

ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION

Therapeutic use exemptions (TUE)

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Besides the spirit of sport (no fraud, no cheating) one of the principles of anti-doping policies is to keep the sport healthy. However anti-doping policies are not meant to abstain sick people from sport.

Therefore the **IDSF Anti-Doping Code** (the Code) and WADA's **World Anti-Doping Code** (WADC) foresee in a system of *Therapeutic Use Exemptions* (TUE's), i.e. the use of forbidden substances by athletes who need such substances for health reasons, will not be sanctioned.

WADA has adopted an International Standard for the process of granting TUE's. This procedure is mandatory to all sports federations in all countries. The International Federations (IF's) like IDSF also must ensure that internally a process is in place whereby athletes with documented medical conditions, requiring the use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method for health reasons, may request a TUE.

Based on the mandatory WADA Standard the IDSF Anti-Doping Commission developed an IDSF TUE Procedure and a standard form for a TUE application and approval. Both the Procedure and the Form are published on the IDSF Internet site at July 2004.

The TUE requests within IDSF for the international athlete's will be evaluated by the medical qualified members of the IDSF Anti-Doping Commission in accordance with the International Standard as set forth by WADA.

Each national federation member of IDSF, the own national federation of the athlete's, must do the same for the national athletes and competitions in its jurisdiction and develop a similar system.

For a good understanding: international athlete's apply for a TUE with the International Federation, for DanceSport the IDSF Anti-Doping Commission; athlete's competing at national level only apply for a TUE with their national NADO. When one of the two afore mentioned authorities has given an Approval based on the WADA TUE mandatory Standard, this approval will be recognized by the other. Just send simple a copy of the Approval to the other authority.

The procedure's main lines are as follows:

--- The athlete must request for a TUE per the mandatory Form. This is not a simple A4 form as in the past but will include a declaration of the medical practitioner that the treatment is required for the athlete's health and the reasons why, etc.;





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- The qualified medical trained members of our Commission will review in full detail the TUE request of the athlete;
- When the medical trained members of our Commission approve the TUE request a Certificate of Approval will be issued; if not the athlete will be informed as such;
- All TUE's must be sent to WADA for review. WADA has the right to Appeal to TUE's granted by the IDSF Anti-Doping Commission. Also the Health Commission of the IOC has the right to review the TUE's and Appeal's to the TUE's granted;
- WADA has also the right to observe the anti-doping control policies and results management process at events, at all times and any organization.

When an athlete has to use medicines for health reasons as prescribed by an authorized physician, the athlete has to submit the mandatory standard Application Form to the Chair of the IDSF Anti-Doping Commission to request for an approval.

Without a granted TUE by means of a Certificate of Approval issued by the Chair of the IDSF Anti-Doping Commission or the national NADO, no use of forbidden substances will be allowed and no excuse for medicines used will be accepted in anti-doping controls.

Of all TUE's, granted or not, a register must be kept up-to-date.

When an anti-doping rule violation is found in an athletes sample at the laboratory first of all the TUE register must be checked; if no granted TUE is present in the register the use of medicines will not be accepted by the anti-doping authorities such as the Disciplinary Commission and WADA and a sanction will follow.

The IDSF Anti-Doping Commission will have to work on this topic in close cooperation with the National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADO's) of the athlete's country. It's therefore important that the national federation/association, member of IDSF, is member of their NOC and that the proper information of the countries national anti-doping infrastructure is reported to IDSF.

The procedure has gone into operation September 2004 as reported before.

Finally IDSF has to send all TUE's to WADA for their review. WADA can appeal to TUE's granted by our Commission. Also the Health Commission of IOC has the right to review the TUE's and appeal to the TUE's granted. WADA also has the right to observe the doping control policies and results management processes at events, at all times and with any organization.

Given this information it must be clear that the TUE-topic is no longer an internal DanceSport matter.

This shows we believe the importance of this matter quite clearly.

