

## **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](mailto:rm@wada-ama.org).**



<b>To be completed by the Athlete</b>	
Surname:	First name:
Date of birth:	Nationality:
Sport:	Level of Competition at Retirement (National, International or Professional):
Exact date of retirement (please include a copy of the written retirement notice sent to <u>each</u> 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):	



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Athlete's Signature:

Date: