



## WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING POLICY?

The Australian National Anti-Doping Policy reflects the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code and amendments to Australian anti-doping legislation. The purpose of the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy is to have a single and consistent set of anti-doping rules across all sports in Australia.

This policy and the changes mentioned here come into effect on 1 January 2021.

## WHAT'S NEW?



### 11th Anti-Doping Rule Violation – Discourage or Retaliate

Individuals can violate this new rule if they discourage or retaliate against a person from reporting doping activity to authorities. This provides protection to those who report doping information. This violation can carry a lifetime sanction from sport.

### Non-Participants

Anti-Doping rules now apply to more than just athletes and support personnel. They can also apply to a category called 'Non-Participants' including board members, directors, officers, specified employees of the sport and any member or affiliate organisation. 'Non-Participants' can be subject to the violations of: Tampering, Trafficking, Administration, Complicity, Prohibited Association and Retaliation.

### Flexibility in sanctioning

Athletes classed as Lower-Level and/or Protected Persons are afforded greater flexibility in the sanctioning process.

### Substances of Abuse

Athletes who test positive to Cocaine, Cannabis, MDMA or Heroin may have their sanction reduced if they can prove the substance was used out-of-competition and not related to sporting performance.

### In-Competition period

The In-Competition period now starts at 11:59 pm the night before an athlete competes and ends after the competition. This may change depending on the International Federation rules. Athletes should be aware of substances which are prohibited In-Competition and Out-of-Competition.

### National Testing Pool

There are 3 testing pools:

REGISTERED TESTING POOL

NATIONAL TESTING POOL

DOMESTIC TESTING POOL

Athletes in the new National Testing Pool will need to provide minimal whereabouts information into ADAMS. Failure to comply with obligations under the new National Testing Pool will not result in a violation. Athletes in the National Testing Pool will have the same Retirement and Reinstatement conditions as Registered Testing Pool athletes.

### Education

Sports are required to have an Education Pool of Athletes and Support Persons that are required to complete anti-doping education. At a minimum, this must include any athlete subject to testing.

### Other changes

The sanction length for **Complicity and Attempted Complicity** may vary from 2 years to a lifetime sanction.

The violation of **Tampering** will be expanded to include the Results Management of a violation. This will be a separate offence and any sanction will be applied to the initial offence.

There are new rules to allow for cases to be resolved more quickly such entering into agreements (**Case Resolution Agreement** and **Early admission and acceptance**) where the sanction can be reduced if the individual admits and agrees to the consequences.

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