

WADA ATHLETE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES Colorado Springs October 7, 2011

The WADA Athlete Committee met October 7, 2011, in Colorado Springs. The meeting was hosted by the IOC and US Olympic Committee on the occasion of its 5th International Athletes' Forum. A joint meeting between IOC Athlete Commission & WADA Athlete Committee was organized October 8.

Participants

Members: Vyacheslav Fetisov (Chair), Claudia Bokel, Rania Elwani, Meike Evers, Barbara Kendall, Alberto Lopez-Moreno, Cydonie Mothersill, Sara Fischer, Katarzyna Rogowiec, Yang Yang.

WADA representatives: David Howman, Julie Masse, Stacy Spletzer-Jegen, Terence O'Rorke (observer)

Regrets: Lindsay Davenport, Frank Fredericks, Anil Kumble, David Millar, Daichi Suzuki,

During the meeting members received comprehensive information and updates about specific anti-doping matters and in turn athletes were able to advise and provide comments about a variety of topics:

Members call for more blood and EPO testing

Members have called on Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs) across the world to increase the amount of blood samples and to also conduct more tests for erythropoietin (EPO). They were shocked to find out about the low number of EPO testing and also agreed there was an urgent need to increase blood testing in order to catch the "sophisticated dopers" and focusing on drugs such as hGH. It was also mentioned that ADOs should concentrate on testing on 'harder' drugs and less on recreational drugs.

Members support WADA's paperless project

WADA is assessing the viability of developing and implementing a paperless doping control process. The system has many positive objectives and as it relates to athletes', expedited and secure transfer of doping control data are of significant interest.

Members request

- that WADA continue focusing on achieving harmonization in anti-doping programs and in laboratories capabilities;
- that the Code review process be proactively communicated to athletes for their input;
- that the anti-doping community works at integrating and making visible consequences/sanctions for the entourage both at sport and government levels.

ADAMS

An update was given on the Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS) and the upcoming improvements to the Whereabouts module. The Committee was happy to see that the module was soon to be released. They also reiterated its position that all anti-doping organizations should be using ADAMS as the unique tool for their anti-doping programs, as it would be simpler for athletes to use around the world.

Players Union

Two members (Alberto Lopez Moreno and Sara Fischer) were invited by the European Elite Athlete Association (EEAA) to participate in their Conference in Madrid, September 9. WADA Legal Director, Olivier Niggli was also invited. The EEAA is interested in reforming the anti-doping system and to this effect they would like to be part of the WADA Athlete Committee or participate in some manner.

The EEAA members can look at WADA's policy of Standing Committees and seek appropriate nomination. WADA also reminded members that the Code Review process will commence in 2012 and the EEAA should maximise their efforts toward this process. WADA encourages members to communicate with them, if requested.

Presentations

The Athlete Committee was also given a presentation on the Code review process by Richard R. Young, Esq. Holmes Roberts & Owen LLP, as well as a presentation on a NADO's perspective and their work with athletes by Travis Tygart, US Anti-doping Agency CEO.

Joint Meeting between IOC Athletes' Commission and WADA Athlete Committee, October 8, 2011

The IOC Athlete Commission Chairman Frank Fredericks presented the composition, the role and functions of the commission and their main activities including entourage and anti-doping.

Mr. Fredericks brought one issue for the WADA Athlete Committee (AC) to look at – to find ways to include the athlete Foundation Board members on the AC Committee or to establish a process so that they are better informed of the AC's matters of concern and activities.

WADA's Athlete Committee shared a few matters and issues with the Commission:

- Lack of EPO testing is of great concern;
- Important to ensure correct placement of WADA Outreach Centre at Olympic Games/and other multi-sport events;
- Youth Olympic Games anti-doping education material in pre-games packages;
- Entourage problem: more support from sport to enforce sanctioning;
- Lab detection ability varies – work on harmonization;
- Updates and status on Compliance Report, Clenbuterol, ADAMS whereabouts module and Code Review process.

On points raised, the Commission supported matters and agreed to look into the location of WADA's Outreach Centre in London.

It was agreed that this joint meeting was the beginning of increased collaboration between the two committees.

Next meetings

The Committee will continue to meet "virtually" the week preceding WADA's Foundation Board meetings. In 2012, the Committee will meet twice to coincide with the Code Review phase where members will be presented with drafts of the requested modifications to the Code.

The first meeting is being hosted by the Japanese Anti-Doping Agency in Tokyo on 20 – 21 February which will happen at the same time as their 10-year anniversary. The second meeting will be held from September 18 – 19 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

WADA would like to extend its sincere appreciation to both the Japanese and Russian governments for their generosity and support.