



**TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS
TO THE BUREAU MEMBERS
TO THE MEDICAL COMMISSION
TO THE LEGAL COMMISSION
TO THE ATHLETES COMMISSION**

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Subject : New United World Wrestling Anti-doping Rules 2015

Dear President, dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to announce that the new United World Wrestling Anti-doping Rules 2015 have been formally recognized as compliant with the World Anti-doping Code 2015 by the World Anti-doping Agency and can now be downloaded from [United World Wrestling's website](#).

These new anti-doping rules will enter in force on 1st January 2015 and shall be respected by all affiliated federations and their members. We draw your attention to article 16 in particular which provides that these anti-doping rules must be incorporated directly or by reference in the national federations' rules so that they can enforce them directly as against athletes under their anti-doping jurisdiction.

The article 16.2 provides that the national federations will establish rules requiring that all athletes and each athlete's support personnel (coach, trainer, manager, medical personnel, etc.) agree to be bound by these anti-doping rules and to submit to the results management authority of United World Wrestling.

The most significant changes of these new anti-doping rules are the following:

- **Sanctions:** the suspension period for an anti-doping rules violation (positive case) will be four years, unless the athlete can prove that the violation was not intentional. If the athlete can establish that he/she had no intention to cheat, the suspension period will be 2 years.
- **Minors:** it is required from the International Federations to conduct an automatic investigation of athlete support personnel in case of any anti-doping rule violation by a Minor.
- **Coaches and athlete support personnel:** amendments have been included in the new Code to better reach the coaches who are often involved anti-doping rules violations.
- **Missed tests:** Currently, the addition of 3 missed tests within an 18 month period constitutes anti-doping rule violation and may lead to a suspension (between 12 and 24 months).

In the new Code, this period has been shortened to 12 months.

- **TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemptions):** no significant changes from the current practice, but: any international level athlete must apply to the International Federation for a TUE.
If an athlete already has a TUE granted by his national anti-doping organization (NADO) and this TUE complies with the criteria laid down by the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, United World Wrestling shall recognize it.
If the IF reckons that it does not comply with the criteria, it must notify that athlete and indicate the reason. The athlete has 21 days to submit the question to WADA:
If WADA is seized, the TUE granted by the NADO is still valid for testing during national competitions or for out-of-competition testing (but not valid for international competitions) until a decision is rendered by WADA.
- **Investigations:** accent is put on investigation (collection of data, inquiries, etc) to target testing or establish « non-analytical » (that are not the consequence of a positive result) anti-doping rules violations, for example the possession of prohibited substances.

You will also find on the website a more detailed document presenting the main change of the new code in comparison to the 2009 version.

A reference guide on the new code for athletes edited by WADA is also available on World Wrestling's website. We kindly ask you to make this information available to all your wrestlers, coaches, doctors and any other interested persons.

I take this opportunity to remind you United World Wrestling's commitment to a sport without doping and the protection of clean athletes via the strict enforcement of these rules.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and I remain

Yours sincerely,



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