ARTICLE 5.7.1 EXEMPTION APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR ATHLETES

According to Article 5.7.1 of the World Anti-Doping Code (the “Code”), an International- or National-Level-Athlete who retires while included in a Registered Testing Pool ("RTP") may be granted by WADA, in consultation with the applicable IF and NADO, an exemption to the 6-month written notice rule where the strict application of this rule would be manifestly unfair to the Athlete.

Application Procedure

- The Athlete wanting to benefit from an exemption to the 6-month written notice rule in Article 5.7.1 of the Code shall file a request in writing to his/her NADO and the relevant IF using the protocol template available on WADA’s website.
- The request shall be filed with the ADO that collected the Athlete’s whereabouts information immediately before they retired.
- Once this ADO has provided its opinion, it shall provide it to the other relevant ADO with the Athlete’s request for consideration. WADA shall then make a final decision on the Athlete’s request.
- The Athlete’s request shall include the following information:
  - Exact date of retirement
  - Reason(s) for retirement
  - Proof that notice of retirement was provided in writing to each ADO that included the Athlete in its RTP.
  - Name of RTP(s) he/she was included in and which ADO collected his/her whereabouts information if the Athlete was included in more than one RTP.
  - Anti-Doping History (i.e., if applicable, the anti-doping rule violation(s) committed and Consequences imposed).
  - Reasons for wanting to return to competition, including the level of Competition at which the Athlete wants to return (National, International or Professional).
  - Grounds for request, including why a strict application of the 6-month written notice requirement would be manifestly unfair.
  - Return date sought (including the specific event(s) within the 6-month notice period at which the Athlete wants to compete and whether this (these) event(s) is (are) a qualifying event(s) for a major event (specifying the major event) that will occur after the expiry of the 6-month notice period). Also, the Athlete must specify if the exemption being sought is for a single event only (including the details regarding the event).

All necessary documents/evidence shall be submitted with the Athlete’s request.
WADA’s Final Decision

Within 7 business days of receipt of the file from the relevant ADOs, WADA’s Director General will render a decision, which will be notified to the Athlete and to both ADOs. The Athlete and both ADOs have a right of appeal (to the Court of Arbitration for Sport or to the national-level reviewing body, as applicable) pursuant to Article 13.2 of the Code.

Please note that applications completed by the relevant ADOs and any inquiries regarding Article 5.7.1 applications must be sent to rm@wada-ama.org.
**To be completed by the Athlete**

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Exact date of retirement (please include a copy of the written retirement notice sent to each ADO that included the Athlete in its RTP):

Reason(s) for retirement:

RTP at time of retirement (please specify which NADO and/or IF, as applicable. Also, if the Athlete was included in two RTPs at the time of retirement (i.e., NADO and IF), please specify which ADO received the Athlete’s whereabouts filings):

Anti-Doping History (please indicate if you have ever been found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation(s). Also, please indicate the anti-doping rule violation(s) committed and the Consequences imposed):

Reason(s) for return to Competition and level of Competition at which the Athlete wants to return (National, International or Professional):

Grounds for request (including why a strict application of the 6-month notice requirement is manifestly unfair):
Return date sought (including the specific event(s) within the 6 month notice period at which the Athlete wants to compete and whether this (these) event(s) is (are) a qualifying event(s) for a major event (please specify the major event) that will occur after the expiry of the 6 month notice period). Also, please specify if the exemption being sought is for a single event only (please provide the details regarding the event):

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