



**WADA ATHLETE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
18 – 19 September 2012
St. Petersburg, Russia**

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

In attendance:

Vyacheslav Fetisov (Chair), Kenneth Egan, Tania Ellias Calles, Claudia Bokel, Frank Frederiks, Annelies Vandenberghe, Alberto Lopez Moreno, Andréanne Morin, David Millar, Cydonie Mothersill, Daichi Suzuki, Sara Fischer, Matthew Dunn, Katarzyna Rogowiec

WADA Representatives:

Julie Masse, Olivier Niggli, Stacy Spletzer-Jegen

The main objective of this meeting was to discuss the 2015 Code draft version 1.0 and collect members' comments for the Athlete Committee official submittal to the Code Review annexed herein.

The Committee also discussed key topics from the Director General's report to WADA's Executive Committee and as a result, several comments, and suggestions were offered:

- Biological Passport - The biological passport is an important tool in the fight against doping and its data needs to be shared universally with anti-doping organizations. Athletes need to be able to see their results, and the results management process should be standardized. A universal system is the only way to keep the 'W' in WADA.

Although material does exist for administrators, it is suggested to create informational resources for athletes to overview the purpose and details explaining the Biological Passport.

- ADAMS - It was commended by the active athlete members that the new Whereabouts module was a great improvement from the previous version and is very user-friendly. WADA was reminded of the next priority to develop an application for the whereabouts module.
- Data Protection - It is felt that the EU is over regulated, and that it should not impose on the rest of the world.
- Members reiterated their message to governments to encourage them to better fund RADOs/NADOs to increase the quality and breadth of their anti-doping programs. Too many athletes are still not tested OOC, and better education is needed.
- Entourage – Sport needs to be strong on the entourage and hold them accountable for actions that directly influence athletes. A cultural shift needs to take place so responsibility transcends to these influential groups.



- The Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) was unable to meet the committee and provide an overview on their activities. Many from the group were disappointed that they did not attend especially since the next Olympics and Paralympics will be in Sochi in 2014.
- All athletes deserve the right to a fair hearing, and this system needs to be fair and accessible to all. Committee members questioned the costs of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the challenges this gives athletes to gain access to a fair hearing when they have limited means. Additional information is being requested to address these concerns for the next meeting.
- Members have discussed ways to engage with other athletes' groups in order to explain the Code review and the Committee's views.
- It was strongly suggested that the 2015 Code be communicated in concepts – broken down into smaller pieces for each target group to help understand the major changes.

The Committee will meet "virtually" the week preceding WADA's Foundation Board meetings on November 14 at 10:00 am (EST).

The 2013 Athlete Committee meetings proposed dates are January 29 – 30 and mid-June since both dates coincide with the Code review process. Details will be provided in due course.

WADA would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the Chair of the Committee, V.Fetisov for hosting the meeting in St-Petersburg.