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Summary of major modifications made to the Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis (TDSSA) Version 2.1 following consultation to TDSSA Version 1.8

Dear Colleagues,

WADA and the TDSSA drafting group wish to acknowledge the constructive feedback received from those ADOs who provided comment and made written submissions to the TDSSA Version 1.8.

The TDSSA Version 2.1 was approved by the WADA Executive Committee on 20 September 2014, published on 2 October 2014, and will go into effect on 1 January 2015.

As highlighted in the TDSSA, WADA wishes to confirm that the focus in 2015 will be on the implementation of the TDSSA rather than compliance and acknowledges that there will be some operational challenges for ADOs, in particular NADOs, given the number of sports and disciplines under their jurisdiction.

WADA will monitor the implementation of the TDSSA through ADAMS and plans to consult with all stakeholders during this review period on the various aspects of implementation and feedback received. However, for this review to be effective and meaningful, ADOs should attempt to implement the TDSSA to the fullest extent possible in 2015.

Please find below a summary of some of the main changes made to the approved TDSSA Version 2.1 as a result of the feedback received.

1. Removal of Insulin

Insulin has been removed from the initial scope of the TDSSA due to current limitations with laboratory capacity. Insulin remains prohibited and testing for it should be based on an intelligence-led approach. The inclusion of Insulin within the TDSSA will be reassessed in the future.

2. Level of Athlete

The level of athlete as defined in the rules of each ADO in 2015 will not be a mandatory requirement to record on the doping control form. However, ADOs are required to develop a system to record the level of athlete for the purpose of monitoring their TDP progress and their application of the Minimum Levels of Analysis (MLAs) to those defined athletes. ADOs may be requested to provide such data to WADA as part of the monitoring of the TDSSA. WADA will consider ways in which this information can be captured in ADAMS efficiently as part of the review in 2015.

3. Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) – Haematological Module

The recommendation included in the TDSSA whereby a sport is strongly recommended to implement an ABP haematological module based on the MLA percentage for ESAs has been increased from 10% and greater to 15% and greater.

4. Laboratory Advice on the Type of Analysis

Informing the laboratory of the type of analysis to be conducted on a sample has been expanded from being recorded on chain of custody or laboratory documentation to include other methods of communication established between the ADO and the lab. WADA will consider ways to enhance this notification function through ADAMS moving forward.

5. Minimum Number of Tests where Calculation of MLAs = <1

Where the calculation of the MLA percentage to the number of tests planned by the ADO to be conducted on a sport or discipline which results in less than one analysis for either ESAs or GH/GHRFs, the minimum number of analyses that are required to be conducted shall be rounded up to one analysis. This will address those ADOs who conduct a small number of tests on some sports and will be in an area reviewed further by WADA in 2015.

6. Application for Reduction in MLAs

There has been an expansion of the type of information ADOs are required to submit to WADA as part of the application for reduction in MLAs to assess whether a reduction in MLAs (outside of the ABP haematological module) is warranted. However the burden shall be on the ADO to prove that, because of particular circumstances in their country or sport less extensive analysis of the substances within the scope of the TDSSA, would be appropriate and lead to the most intelligent, effective and efficient use of available testing resources.

7. Approval Period for Reduction in MLAs

An application for a reduction in MLAs may be submitted for multiple sports/disciplines in the same application. Any approval granted may be considered to roll over, (in particular relating to any reductions applied as a result of the effective implementation of an ABP haematological module), therefore, not requiring an ADO to reapply every year. Any conditions that were part of the original approval must be adhered to, and approvals may be subject to review by WADA at any given time.

8. Changes in MLAs

The only change to the MLA percentages was for the sport of Skating, discipline Figure Skating, where the ESAs MLA was reduced from 15% to 10%.

9. MLAs for Sports for Athletes with an Impairment

The process for finalizing the MLAs for sports for athletes with impairments is in the final stages of development. The MLAs for the 45 sports/disciplines identified will become Appendix 2 of the TDSSA and will be tabled for approval at the November 2014 WADA Executive Committee meeting and published shortly thereafter.

If any ADO has questions on the implementation of the TDSSA or any of the above points please send your query to tdssa@wada-ama.org.

Yours sincerely,



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