

Anti-Doping Officer Report

Irish Orienteering Association AGM, 29th May 2021.

New Anti-Doping webpage on orienteering.ie

In October 2020 we launched a new page on the IOA website:

<https://www.orienteering.ie/anti-doping/>

The webpage highlights the IOA's commitment to promoting an environment where its members can compete fairly, and free from the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

The webpage contains useful links to:

- Sport Ireland Anti-Doping webpage (an excellent resource including Anti-Doping Rules; Athlete Zone; Education Zone; and e-Learning)
- International Orienteering Federation (IOF) Anti-Doping webpage
- World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Anti-Doping eLearning platform

As per the Sport Ireland Anti-Doping Rules, every orienteer on our national squads has a responsibility to be aware of and comply with the Rules. This applies to both seniors and juniors.

I would encourage all athletes and their support personnel (coaches, parents etc.) to use the Sport Ireland and/or WADA e-Learning resources so that they are aware of anti-doping rules, policies and procedures.

Athlete Education

With the help the Director of High Performance Orienteering, I maintain an e-mail list of athletes who are on the Senior Squad. Since the last AGM, I have used this list to distribute information from Sport Ireland on:

- Newly updated Sport Ireland Anti-Doping Rules 2021
- Sport Ireland Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel Procedures
- Sport Ireland Anti-Doping Annual Review 2020

If any Squad member hasn't received this information, please e-mail me and I will forward it to you. I can also forward information to any interested orienteers and/or add you to the mailing list.

I now have a stock of Sport Ireland Wallet Cards - these cards contain a fold-out sheet with information about the prohibited drugs list, the sample collection process, therapeutic use exemptions (TUEs), and other useful resources. Please e-mail me with your postal address if you would like a Wallet Card – again I encourage any athlete (junior or senior) to avail of this useful resource, so that they can be familiar with anti-doping rules and procedures.

Amendments to the IOA Constitution

According to the Sport Ireland Anti-Doping Rules, the IOA is required to adopt and implement certain disciplinary rules or codes of conduct in our own constitution. For example, athletes and others are required to co-operate with anti-doping investigations, and not to engage in offensive conduct during a test. The work on incorporating these rules into our own constitution is still ongoing.

Summary

Tasks for the coming year are the same as at last year's AGM:

- Deliver anti-doping education to orienteers and their support personnel
- Draft the required amendments to the IOA constitution

I am happy to stand for re-election at this year's AGM – bearing in mind that with work constraints I may get all or none of the above tasks done. I am equally happy to support someone else if they want to take on the role.

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