

Applying to WADA for a reduction in the Minimum Levels of Analysis (MLAs)

In accordance with Article 6 of the TDSSA and in compliance with Article 4.7.2 of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* (ISTI), WADA may approve reductions of Minimum Levels of Analysis (MLAs) when it is satisfied that such reductions “will lead to the most intelligent, effective and efficient use of available *Testing* resources” and meet the criteria listed in Article 6 of the TDSSA.

The process for an *Anti-Doping Organization (ADO)* to apply for a possible reduction is as follows:

- A. Complete the self-assessment below to see whether your application meets the basic criteria for review.

Self-Assessment

- B. If you are applying for a reduction to the Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents (ESAs) MLAs **based on** the implementation of an Athlete Biological Passport program - Haematological module (ABP), please answer the following questions:
 - i. Has your ABP program been operational for more than six months in all sports for which you seek a reduction?
 - ii. Is your ABP program compliant with the latest version of the WADA ISTI and the ABP Operating Guidelines and Technical Documents?
 - iii. Is all your ABP and DCF data available to WADA in ADAMS to permit oversight by WADA and allow sharing of ABP data with other ADOs?
 - iv. Does your ABP program implement real-time Target Testing that acts upon the recommendations of an APMU or other expert group with reference to ESAs?
 - v. Are all the criteria of TDSSA Article 3.3 met for the sports/disciplines with a MLA of 30% or greater?

If you responded ‘YES’ to all of the questions B. i-v, please proceed with the next steps in this application process and answer questions 1-11.

If you responded ‘NO’ to any of the questions B. i-v, your application is ineligible for review. You may contact WADA to discuss your ABP program or the entry of DCFs into ADAMS.

- C. If you are applying for a reduction for GH and/or GHRFs and/or ESAs analyses based on “particular circumstances” and **not** the implementation of an ABP, please answer the following questions:
 - i. Have you conducted a risk assessment in accordance with the ISTI Article 4.2 before preparing your TDP?

- ii. Have you reviewed your TDP and confirmed that it is not possible to reallocate tests/analyses in a way that better reflects the doping risks under your jurisdiction and subsequently meet the MLAs prescribed by the TDSSA?
- iii. Does your organization have sufficient financial resources to comply with the TDSSA? Please note that a reduction will not be granted based purely on lack of financial resources.

If you responded 'YES' to all of the questions C. i-iii, please proceed with the next steps in this application process and complete questions 1-6 and 12.

If you responded 'NO' to any of the questions C. i-iii, your application is ineligible for review. You may contact WADA to discuss your TDP.

D. Submit an application to WADA (tdssa@wada-ama.org) by completing the application form below¹.

Notes:

1. ADOs may submit an application for a reduction of MLAs for multiple sports or disciplines within the same application.
2. ADOs are encouraged to apply for a reduction of MLAs before the beginning of the testing year for which a reduction is requested. WADA will consider the application and communicate a decision to the ADO no later than six weeks after all information has been received (including any follow up information requested following receipt of the initial application).

¹ ADOs' applications must be submitted in either English or French

Questions for all applicants

1. In which Sport(s) and Discipline(s) are you seeking a reduction, for what analysis type (GH and/or GHRFs and/or ESAs), and what % reduction (see examples below)?

	Sport-Discipline	ESA reduction sought	GH reduction sought	GHRFs reduction sought
A.	<i>weightlifting – weightlifting</i>	-	50%	-
B.	<i>aquatics - open water</i>	50%	-	25%

2. Please attach to your application the TDP for the year you are seeking a reduction and for the previous year.
3. Please attach to your application the risk assessment you undertook in developing your TDP.
4. What is your definition of International-Level Athlete (if an IF) or National-Level Athlete (if a NADO) and how many athletes under your direct jurisdiction meet the definition?

5. What is/was your budget for testing and analysis for the year you are seeking a reduction and the previous year?

Year seeking a reduction =

Previous year =

6. Please outline any sport specific, intelligent or innovative anti-doping strategies you are currently implementing and explain how a reduction in the MLAs supports a more intelligent, effective and efficient use of available Testing resources for your country or sport(s)/disciplines.

Questions for applicants seeking a reduction only in MLAs for ESAs analysis based on the operation of an ABP program:

7. How long has your organization had an operational ABP program for the sport(s)/discipline(s) in which you are seeking a reduction? Please list the sport(s) and discipline(s) and the start date(s) of the ABP program(s) below.

8. Which body (or individual) acts as your Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU)?

9. How many recommendations did you receive from your APMU for follow-up tests during the previous year and how many did you actually conduct?

10. Do you have passport collaboration agreements with other IFs/NADOs who also have jurisdiction over the same Athletes to enable the sharing of ABP data and/or testing responsibility? If yes, please list the organizations with whom you have passport agreements.

11. Please complete the following tables:

Table 1: Sports/Disciplines for which an ESAs MLA reduction is requested based on an ABP program.

Sport	Discipline	Number of Athletes (RTP/ABP)	Number of Urine Samples		Number of ABP samples		Number of ESAs	
			PY*	Y*	PY*	Y*	PY	Y*
<i>Athletics</i>	<i>Long Distance</i>	<i>8/8</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>10**</i>
Total			30	32	40	48	20	10

* PY = Previous Year

Y = Year for which a reduction is requested

** Test numbers post the requested MLA reduction

Table 2: ABP and urine tests conducted per ABP Athlete by sport/discipline in the previous year

Sport	Discipline	ABP samples per athlete	Urine samples per athlete
<i>Athletics</i>	<i>Long Distance</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>

Table 3: ABP and urine tests planned per ABP Athlete by sport/discipline for the year that a reduction is requested

Sport	Discipline	ABP samples per athlete	Urine samples per athlete
<i>Athletics</i>	<i>Long Distance</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4</i>

Question for applicants seeking a reduction in MLAs for GH and/or GHRFs and/or ESAs for reasons other than the operation of an ABP program:

12. What is/was the breakdown of IC vs OOC tests and the number of GH/GHRFs/ESAs analyses in the previous year and for the year that a reduction is requested, for the sports and disciplines where a reduction is requested?

Sport	Discipline	Number of Athletes (RTP)	Number of IC Tests		Number of OOC Tests		Number of ESAs analyses		Number of GH analyses		Number of GHRFs analyses	
			PY	Y	PY	Y	PY	Y**	PY	Y**	PY	Y**
<i>Football</i>	<i>Football</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>35</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Tennis</i>	<i>Tennis</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>9</i>	-	-	-	<i>5</i>
<i>Judo</i>	<i>Judo</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>45</i>	-	<i>3</i>	-	<i>3</i>	-	<i>3</i>
Total		80	320	295	620	645	65	47		4		8

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Y = Year for which a reduction is requested

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WADA Standard and Harmonization team comments:

WADA ABP Manager comments (if applicable):

Recommendations to the TDSSA Expert Group:

Comments and Decision of the TDSSA Expert Group: