



Rugby Australia Ltd (ACN 002 898 544)

Anti-Doping Code

Effective from 1 January 2021

Preface

The Board of Rugby Australia has adopted the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy (**Policy**) as the new Rugby AU Anti-Doping Code (**Code**) with effect from 1 January 2021. The Policy reflects changes made to the World Anti-Doping Agency Code 2021 (**WADA Code**) and to Australian anti-doping legislation in 2020.

Purpose

Anti-Doping programs seek to protect the health of athletes and maintain the integrity of sport. They ensure that there is respect for the rules and for other competitors, fair competition and a level playing field. The integrity and spirit of rugby incorporates both the pursuit of excellence through the dedicated perfection of each player's natural talents and our core values, namely, Passion, Integrity, Discipline, Respect and Teamwork. Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport and the core values of rugby.

In addition to the Code, Rugby AU has an Illicit Drugs Policy and Codes of Conduct for professional and community participants that ensure that Rugby AU is properly equipped to deal with any illicit, performance enhancing or prescription drug related issue in rugby.

1. Application of the Anti-Doping Code

1.1. Application to Rugby AU and Member/Affiliate Organisations

- 1.1.1. Rugby AU adopts the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy¹ (**Policy**) as part of the rules of rugby and will work in conjunction with Sport Integrity Australia (**SIA**) to ensure that its anti-doping program is effectively and efficiently implemented.
- 1.1.2. Rugby AU shall accept and abide by the spirit and terms of World Rugby Regulation 21² (**Regulations**) and these Regulations shall apply to competitions and events under World Rugby's jurisdiction.
- 1.1.3. Rugby AU recognises the authority and responsibility of WADA, World Rugby and SIA and shall abide by and give effect to the decisions made pursuant to the Policy and the Regulations, including decisions of hearing panels imposing sanctions on individuals under their jurisdiction.
- 1.1.4. Rugby AU agrees to be bound by the Sporting Administration Body Rules, as contained in clause 2.04 of the SIA Regulations.
- 1.1.5. This Code shall apply to Rugby AU and all its member or affiliate organisations, as well as the board members, directors, officers, specified employees of Rugby AU and its member or affiliate organisations and Delegated Third Parties³ and their employees.

1.2. Application to Persons

- 1.2.1. This Code shall apply to all *Persons* listed in Article 1.3 of the Policy (including *Minors*), whether or not such *Person* is a citizen of or (temporary or permanent) resident in Australia.

2. World Rugby Regulation 21 (Regulations)

- 2.1. World Rugby Regulation 21 shall apply to *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* participating in any competition or event under the jurisdiction of World Rugby or who are tested under the jurisdiction of World Rugby.

3. Definition of Doping

- 3.1. Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations outlined in Article 2 of the Policy.
- 3.2. *Athletes*, *Athlete Support Personnel* and *Other Persons* are responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods that have been included on the Prohibited List.

¹ Located here: <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/anti-doping/2021-world-anti-doping-code/australian-national-anti-doping-policy>

² Located here: <https://www.world.rugby/handbook/regulations/reg-21/reg-21>

³ Defined in the Policy.

4. The Prohibited List

- 4.1. The Policy and the Regulations incorporate the Prohibited List that is published and revised by WADA as set out in Article 4.1 of the WADA Code.⁴
- 4.2. Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) - The presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers, and/or the Use or Attempted Use, Possession or Administration or Attempted Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation if it is consistent with the provisions of a TUE granted in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions as set out in Article 4.4 of the Policy.

5. Testing

- 5.1. Any player included in the SIA Registered Testing Pool, National Testing Pool or Domestic Testing Pool will be notified before their inclusion and of their responsibilities as part of the Pool.
- 5.2. Any player included in the World Rugby Registered Testing Pool or World Rugby Testing Pool will be notified before they are included and when they are removed from the Pool and notified of their responsibilities as part of the relevant Pool.

6. Results Management and Hearing Process

- 6.1. The Results Management process following anti-doping testing under SIA's jurisdiction will be as per the process set out in Articles 7, 8 and 13 of the Policy. The hearing body for the purposes of the Policy is the National Sports Tribunal (NST) in the first instance, the Appeals Division of the NST for appeals and the Appeals Division of CAS for any further appeals.
- 6.2. The Results Management process following any testing under World Rugby's jurisdiction will be as per the process set out in Regulations 21.7, 21.8 and 21.13 of World Rugby Regulation 21. The hearing body for the purposes of these Regulations is the Anti-Doping Judicial Panel at first instance and the Post-Hearing Review Body, CAS or the Appeals Division of the National Sports Tribunal (NST) as applicable for appeals.

⁴ <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/the-code>