

IFF Testing & Testing Pool Guidelines



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Introduction and Scope

The “Code” and “WADC2021” refers to *the World Anti-Doping Code*. The “ISTI” refers to *WADA’s International Standard for Testing and Investigations*. The *TDSSA* refers to *the WADA Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis*. Some of the text in this document is quoted from WADA’s “*Guidelines for implementing an effective athlete whereabouts program*”. All the above mentioned WADA’s Regulations and Documents are found on *WADA web pages* (www.wada-ama.org).

The Signatories (including IFF) to the World Anti-Doping Code recognise that effective Out-of-Competition Testing programmes are essential to the fight against doping in sport and that effective Out-of-Competition Testing depends upon accurate and complete Athlete whereabouts information.

Out-of-Competition Testing

Out-Of-Competition Testing may be conducted by IFF, WADA or a National Anti-Doping Organisation (or agencies appointed by them) at any time or location in any member country. This testing shall be carried out without any advance notice to the Athlete or his National Federation. Every Athlete affiliated with a member Federation is obliged to undergo Out-of-Competition Testing as decided by the IFF, WADA or the National Anti-Doping Organisation.

The WADA Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis (TDSSA) is intended to ensure that the prohibited substances and methods within the scope of the TDSSA that are deemed to be at risk of abuse in certain sports/disciplines are subject to an appropriate and consistent level of analysis by all Anti-Doping Organisations (ADOs). Compliance with the TDSSA is mandatory.

WADA TDSSA: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/the-code/tdssa-technical-document-for-sport-specific-analysis>

Pyramid approach to IFF Testing Pools

In order to maintain a pool of Athletes from whom whereabouts information is obtained, which can be used to increase the effectiveness of the IFF’s Out-of-Competition Testing programme, the IFF will maintain different tiers of testing pools.

In 2023 there will be three (possible) tiers of Testing Pools:

- Tier 1/Registered Testing Pool (no athletes currently)
- Tier 2/Testing Pool
- Tier 3/Other National Team Pool

The National Federation shall educate the Athletes included in any of the **IFF Testing Pools**, so that they at least understand the following:

- The Athletes are familiar with the IFF Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA’s Prohibited List
- The Athletes are familiar with the Therapeutic Use Exception process (TUE process)
- The Athletes are familiar with the Doping Control Procedure (both urine and blood samples might be collected)
- The Athletes know the basics of Testing Pools, Whereabouts Information and out-of-competition testing

Tier 1/IFF Registered Testing Pool (RTP)

At this point we will not include players to the RTP. IFF may however identify a Registered Testing Pool of those Athletes who are required to comply with the strict whereabouts requirements of Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations. Athletes shall be notified before they are included in a Registered Testing Pool and when they are removed from that pool by the IFF. Each Athlete in the Registered Testing Pool shall do the following: (a) advise IFF of his/her whereabouts on a quarterly basis through ADAMS; (b) update that information as necessary so that it remains accurate and complete at all times; and (c) make him/herself available for Testing at such whereabouts. More information in the 5.6. of the IFF Anti-Doping Rules found here: <https://floorball.sport/anti-doping-and-medical/anti-doping-rules-and-regulations/>

Tier 2/IFF Testing Pool (TP)

In 2023 year the IFF TP consists of the top one (1) Women's National Teams according to the results from the previous World Floorball Championships (Sweden). All Athletes taking part in the events (camps, tournaments, international matches) of the Men's Top one ranked National Team are included in the IFF Testing Pool. The IFF will collect the needed whereabouts information through the National Federation and the National Federation shall take care of following:

- a. Send the specific event information ten (10) days prior to the event (the information shall be sent with the **"IFF Upcoming National Team Event Form"**)
- b. Send regular club team training activities (one regular training time/week during the season) of the league clubs of their country with current national team players from their country. Periods: February – March/April (until season ends) & September – December 31st. The National Federation is also responsible for providing possible updates in the regular training times to the IFF.
 - Information needed: Name of club team; training day; training time (local time); date until specified training time is valid; training venue name; training venue address; (venue training court number); name of club team contact person and his/her contact information.
 - Note: the IFF will not need any updates in club training times during national team events or if the regular training time is cancelled due to an official National League match on the day of the training.
- c. If needed, the IFF will ask for more whereabouts information. The IFF also has the possibility to identify players to a Registered Testing Pool. Players in the Registered Testing Pool are individually responsible for providing daily whereabouts information including a 60-minutes time slot.

The **National Federation** must inform all Athletes in **IFF Testing Pool** of the following (for example when invited to national team events):

- The fact that the players in the National Team are included in the **IFF Testing Pool** and that they are subject to out-of-competition testing. That the IFF collects both national team whereabouts and club team whereabouts for the purpose of out of competition testing. If the IFF does not receive sufficient whereabouts via the national team/club team, the players can be added to the IFF Registered Testing Pool, meaning that the IFF will need daily athlete whereabouts added to WADA's Anti-Doping Administration & Management System (ADAMS) including a one-hour time slot & regular activities.

Tier 3/Other National Team Pool (ONTP)

In 2023 the 2nd and 3rd ranked teams in women's World Championships are included in the Other National Team Pool: Finland women, Switzerland women. The IFF will collect the needed whereabouts information through the National Federation and the National Federation shall take care of following:

- a. Send the specific event information latest ten (10) days prior to the event (the information shall be sent with the **"IFF Upcoming National Team Event Form"**)
- b. If needed, the IFF will ask for more whereabouts information.

More information about IFF Testing Pools and the current whereabouts requirements is found in 5.5. of the IFF Anti-Doping Rules and on the IFF website, www.floorball.sport and Anti-Doping and Medical > Testing Pools and Whereabouts.

2023 Deadlines

The National Federation shall hand in the first top club team regular training times (1 training time/week) for the period February 15th 2023 – March/April 2023 (until the season ends). The first deadline to send in the information is on **February 10th 2023**. The second deadline to send in the top club team training times is on **September 10th 2023** for the period September 15th – December 31st. **When the regular training time is cancelled/changed, the National Federation shall keep the IFF updated of such changes, so that possible out-of-competition testing plans can be modified.**

During off-season, March/April (from season ending) 2023 – September 15th 2023, the IFF will not collect the top club team regular training times. The national team activities shall however always be sent 10 days before the national team activity.

Sanctions

When the IFF does not receive the requested information in time or when the IFF has planned out-of-competition testing and has not been informed of updates in the training times (in either national team activities or club team activities), the IFF may sanction its National Federation (National Federations may then decide to sanction its club teams according to National Federation rules). The first action will however be a warning. The absolute deadline to inform about such changes is the previous weekday at 12:00 CET.

12.2.4 in the IFF Anti-Doping Rules:

An organisation or body has failed to make diligent efforts to keep IFF informed about an Athlete's whereabouts after receiving a request for that information from IFF. In such event, that organisation or body may be fined in an amount up to 1000 Swiss Francs per Athlete, in addition to reimbursement of all of the IFF costs incurred in Testing that organisation's or body's Athletes.

Note that all failures to update training times are regarded as failures of the National Federation, not of a single club. The failures accumulate during the testing pool period, from 1 January to 31 December, then they will reset.

If an athlete is selected to the IFF Registered Testing Pool and is required to comply with the strict whereabouts requirements of Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, any combination of three missed tests and/or filing failures, within a twelve-month period may constitute an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (see 2.4 of the IFF Anti-Doping Rules).

Further information

- IFF web page <https://floorball.sport/> under Anti-Doping
- WADA web page www.wada-ama.org under World Anti-Doping Code
- National Anti-Doping organisations
 - Sweden: <https://www.antidoping.se/>
 - Finland: <https://www.suek.fi/>
 - Switzerland: <https://www.sportintegrity.ch/en>