, direct the collection of *Samples*, the management of test results, and the conduct of hearings at the national level. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country's *National Olympic Committee* or its designee.

National-Level Athlete: *Athletes* who compete in sport at the national level, as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*, consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

Out-of-Competition: Any period which is not *In-Competition*.

Possession: The actual, physical *Possession*, or the constructive *Possession* (which shall be found only if the *Person* has exclusive control or intends to exercise control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists); provided, however, that if the *Person* does not have exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists, constructive *Possession* shall only be found if the *Person* knew about the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* and intended to exercise control over it. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on *Possession* if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the *Person* has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the *Person* has taken concrete action demonstrating that the *Person* never intended to have *Possession* and has renounced *Possession* by explicitly declaring it to an *Anti-Doping Organization*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, the purchase (including by any electronic or other means) of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* constitutes *Possession* by the *Person* who makes the purchase.

[*Comment to Possession:* Under this definition, anabolic steroids found in an *Athlete's* car would constitute a violation unless the *Athlete* establishes that someone else used the car; in that event, the *Anti-Doping Organization* must establish that, even though the *Athlete* did not have exclusive control over the car, the *Athlete* knew about the anabolic steroids and intended to have control over ~~the steroids~~them. Similarly, in the example of anabolic steroids found in a home medicine cabinet under the joint control of an *Athlete* and spouse, the *Anti-Doping Organization* must establish that the *Athlete* knew the steroids were in the cabinet and that the *Athlete* intended to exercise control over ~~the steroids~~them. The act of purchasing a Prohibited Substance alone constitutes Possession, even where, for example, the product does not arrive, is received by someone else, or is sent to a third party address.]

Prohibited List: The List identifying the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

Prohibited Method: Any method so described on the *Prohibited List*.

Prohibited Substance: Any substance, or class of substances, so described on the *Prohibited List*.

~~**Signatories:** Those entities signing the Code and agreeing to comply with the Code, as provided in Article 23.~~
Recreational Athlete: A natural Person who is so defined by the relevant National Anti-Doping Organization; provided, however, the term shall not include any Person who, within the five years prior to committing any anti-doping rule violation, has been an International-Level Athlete (as defined by each International Federation consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations) or National-Level Athlete (as defined by each National Anti-Doping Organization consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations), has represented any country in an International Event in an open category or has been included within any Registered Testing Pool or other whereabouts information pool maintained by any International Federation or National Anti-Doping Organization.

[Comment to Recreational Athlete: The term “open category” is meant to exclude competition that is limited to junior or age group categories.]

Results Management: The process encompassing the timeframe between notification as per Article 5 of the International Standard for Results Management, or in certain cases (e.g., Atypical Finding, Athlete Biological Passport, Whereabouts Failure), such pre-notification steps expressly provided for in Article 5 of the International Standard for Results Management, through the charge until the final resolution of the matter, including the end of the hearing process at first instance or on appeal (if an appeal was lodged).

Sample or Specimen: Any biological material collected for the purposes of Doping Control.

[Comment to Sample or Specimen: It has sometimes been claimed that the collection of blood Samples violates the tenets of certain religious or cultural groups. It has been determined that there is no basis for any such claim.]

Testing: The parts of the Doping Control process involving test distribution planning, Sample collection, Sample handling, and Sample transport to the laboratory.

~~**Therapeutic Use Exemption [TUE]:** A Therapeutic Use Exemption, as described allows an Athlete with a medical condition to use a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method, but only if the conditions set out in Article 4.4 and the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions are met.~~

Use: The utilization, application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.

WADA: The World Anti-Doping Agency.

3.2 ~~Further defined term~~ **Defined terms from the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information** ~~that is used in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions:~~

Personal Information: Information, including without limitation Sensitive Personal Information, relating to an identified or identifiable Participant or ~~relating to other Persons~~ Person whose information is Processed solely in the context of an Anti-Doping Organization’s Anti- Doping Activities.

[~~3.2~~ Comment to Personal Information: It is understood that Personal Information includes, but is not limited to, information relating to an Athlete's name, date of birth, contact details and sporting affiliations, whereabouts, designated ~~therapeutic use exemptions~~ TUEs (if any), anti-doping test results, and ~~results management~~ Results Management (including disciplinary hearings, appeals and sanctions). Personal Information also includes personal details and contact information relating to other Persons, such as medical professionals and other Persons working with, treating or assisting an Athlete in the context of Anti-Doping Activities. Such information remains Personal Information and is regulated by this International Standard for the entire duration of its Processing, irrespective of whether the relevant individual remains involved in organized sport.]

Processing (and its cognates, Process and Processed): Collecting, accessing, retaining, storing, disclosing, transferring, transmitting, amending, deleting or otherwise making use of Personal Information.

3.3 Further defined Defined terms specific to the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*:

Therapeutic: Of or relating to the treatment of a medical condition by remedial agents or methods; or providing or assisting in a cure.

Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee (or "TUEC"): The panel established by an *Anti-Doping Organization* to consider applications for *TUEs*.

WADA TUEC: The panel established by *WADA* to review the *TUE* decisions of other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.

3.4 Interpretation:

~~3.4.1 Unless otherwise specified, references to articles are references to articles of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.~~

~~3.4.2 The comments annotating various provisions of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions shall be used to interpret that International Standard.~~

3.4.1 ~~3.4.3~~ The official text of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* shall be maintained by *WADA* and shall be published in English and French. In the event of any conflict between the English and French versions, the English version shall prevail.

3.4.2 Like the Code, the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions has been drafted giving consideration to the principles of proportionality, human rights, and other applicable legal principles. It shall be interpreted and applied in that light.

3.4.3 The comments annotating various provisions of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions shall be used to guide its interpretation.

- [3.4.4](#) Unless otherwise specified, references to Sections and Articles are references to Sections and Articles of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.
- [3.4.5](#) Where the term “days” is used in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, it shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- [3.4.6](#) The Annexes to the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* have the same mandatory status as the rest of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.

PART TWO: STANDARDS AND PROCESS FOR GRANTING TUES

4.0 Obtaining a TUE

4.1 An Athlete who needs to Use a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for Therapeutic reasons must apply for and obtain a TUE under Article 4.2 prior to Using or Possessing the substance or method in question.

However, an Athlete may apply retroactively for a TUE (but must still meet the conditions in Article 4.2) if one of any of the following exceptions applies:

- a) Emergency or urgent treatment of a medical condition was necessary;
- b) There was insufficient time, opportunity or other exceptional circumstances that prevented the Athlete from submitting (or the TUEC to consider) an application for the TUE prior to Sample collection;
- c) Due to national level prioritization of certain sports, the Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization did not permit or require the Athlete to apply for a prospective TUE (see comment to Article 5.1);
- d) If an Anti-Doping Organization chooses to collect a Sample from an Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete or National-Level Athlete, and that Athlete is Using a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for Therapeutic reasons, the Anti-Doping Organization must permit the Athlete to apply for a retroactive TUE; or
- e) The Athlete Used Out-of-Competition, for Therapeutic reasons, a Prohibited Substance that is only prohibited In-Competition.

[Comment to Article 4.1(c), (d) and (e): Such Athletes are strongly advised to have a medical file prepared and ready to demonstrate their satisfaction of the TUE conditions set out at Article 4.2, in case an application for a retroactive TUE is necessary following Sample collection.]

[Comment to Article 4.1(e): This seeks to address situations where, for Therapeutic reasons, an Athlete Uses a substance Out-of-Competition that is only prohibited In-Competition, but there is a risk that the substance will remain in their system In-Competition. In such situations, the Anti-Doping Organization must permit the Athlete to apply for a retroactive TUE (where the Athlete has not applied in advance). This also seeks to prevent Anti-Doping Organizations from having to assess advance TUE applications that may not be necessary.]

4.2 4.1 An Athlete may be granted a TUE if (and only if) he/she can show, by ~~an~~ on the balance of ~~probability~~ probabilities, that each of the following conditions is met:

- a) ~~a.~~ The Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question is needed to treat ~~an acute or chronic~~ diagnosed medical condition, ~~such that the Athlete would experience a significant impairment to health if~~ supported by relevant clinical evidence.

[Comment to Article 4.2(a): The Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method were to may be withheld part of a necessary diagnostic investigation rather than a treatment per se.]

- b) b. The Therapeutic Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method ~~is highly unlikely to~~ will not, on the balance of probabilities, produce any additional enhancement of performance beyond what might be anticipated by a return to the Athlete's normal state of health following the treatment of the ~~acute or chronic~~ medical condition.

e. ~~There is no reasonable Therapeutic alternative to the Use of the~~ [Comment to Article 4.2(b): An Athlete's normal state of health will need to be determined on an individual basis. A normal state of health for a specific Athlete is their state of health but for the medical condition for which the Athlete is seeking a TUE.]

- c) The Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is an indicated treatment for the medical condition, and there is no reasonable permitted Therapeutic alternative.

[Comment to Article 4.2(c): The physician must explain why the treatment chosen was the most appropriate, e.g. based on experience, side-effect profiles or other medical justifications, including, where applicable, geographically specific medical practice, and the ability to access the medication. Further, it is not always necessary to try and fail alternatives before using the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.]

- d) d. The necessity for the Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is not a consequence, wholly or in part, of the prior Use (without a TUE) of a substance or method which was prohibited at the time of such Use.

[Comment to 4.1: Article 4.2: The WADA documents titled "TUE Physician Guidelines", posted on WADA's website, should be used to assist in the application of these criteria in relation to particular medical conditions.]

The granting of a TUE is based solely on consideration of the conditions set out in Article 4.2. It does not consider whether the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is the most clinically appropriate or safe, or whether its Use is legal in all jurisdictions.

When an International Federation or Major Event Organization TUEC is deciding whether or not to recognize a TUE granted by another Anti-Doping Organization (see Article 7, below), and when WADA is reviewing a decision to grant (or not to grant) a TUE (see Article 8, below), the issue will be the same as it is for a TUEC that is considering an application for a TUE under article Article 6, below, i.e., has the Athlete demonstrated by a on the balance of probability probabilities that each of the conditions set out in article 4.1 Article 4.2 is met?

The WADA documents titled "Medical Information to Support the Decisions of TUECs", posted on WADA's website, should be used to assist in the application of these criteria in relation to particular medical conditions.]

- 4.3 4.2 ~~Unless one of the exceptions set out in Article 4.3 applies, an Athlete who needs to Use a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for Therapeutic reasons must obtain a TUE prior to Using or Possessing the substance or method in question.~~

4.3 ~~An~~ In exceptional circumstances and notwithstanding any other provision in this *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, an *Athlete* may ~~only~~ apply for and be granted retroactive approval for his/her Therapeutic Use of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* (i.e., a retroactive TUE) if:

- ~~a. Emergency treatment or treatment of an acute medical condition was necessary; or~~
- ~~b. Due to other exceptional circumstances, there was insufficient time or opportunity for the *Athlete* to submit, or for the TUEC to consider, an application for the TUE prior to Sample collection; or~~

~~e. The applicable rules required the *Athlete* (see comment to Article 5.1) or permitted the *Athlete* (see if, considering the purpose of the *Code* Article 4.4.5), it would be manifestly unfair not to apply for grant a retroactive TUE; or~~
~~[Comment to 4.3(c): Such. For *International-Level Athletes* are strongly advised to have a medical file prepared and ready to demonstrate their satisfaction of the TUE conditions set out at Article 4.1, in case an application for a retroactive TUE is necessary following Sample collection.]~~

~~d. It is agreed, by WADA and by the *National-Level Athletes*, an *Anti-Doping Organization* to whom they may grant an *Athlete's* application for a retroactive TUE is or would be made, that fairness requires pursuant to this Article only with the grant prior approval of a retroactive TUE.~~

~~[Comment to 4.3(d): If WADA (and WADA may in its absolute discretion agree with or reject the *Anti-Doping Organization's* decision).~~

For *Athletes* who are not *International-Level Athletes* or *National-Level Athletes*, the relevant *Anti-Doping Organization* may grant an *Athlete's* application for a retroactive TUE pursuant to this Article without first consulting WADA; however, WADA may at any time review an *Anti-Doping Organization's* decision to grant a retroactive TUE pursuant to this Article, and may in its absolute discretion, agree with or reverse the decision.

Any decision made by WADA and/or ~~the an~~ *Anti-Doping Organization* ~~do not agree to the application of~~ under this Article 4.3(d), that may not be challenged either as a defense to proceedings for an anti-doping rule violation, or by way of appeal, or otherwise.]

All decisions of an *Anti-Doping Organization* under this Article 4.3, whether granting or denying a TUE, must be reported through ADAMS in accordance with Article 5.5.

[Comment to Article 4.3: For the avoidance of doubt, retroactive approval may be granted under Article 4.3 even if the conditions in Article 4.2 are not met (although satisfaction of such conditions will be a relevant consideration). Other relevant factors might include the reasons why the *Athlete* did not apply in advance; the *Athlete's* experience; whether the *Athlete* declared the Use of the substance or method on the *Doping Control* form; and the recent expiration of the *Athlete's* TUE. In making its decision, WADA may, at its discretion, consult with a member(s) of a WADA TUEC.]

5.0 TUE Responsibilities of Anti-Doping Organizations

- 5.1 *Code* Article 4.4 specifies (a) which *Anti-Doping Organizations* have authority to make TUE decisions; (b) how those TUE decisions should be recognized and respected by other *Anti-Doping Organizations*; and (c) when TUE decisions may be reviewed and/or appealed.

[Comment to [Article 5.1](#): See Annex 1 ~~for a flow chart~~ [Code Article 4.4 Flowchart](#) summarizing the key provisions of Code Article 4.4.

~~Code Article 4.4.2 specifies the authority of a National Anti-Doping Organization to make TUE decisions in respect of Athletes who are not International-Level Athletes. In case of dispute as to which National Anti-Doping Organization should deal with the TUE application of an Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete, WADA will decide. WADA's decision will be final and not subject to appeal.~~

Where national policy requirements and imperatives lead a National Anti-Doping Organization to prioritize certain sports over others in its test distribution planning (as contemplated by Article 4.4.1 of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations), the National Anti-Doping Organization may decline to consider advance applications for TUEs from Athletes in some or all of the non-priority sports, but in that case it must permit any such Athlete from whom a Sample is subsequently collected to apply for a retroactive TUE. The National Anti-Doping Organization should publicize any such policy on its website for the benefit of affected Athletes.

Code Article 4.4.2 specifies the authority of a National Anti-Doping Organization to make TUE decisions in respect of Athletes who are not International-Level Athletes. In case of dispute as to which National Anti-Doping Organization should deal with the TUE application of an Athlete who is not an International-Level Athlete, WADA will decide. WADA's decision will be final and not subject to appeal.]

5.2 [For the avoidance of doubt, when a National Anti-Doping Organization grants a TUE to an Athlete, that TUE is valid at national level on a global basis and does not need to be formally recognized by other National Anti-Doping Organizations under Article 7.0 \(for example, if an Athlete is granted a TUE by his/her National Anti-Doping Organization and then trains or competes in the country of another National Anti-Doping Organization, that TUE will be valid if the Athlete is then tested by such other National Anti-Doping Organization\).](#)

5.3 ~~5.2~~ Each National Anti-Doping Organization, International Federation and Major Event Organization must establish a TUEC to consider whether applications for grant or recognition of TUEs meet the conditions set out in Article ~~4.14.2~~.

[Comment to ~~5.2~~: Article 5.3: For the avoidance of doubt, the fulfilment of the conditions set out in Articles 4.1 and 4.3 may be determined by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization in consultation with a member(s) of the TUEC.]

While a Major Event Organization may choose to recognize pre-existing TUEs automatically, there must be a mechanism for Athletes participating in the Event to obtain a new TUE if the need arises. It is up to each Major Event Organization whether it sets up its own TUEC for this purpose, or rather whether it outsources the task by agreement to a third party (such as Sport Accord). The aim in each case ~~should be~~ to ensure that Athletes competing in such Events have the ability to obtain TUEs quickly and efficiently before they compete.]

a) ~~a.~~ TUECs should include at least three **(3)** physicians with experience in the care and treatment of Athletes and a sound knowledge of clinical, sports and exercise medicine.

In cases ~~involving~~ where specific expertise is required (for example, for Athletes with impairments, at least one TUEC member should possess general experience in the care and treatment of Athletes with impairments, or possess specific experience in relation where the substance or method pertains to the Athlete's particular impairment(s)).

~~b. In order to ensure a level of independence of decisions, at least a majority of the members of a one (1) TUEC member or expert should have no political responsibility in the Anti-Doping Organization that appoints them. All possess such expertise. One (1) physician member should act as chair of the TUEC.~~

b) In order to ensure impartiality of decisions, all members of the TUEC must sign a conflict of interest and confidentiality declaration. ~~(A~~ a template declaration is available on WADA's website).

5.4 ~~5.3~~ Each *National Anti-Doping Organization*, *International Federation* and *Major Event Organization* must establish a clear process for applying to its TUEC for a TUE that complies with the requirements of this *International Standard*. It must also publish details of that process by (at a minimum) posting the information in a conspicuous place on its website and sending the information to WADA. WADA may re-publish the same information on its own website.

5.5 ~~5.4~~ Each *National Anti-Doping Organization*, *International Federation* and *Major Event Organization* must promptly report (in English or French) all decisions of its TUEC granting or denying TUEs, and all decisions to recognize or refusing to recognize other *Anti-Doping Organizations'* TUE decisions, through ADAMS ~~or any other system approved by WADA as soon as possible and in any event within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the decision. A decision to deny a TUE shall include an explanation of the reason(s) for the denial.~~ In respect of TUEs granted, the information reported shall include (in English or French):

a) a not only ~~Whether~~ the *Athlete* was permitted to apply for a TUE retroactively under Article 4.1 and an explanation of the reason(s) why, ~~or whether the Athlete was permitted to apply for and was granted a TUE retroactively under Article 4.3 and an explanation of the reason(s) why;~~

b) The approved substance or method, ~~but also~~ the dosage(s), frequency ~~and~~ route of *Administration* permitted, the duration of the TUE ~~(and, if different, the duration of prescribed treatment)~~, and any conditions imposed in connection with the TUE; and

c) b.the ~~The~~ TUE application form and the relevant clinical information ~~(translated into English or French)~~ establishing that the Article ~~4.4.2~~ conditions have been satisfied in respect of such TUE (for access only by WADA, the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *International Federation*, and the *Major Event Organization* organizing an *Event* in which the *Athlete* wishes to compete).

[Comment to 5.4: The process of recognition of TUEs is greatly facilitated by use of ADAMS.] Article 5.5: The TUE application form may be translated into other languages by Anti-Doping Organizations, but the original English or French text must remain on the form, and an English or French translation of the content must be provided.

The full medical file, including diagnostic tests, laboratory results and values must be provided, but need not be translated into English or French. However, a translated summary of all the key information (including key diagnostic tests) must be entered into ADAMS, with sufficient information to clearly establish the diagnosis. It is strongly suggested that the summary be prepared by a physician or other person with adequate medical knowledge, in order to properly understand and summarize the medical information. More detailed/full translations may be required by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization or WADA, upon request.]

5.6 ~~5.5~~ When a National Anti-Doping Organization grants a TUE to an Athlete, it must warn him/her in writing ~~(a)~~ that (a) the TUE is valid at national level only, and (b) that if the Athlete becomes an International-Level Athlete or competes in an International Event, that TUE will not be valid for those purposes unless it is recognized by the relevant International Federation or Major Event Organization in accordance with Article 7.17.0. Thereafter, the National Anti-Doping Organization should help the Athlete to determine when he/she needs to submit the TUE to an International Federation or Major Event Organization for recognition, and should guide and support the Athlete through the recognition process.

5.7 ~~5.6~~ Each International Federation and Major Event Organization must publish and keep updated a notice (at a minimum, by posting it in a conspicuous place on its website and sending it to WADA) that sets out clearly (1) which Athletes ~~coming~~ under its jurisdiction are required to apply to it for a TUE, and when; (2) which TUE decisions of other Anti-Doping Organizations it will automatically recognize in lieu of such application, in accordance with Article 7.1(a); and (3) which TUE decisions of other Anti-Doping Organizations will have to be submitted to it for recognition, in accordance with Article 7.1(b). ~~WADA may re-publish the notice on its own website.~~

5.8 ~~5.7~~ Any TUE that an Athlete has obtained from ~~if~~ a National Anti-Doping Organization ~~shall not be valid if the grants a TUE to an Athlete and the Athlete subsequently becomes an International-Level Athlete or competes in an International Event, the TUE will not be valid~~ unless and until the relevant International Federation recognizes that TUE in accordance with Article 7.0. ~~Any if an International Federation grants a TUE that to an Athlete has obtained from an International Federation shall not be valid if and~~ the Athlete ~~then~~ competes in an International Event organized by a Major Event Organization, the TUE will not be valid unless and until the relevant Major Event Organization recognizes that TUE in accordance with Article 7.0. As a result, if the International Federation or Major Event Organization (as applicable) declines to recognize that TUE, then (subject to the Athlete's rights of review and appeal) that TUE may not be relied upon to excuse the presence, Use, Possession or Administration of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method mentioned in the TUE vis-à-vis that International Federation or Major Event Organization.

6.0 TUE Application Process

6.1 An Athlete who needs a TUE should apply as soon as possible. For substances prohibited In-Competition only, the Athlete should apply for a TUE at least thirty (30) days before his/her next Competition, unless it is an emergency or exceptional situation.

- 6.2** The *Athlete* should apply to his/her *National Anti-Doping Organization*, International Federation and/or a *Major Event Organization* (as applicable), using the *TUE* application form provided. *Anti-Doping Organizations* shall make the application form they want *Athletes* to use available for download from their websites. That form must be based on the “*TUE Application Form*” template available on *WADA’s* website. The template may be modified by *Anti-Doping Organizations* to include additional requests for information, but no sections or items may be removed.

[Comment to Article 6.2: In certain situations, an Athlete may not know which National Anti-Doping Organization they should apply to for a TUE. In such circumstances, the Athlete should consult the National Anti-Doping Organization of the country of the sport organization for which they compete (or with which they are a member or licence holder), to determine if they fall within that National Anti-Doping Organization’s TUE jurisdiction, according to their rules.

If that National Anti-Doping Organization refuses to evaluate the TUE application because the Athlete does not fall within its TUE jurisdiction, the Athlete should consult the anti-doping rules of the National Anti-Doping Organization of the country in which they reside (if different).

If the Athlete still does not fall within that National Anti-Doping Organization’s TUE jurisdiction, the Athlete should then consult the anti-doping rules of the National Anti-Doping Organization of their country of citizenship (if different from where they compete or reside).

Athletes may contact any of the above-referenced National Anti-Doping Organizations for assistance with determining whether the National Anti-Doping Organization has TUE jurisdiction. In the event that none of the above-mentioned National Anti-Doping Organizations have TUE jurisdiction, where there is an Adverse Analytical Finding the Athlete should ordinarily be permitted to apply for a retroactive TUE from the Anti-Doping Organization that has Results Management authority. See also the summary flowcharts on “Where to Apply?” in the medical section of WADA’s website.]

- 6.3** *An Athlete may not apply to more than one (1) Anti-Doping Organization for a TUE for the Use of the same Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for the same medical condition. Nor may an Athlete have more than one (1) TUE at a time for the Use of the same Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for the same medical condition (and any such new TUE will supersede the previous TUE, which should be cancelled by the relevant Anti-Doping Organization).*

- 6.4** ~~6.2~~The *Athlete* should submit the *TUE* application form to the relevant *Anti-Doping Organization* via *ADAMS* or as otherwise specified by the *Anti-Doping Organization*. The form must be signed by the treating physician and accompanied by:

~~a. a statement by an appropriately qualified physician, attesting to the need for the Athlete to Use the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question for Therapeutic reasons; and~~ b. a comprehensive medical history, including documentation from the original diagnosing physician(s) (where possible) and the results of all examinations, laboratory investigations and imaging studies relevant to the application.

[Comment to ~~6.2(b)~~Article 6.4: The information submitted in relation to the diagnosis, and treatment ~~and duration of validity~~ should be guided by the relevant WADA documents ~~itled~~ “Medical Information to Support the Decisions of TUECs” posted on WADA’s website.]

6.5 ~~6.3~~ The *Athlete* should keep a complete copy of the *TUE* application form and of all materials and information submitted in support of that application.

6.6 ~~6.4A~~ *TUE* application will only be considered by the TUEC following the receipt of a properly completed application form, accompanied by all relevant documents. Incomplete applications will be returned to the *Athlete* for completion and re-submission.

6.7 ~~6.5~~ The TUEC may request from the *Athlete* or his/her physician any additional information, examinations or imaging studies, or other information that it deems necessary in order to consider the *Athlete*’s application; and/or it may seek the assistance of such other medical or scientific experts as it deems appropriate.

6.8 ~~6.6~~ Any costs incurred by the *Athlete* in making the *TUE* application and in supplementing it as required by the TUEC are the responsibility of the *Athlete*.

6.9 ~~6.7~~ The TUEC shall decide whether or not to grant the application as soon as possible, and usually (i.e., unless exceptional circumstances apply) within no more than twenty-one (21) days of receipt of a complete application. Where a *TUE* application is made in a reasonable time prior to an *Event*, the TUEC must use its best endeavors to issue its decision before the start of the *Event*.

6.10 ~~6.8~~ The TUEC’s decision must be communicated in writing to the *Athlete* and must be made available to WADA and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* via ADAMS ~~or any other system approved by WADA~~, in accordance with Article 5.35.5.

~~a. A decision to grant a TUE must specify the dosage(s), frequency, route and duration of Administration of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question that the TUEC is permitting, reflecting the clinical circumstances, as well as any conditions imposed in connection with the TUE.~~

~~b. A decision to deny a TUE application must include an explanation of the reason(s) for the denial.~~

6.11 ~~6.9~~ Each *TUE* will have a specified duration, as decided by the TUEC, at the end of which the *TUE* will expire automatically. If the *Athlete* needs to continue to *Use* the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* after the expiry date, he/she must submit an application for a new *TUE* well in advance of that expiry date, so that there is sufficient time for a decision to be made on the application before the expiry date.

[Comment to ~~6.9~~The Article 6.11: Where applicable, the duration of validity should be guided by the WADA documents titled “Medical Information to Support the Decisions of TUECs TUE Physician Guidelines”.]

6.12 ~~6.10~~A *TUE* will be withdrawn prior to expiry if the *Athlete* does not promptly comply with any requirements or conditions imposed by the *Anti-Doping Organization* granting the *TUE*. Alternatively a *TUE* may be reversed upon review by *WADA* or on appeal.

6.13 ~~6.11~~Where an *Adverse Analytical Finding* is issued shortly after a *TUE* for the *Prohibited Substance* in question has expired or has been withdrawn or reversed, the *Anti-Doping Organization* conducting the initial review of the *Adverse Analytical Finding* ~~(Code, in accordance with Article 7.2)~~5.1.1.1 of the *International Standard for Results Management* shall consider whether the finding is consistent with *Use* of the *Prohibited Substance* prior to the expiry, withdrawal or reversal of the *TUE*. If so, such *Use* (and any resulting presence of the *Prohibited Substance* in the *Athlete's Sample*) is not an anti-doping rule violation.

6.14 ~~6.12~~In the event that, after his/her *TUE* is granted, the *Athlete* requires a materially different dosage, frequency, route or duration of *Administration* of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* to that specified in the *TUE*, he/she must contact the relevant *Anti-Doping Organization*, who will then determine whether the *Athlete* needs to apply for a new *TUE*. If the presence, *Use*, *Possession* or *Administration* of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is not consistent with the terms of the *TUE* granted, the fact that the *Athlete* has the *TUE* will not prevent the finding of an anti-doping rule violation.

[Comment to Article 6.14: It is recognized that for certain medical conditions, dosages may fluctuate, particularly during the early stages of the establishment of a treatment regime or for a condition such as insulin-dependent diabetes. Such potential fluctuations should be accounted for in the *TUE*. However, in the event of a change that is not accounted for in the *TUE*, the *Athlete* must contact the relevant *Anti-Doping Organization* to determine whether a new *TUE* is required.]

7.0 TUE Recognition Process

7.1 Code Article 4.4 requires *Anti-Doping Organizations* to recognize *TUEs* granted by other *Anti-Doping Organizations* that satisfy the Article ~~4.4.2~~2 conditions. Therefore, if an *Athlete* who becomes subject to the *TUE* requirements of an *International Federation* or *Major Event Organization* already has a *TUE*, he/she should not submit an application for a new *TUE* to the *International Federation* or *Major Event Organization*. Instead:

- a) ~~a-~~The *International Federation* or *Major Event Organization* may publish notice that it will automatically recognize *TUE* decisions made pursuant to Code Article 4.4 (or certain categories of such decisions, e.g., those made by specified *Anti-Doping Organizations*, or those relating to particular *Prohibited Substances*), provided that such *TUE* decisions have been reported in accordance with Article ~~5.3 and therefore are available for review by WADA~~5.5. If the *Athlete's TUE* falls into a category of *TUEs* that are automatically recognized in this way at the time the *TUE* is granted, he/she does not need to take any further action.

[Comment to Article 7.1(a): To ease the burden on *Athletes*, automatic recognition of *TUE* decisions once they have been reported in *ADAMS* in accordance with Article ~~5.35.5~~5 is strongly encouraged. If an *International Federation* or *Major Event Organizer* is not willing to grant automatic recognition of all such decisions, it should grant automatic recognition of as many such decisions as possible, e.g., by publishing and keeping updated a list of

Anti-Doping Organizations whose TUE decisions it will recognize automatically, and/or a list of those Prohibited Substances for which it will automatically recognize TUEs. Publication should be in the same manner as is set out in Article 5-35.4, i.e., the notice should be posted on the International Federation's website and sent to WADA and to National Anti-Doping Organizations.]

b) ~~b~~. In the absence of such automatic recognition, the *Athlete* shall submit a request for recognition of the *TUE* to the International Federation or *Major Event Organization* in question, either via ADAMS or as otherwise specified by that International Federation or *Major Event Organization*. The request should be accompanied by a copy of the *TUE* and the original *TUE* application form and supporting materials referenced at [Articles](#)

~~6.1~~ ~~and 6.2~~ [Article 6.4](#) (unless the *Anti-Doping Organization* that granted the *TUE* has already made the *TUE* and supporting materials available via ADAMS ~~or other system approved by WADA~~, in accordance with [Article 5-35.5](#)).

7.2 Incomplete requests for recognition of a *TUE* will be returned to the *Athlete* for completion and re-submission. In addition, the TUEC may request from the *Athlete* or his/her physician any additional information, examinations or imaging studies, or other information that it deems necessary in order to consider the *Athlete's* request for recognition of the *TUE*; and/or it may seek the assistance of such other medical or scientific experts as it deems appropriate.

7.3 Any costs incurred by the *Athlete* in making the request for recognition of the *TUE* and in supplementing it as required by the TUEC are the responsibility of the *Athlete*.

7.4 The TUEC shall decide whether or not to recognize the *TUE* as soon as possible, and usually (i.e., unless exceptional circumstances apply) within no more than [twenty-one \(21\)](#) days of receipt of a complete request for recognition. Where the request is made a reasonable time prior to an *Event*, the TUEC must use its best endeavors to issue its decision before the start of the *Event*.

7.5 The TUEC's decision will be notified in writing to the *Athlete* and will be made available to WADA and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* via ADAMS ~~or any other system approved by WADA~~. A decision not to recognize a *TUE* must include an explanation of the reason(s) for the non-recognition.

[7.6](#) If an International Federation chooses to test an *Athlete* who is not an *International-Level Athlete*, it must recognize a *TUE* granted by that *Athlete's* National *Anti-Doping Organization* unless the *Athlete* is required to apply for recognition of the *TUE* pursuant to [Articles 5.8 and 7.0](#), i.e. because the *Athlete* is competing in an *International Event*.

8.0 Review of *TUE* Decisions by WADA

8.1 *Code* Article 4.4.6 provides that WADA, in certain cases, must review *TUE* decisions of International Federations, and that it may review any other *TUE* decisions, in each case to determine compliance with the Article 4.1 [and 4.2](#) conditions. [In relation to the Article 4.2 conditions](#), WADA shall establish a WADA TUEC that meets the requirements of Article [5-25.3](#) to carry out such reviews. [In relation to the Article 4.1 conditions, these can be reviewed by WADA \(which may, at its discretion, consult with a member\(s\) of a WADA TUEC\).](#)

- 8.2 Each request for review must be submitted to WADA in writing, and must be accompanied by payment of the application fee established by WADA, as well as copies of all of the information specified in Article 6.26.4 (or, in the case of review of a TUE denial, all of the information that the Athlete submitted in connection with the original TUE application). The request must be copied to the [party Anti-Doping Organization](#) whose decision would be the subject of the review, and to the Athlete (if he/she is not requesting the review).
- 8.3 Where the request is for review of a TUE decision that WADA is not obliged to review, WADA shall advise the Athlete as soon as practicable following receipt of the request whether or not it will [refer review](#) the TUE decision to the [WADA TUEC](#) for review. ~~If WADA decides not to refer the TUE decision, it will return the application fee to the Athlete.~~ Any decision by WADA not to [refer review](#) the TUE decision to the [WADA TUEC](#) is final and may not be appealed. However, the TUE decision may still be appealable, as set out in Code Article 4.4.7.
- 8.4 Where the request is for review of a TUE decision of an International Federation that WADA is obliged to review, WADA may nevertheless refer the decision back to the International Federation (a) for clarification (for example, if the reasons are not clearly set out in the decision); and/or (b) for re-consideration by the International Federation (for example, if the TUE was only denied because medical tests or other information required to demonstrate satisfaction of the Article 4.14.2 conditions were missing).
- [\[Comment to Article 8.4: If an International Federation refuses to recognize a TUE granted by a National Anti-Doping Organization only because medical tests or other information required to demonstrate satisfaction of the Article 4.2 conditions are missing, the matter should not be referred to WADA. Instead, the file should be completed and re-submitted to the International Federation.\]](#)
- 8.5 Where a request for review is referred to the [WADA TUEC](#), the [WADA TUEC](#) may seek additional information from the *Anti-Doping Organization* and/or the Athlete, including further studies as described in Article 6.56.7, and/or it may obtain the assistance of other medical or scientific experts as it deems appropriate.
- 8.6 ~~The~~ [WADA TUEC](#) shall reverse any grant of a TUE that does not comply with the Article 4.1 and 4.2 conditions (as applicable). Where the TUE reversed was a prospective TUE (rather than a retroactive TUE), such reversal shall take effect upon the date specified by WADA (which shall not be earlier than the date of WADA's notification to the Athlete). The reversal shall not apply retroactively and the Athlete's results prior to such notification shall not be *Disqualified*. Where the TUE reversed was a retroactive TUE, however, the reversal shall also be retroactive.
- 8.7 ~~The~~ [WADA TUEC](#) shall reverse any denial of a TUE where the TUE application met the Article 4.1 and 4.2 conditions (as applicable), i.e., it shall grant the TUE.
- 8.8 Where ~~the~~ [WADA TUEC](#) reviews a decision of an International Federation that has been referred to it pursuant to Code Article 4.4.3 (i.e., a mandatory review), it may require whichever *Anti-Doping Organization* "loses" the review (i.e., the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose view it does not uphold) (a) to reimburse the application fee to the party that referred the decision to WADA (if applicable); and/or (b) to pay the costs incurred by WADA in respect of that review, to the extent they are not covered by the application fee.

- 8.9 Where ~~the~~ WADA TUEC reverses a TUE decision that WADA has decided in its discretion to review, WADA may require the *Anti-Doping Organization* that made the decision to pay the costs incurred by WADA in respect of that review.
- 8.10 If applicable, WADA shall communicate the reasoned decision of the WADA TUEC promptly to the *Athlete* and to his/her *National Anti-Doping Organization* and International Federation (and, if applicable, the *Major Event Organization*).

9.0 Confidentiality of Information

9.1 The ~~collection, storage, processing, disclosure and retention~~ Processing of Personal Information during the TUE process by *Anti-Doping Organizations* ~~and WADA~~ shall comply with the *International Standard* for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information. *Anti-Doping Organizations* shall ensure that they have a valid legal authority or basis for such Processing, in accordance with the *International Standard* for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information and applicable laws.

9.2 ~~An~~ *Anti-Doping Organizations* shall communicate in writing the following information to *Athletes* as well as any other relevant information in accordance with Article 7.1 of the *International Standard* for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information in connection with an *Athlete* applying's application for the grant of a TUE or for recognition of a TUE shall provide written consent:

a) ~~a. for the transmission of a~~ All information pertaining to the application will be transmitted to members of all TUECs with authority under this *International Standard* to review the file and, as required, other independent medical or scientific experts, and to all necessary staff (including WADA staff) involved in the management, review or appeal of TUE applications;

b) ~~b. for the~~ The *Athlete's* must authorize his/her physician(s) to release to ~~the~~ any relevant TUEC upon request any health information that ~~the~~ any such TUEC deems necessary in order to consider and determine the *Athlete's* application; and

~~e. for the~~

c) The decision on the application ~~to~~ will be made available to all *Anti-Doping Organizations* with *Testing* authority and/or ~~results management~~ Results Management authority over the *Athlete*.

[Comment to Article 9.2: ~~Prior~~ Where *Anti-Doping Organizations* are relying upon the *Athlete's* consent to ~~collecting~~ Process Personal Information or obtaining consent from an *Athlete*, the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall communicate to the *Athlete* the information set out in Article 7.1 of the *International Standard* for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information in connection with the TUE process, the *Athlete* applying for the grant or recognition of a TUE shall provide written and explicit consent to the foregoing.]

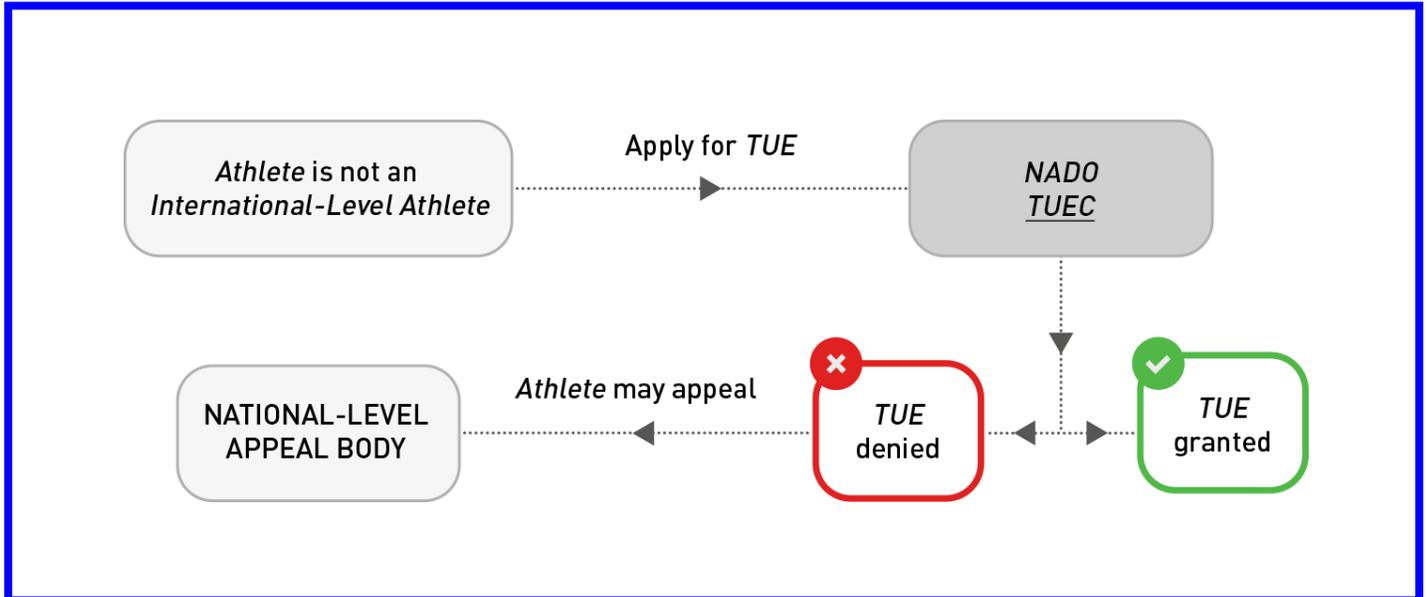
9.3 The TUE application shall be dealt with in accordance with the principles of strict medical confidentiality. The members of ~~the~~ TUEC, all relevant TUECs, any consulted independent experts and the relevant staff of the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall conduct all of their

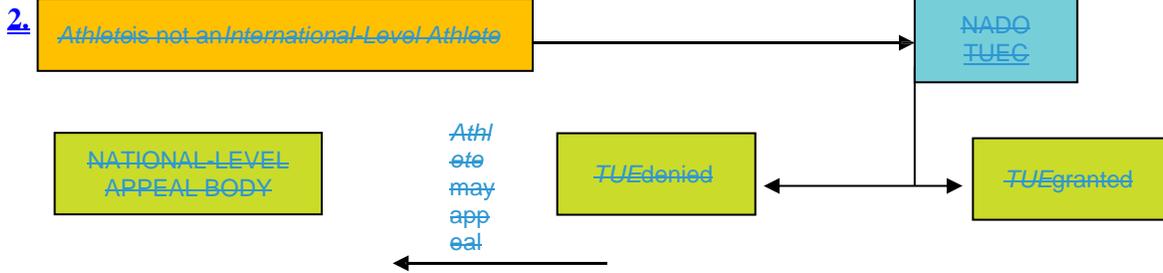
activities relating to the process in strict confidence and shall sign appropriate confidentiality agreements. In particular, they shall keep the following information confidential:

- a) ~~a.~~ All medical information ~~and data~~ provided by the *Athlete* and physician(s) involved in the *Athlete's* care; and
 - b) ~~b.~~ All details of the application, including the name of the physician(s) involved in the process.
- 9.4 Should the *Athlete* wish to revoke the right of ~~the~~ TUEC to obtain any health information on his/her behalf, the *Athlete* shall notify his/her ~~medical practitioner~~ physician in writing of such revocation; provided that, as a result of that revocation, the *Athlete's* application for a *TUE* or for recognition of an existing *TUE* will be deemed withdrawn without approval/recognition having been granted.
- 9.5 *Anti-Doping Organizations* shall only use information submitted by an *Athlete* in connection with a *TUE* application to evaluate the application and in the context of potential anti-doping rule violation investigations and proceedings.

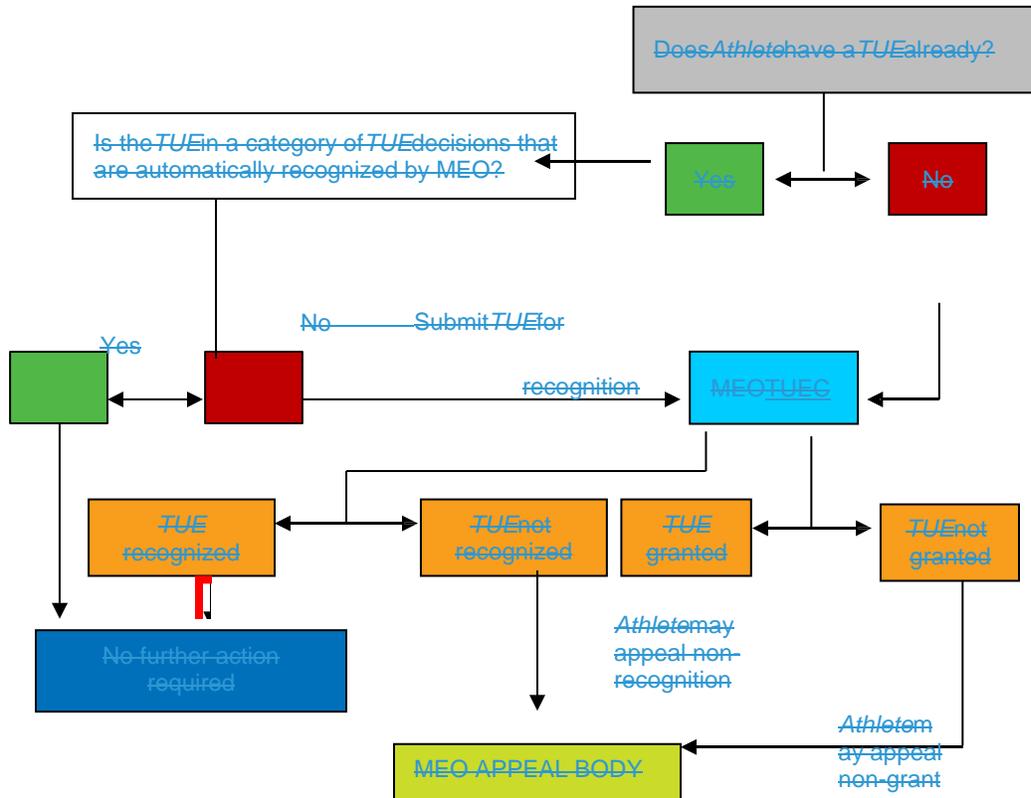
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1. TUE procedure if Athlete is not an International-Level Athlete when need for TUE arises

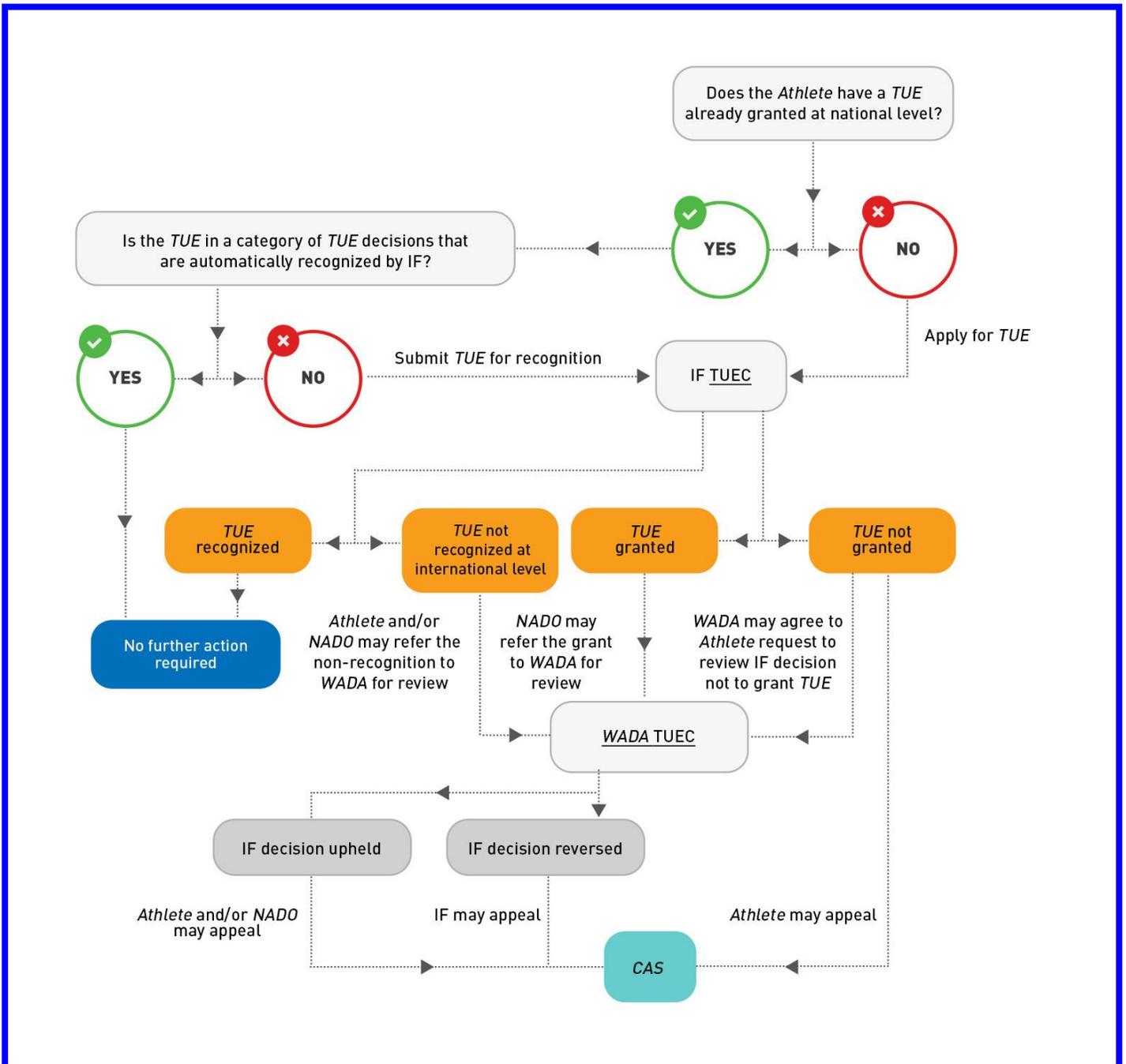




2. Athlete enters Event for which Major Event Organization (or "MEO") has its own TUE requirements



3. TUE procedure if Athlete is an International-Level Athlete (and so subject to the International Federation's TUE requirements) when need for TUE arises



3. Athlete enters Event for which Major Event Organization (or "MEO") has its own TUE requirements

