

**WADA ATHLETE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
26 -27 June 2013
Singapore**

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

The meeting was hosted by the IOC on the occasion of its 6th International Athletes' Forum. A joint meeting between the IOC Athlete Commission & the WADA Athlete Committee was organized June 27.

In attendance:

Beckie Scott (Acting Chair), Claudia Bokel, Kenneth Egan, Tania Ellias Calles, Frank Fredericks, Nina Kemppel, Alberto Lopez Moreno, Daichi Suzuki, Matthew Dunn, Ben Sandford, Yang Yang, Adam Pengilly (Observer)

WADA Representatives:

Julie Masse, Olivier Niggli, Stacy Spletzer-Jegen

The main objective of this meeting was to discuss in detail the 2015 Code draft version 3.0, to collect comments from athletes on the proposed changes and to discuss on how best to communicate those changes to athletes.

The Committee reviewed at length the latest Code draft version 3.0 and is pleased that the Code drafting team made real efforts to integrate their previous recommendations. A few additional points were made that will be submitted to the team for consideration:

- Indicate that it is the International Federation responsibility to inform athletes who move from a national level to an international level that his/her TUE will be automatically recognised or that he needs to file some documents in order to have his national TUE reviewed and validated by the IF. There should also be consequences for IFs that do not comply to this article.
- To harmonise disciplinary consequences for all sport in article 21.2.5.

Effective communication of the forthcoming Code was also addressed, with members providing specific input to WADA on the depth and breadth of the information needed to facilitate understanding for athletes.

The Committee also discussed WADA's priority activities and updates and as a result, several comments, and suggestions were offered:

- Report on the Lack of effectiveness of testing programs – The general recommendations of the Report were presented and discussed. Adam Pengilly, a member of the Report's Working Group and WADA's Foundation Board, highlighted additional points of interests for athletes. One was the need for anti-doping organizations to ensure implementing

quality programs and not to focus on quantity of tests. Further, anti-doping organization's (ADO) independence in the testing and results management process is

also a key element in ensuring quality programs. The Report highlights organizational and human factors as some of the reasons the system is not efficient; in light of this, the question raised was the possibility that ADOs not manage the entire program. Is outsourcing the answer? The Committee agreed with the specific recommendations related to athletes in the Report.

- The many ongoing doping investigations in the world (USA, Australia, Spain...) highlight the importance of collaboration with law enforcement and adequate legislation in countries. There are only a handful of countries that are prepared for doping investigation per the UNESCO-WADA funded research project, Houlihan and Garcia of the Loughborough University, 2012. Members would like to see UNESCO step-up its regulatory survey on compliance with the provisions of the Convention so that bodies such as the IOC and WADA could officially take measures for non-compliant countries.
- It was observed that not all countries and federations have resources in place to support athletes in the event of a positive sample. It was suggested that WADA prepares a guidebook for athletes to highlight their rights and the expected process.
- ADAMS – Feedback of the Whereabouts module continues to be positive and the Committee is pleased that the whereabouts application will be launched by the end of 2013. One important element was brought up about ADAMS; that WADA reviews its password policy as it expires very quickly even before the three-month mandatory updates. It is said to be more secure than that of banks.
- The joint meeting between the IOC Athlete Commission & WADA's Athlete Committee took place on June 27 and members discussed ways to enhance collaboration and further mobilize athletes to promote clean sport. They also discussed communication and possible joint communication from the IOC and WADA Athlete Committee when important topics for athlete arise.
- Members are concerned about the sub-elite level athletes that are newly emerging and will be future national champions. These athletes are not well integrated into annual anti-doping programs. It is felt that ADOs should be doing more education and detection programs for this group of athletes. We hear more and more about teenage kids training in gyms and stocking up on steroids.