

Addendum to the Report of the Independent Observers

XXIX Olympic Games, Beijing 2008

In the Report of the Independent Observers (IO) from the Olympic Games, Beijing 2008, the IO Team made reference to the Laboratory Services under comment IV:

“Once the Laboratory had delivered all reports to the IO Team it transpired that approximately 300 test results were missing. In our opinion, this was due to the administrative weaknesses relating to the Laboratory’s reporting procedures. The IO Team therefore checked with the IOC-MC as to whether they had received the test results that the IO Team appears to be missing, but at the time of the delivery of this report on 12th September 2008, the IOC had not been able to finish processing the test results from the Laboratory. They believed however, that they too may be missing some reports.

Consequently the IO Team reserves the right to submit further comment to this particular issue once the IOC has been able to cross-check all doping control report forms and test results from the Laboratory.”

The IO Team has now concluded the review of all results, can confirm receipt of every sample it thought to be outstanding and that all test results were negative, with the exception of the control sample (point 3 below):

- 1) The most significant portion of the missing test results (approximately 180) were those for EPO tests. The Laboratory reports which were received during the Games, indicated by way of comment that *“the analytical results of the EPO urine test for the sample/s with the code/s above recorded will be reported separately”*. No subsequent Laboratory reports were received by the IO.

Following receipt of results from the Laboratory mid-October, it seems that this comment was in error as the Laboratory’s intention on their report was to record the EPOs as negative, together with the Standard analyses. This is and was quite confusing, as the expectation caused by the above-quoted comment was for a “separate” report.

- 2) 117 test results that were not received by the IO Team in Beijing have now been provided on Laboratory reports dated 15th -18th October.
- 3) A result for a “control sample” to ensure the quality of the Laboratory (i.e. a positive test) was never received by the IO Team in Beijing. The IOC has investigated this matter in the meantime and now provided the laboratory report that is dated 18th August, which must have gone astray during the Games.
- 4) Approximately 17 ATUE or T/E results that were not received by the IO Team in Beijing have now been clarified in reports issued on 15th and 16th October 2008.
- 5) The IO Team was erroneously asking for test results on EPO test analysis for about 32 samples which were not in fact earmarked for the analysis of EPO. This has been confirmed through cross-reference with the doping control forms.

In closing it should be noted again that the IO is now satisfied that it has in its possession, results for all of the in-competition tests conducted in Beijing and that all outstanding issues have now been clarified.

Recommendation

The IO Team is of the opinion that the use of a secure integrated computer programme to handle the administrative doping control tasks at the Olympic Games to cover all areas of the procedures - from the provision of athlete whereabouts information to the doping control test data and the Laboratory test results reporting - would alleviate the administrative reporting issues experienced in Beijing.

A system already in place and which has proven to be successful, is the Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS). Through the introduction of such a system, the doping control administration can properly support and match the quality of the outstanding doping control programme that was put in place by the IOC in Beijing, which will no doubt be even further enhanced for future Olympic Games and Olympic Winter Games.