

ICF specificities in 2021 Anti-Doping Rules

- Introduction: This is tailored for ICF – using the same introduction as last ICF version
- Definition of an international athlete from the point of view of the Anti-Doping rules:

(a) Athletes who compete in any ICF World Championships, ICF World Cup, or ICF World Ranking Competition (b) Athletes who compete in any Continental Championships (c) Athletes who are included in the ICF Registered Testing Pool or ICF Testing Pool

This is important for the responsibilities related to TUEs and Education. If not international athletes, then those responsibilities are for the NADO, not the ICF

A new sentence has been added, in case the competitions are not happening (such as our current case for COVID):

if the ICF competition schedule is affected globally due to exceptional circumstances, the ICF may extend the period during which Athletes will be considered as International-Level Athletes

- For second level of testing pool (TP), the rule now specifies that the athlete is notified through his/her NF, to reflect correctly our process:

5.5.9 The ICF shall notify Athletes, through their National Federation, before they are included in the Testing Pool and when they are removed. Such notification shall include the whereabouts requirements and the consequences that apply in case of non-compliance, as indicated in Articles 5.5.10 and 5.5.11. The National Federation is responsible for informing their athletes of their inclusion in the ICF Testing Pool.

- A new article makes mandatory for a selected list of NF to provide their Training Camp information (This practice is already done, but there was no rule making it mandatory for NFs to provide such information):

5.5.13 The ICF has established a pool of National Federations by discipline, which are required to provide whereabouts details and list of all participants for all of their national team training camps or competition for this discipline, regardless of whether the Athletes are included in the ICF's Registered Testing Pool or Testing Pool.

- The ICF keeps its stronger stand on the sanction against NFs in case of 4 or more positive cases within a year, either from ICF or a NADO as result management (article 12.2.1). From 4 positive cases within a year, the ICF is able to sanction the NF.
- Education (Article 17): the ICF keeps mandatory for athlete to have passed at least once the online education course. From 2021, it will also be mandatory for all support personnel (voted by ICF Board in March 2020)