

WADA decision on Russian Compliance and related matters - comments by the CEO.

Shot summary of recent events:

The WADA Executive Committee (ExCo) decided on 20th of September, at their meeting in the Seychelles, to classify the Russian Anti-Doping Organization (RUSADA) as code compliant and thus lift the three-year ban on the Agency.

This proposal became public on 14th of September. Following the release of documents intended to be confidential, WADA announced that the Compliance Review Committee had recommended the reinstatement of RUSADA after the Russian Minister of Sport Kolobkov agreed to WADAs requirements for compliance.

However, according to the correspondence between Kolobkov, WADA President Reedie and WADA Director-General Niggli, published on the 15th of September by the BBC, the conditions mentioned were a much more attenuated form of the WADA's original re-admission requirements. The WADA representatives and the Russian Minister seem to have internally agreed on a compromise (without reference to ExCo) to speed up the readmission of RUSADA.

Both the news about the planned compliance decision of RUSADA on the 14th, as well as the final confirmation of this process on the 20th of September incensed many athlete groups and National Anti-Doping Agencies worldwide. The fundamental decision to lift the suspension of RUSADA to the new conditions and, moreover, WADA's approach were strongly criticized.

iNADO Members will have followed and, in some cases, contributed to discussions over the matters summarised here. This decision has created what can only be described as a crisis in the fight for clean sport.

iNADO has taken the following positions:

1/ Prior to the ExCo meeting iNADO called for a postponement of any decision on RUSADA compliance. This position was taken because the WADA process did not allow time for a full understanding of the reasons for, and implications of, the recommendation of the Compliance Committee. The recommendation came at the last minute after representatives had already consulted and adopted positions and with no time to return to the constituencies. The recommendation indicated a significant capitulation by WADA in relation to the "Roadmap".

The iNADO press release pre decision is attached [here](#).

2/ Following the ExCO decision iNADO criticised the decision both for the reasons stated above and for the flaws it exposed in the WADA Governance model. The press release from iNADO focussed on the governance issue questioning how such critical decisions can be properly made by an ExCO which is severely conflicted especially on the sport side but also on the government side. The iNADO position is that (preferably) the ExCO should be fully independent or alternatively it should include representation from a wider range of critical stakeholders and, most critically, independent athletes.

The iNADO press release post decision is attached [here](#).

A copy of the highly relevant comments of the NADO representatives (Drs Gotzmann (Germany) and Goh (Singapore)) to the WADA Governance Working Group (August 3) is attached [here](#).

In light of the fact that this process and decision has clearly demonstrated the weaknesses in WADA governance which have been

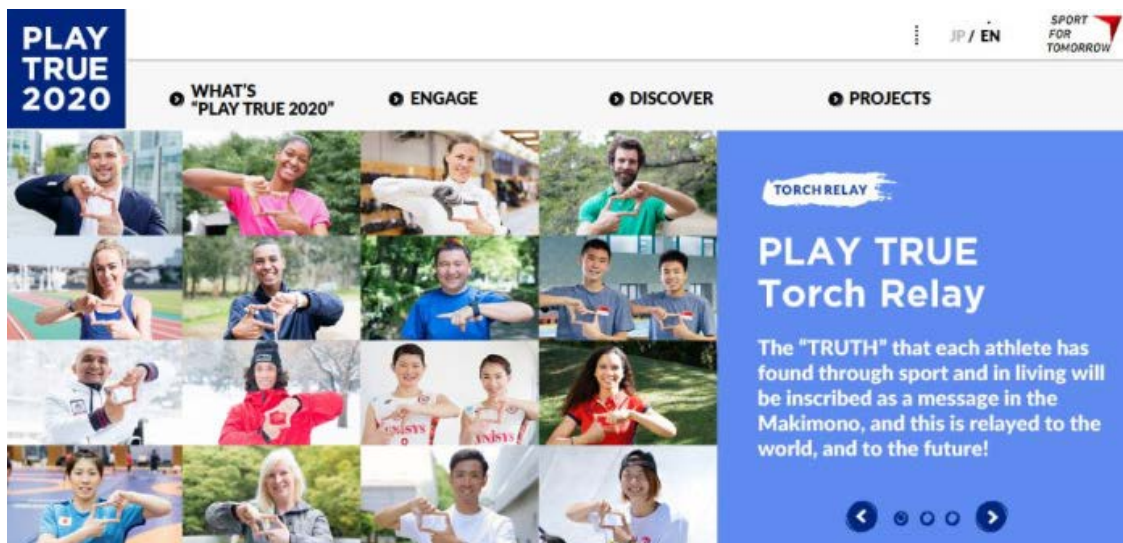
highlighted by NADO representatives for some time it has become doubly critical that this Working Group recommend changes which at least improve the situation. A recommendation for the status quo will demonstrate that, even on the Working Group, retention of power rather than good governance principles is what is driving representatives from the existing power blocs.

3/ Despite the flawed decision making process iNADO is pleased for RUSADA and in particular Yuri Ganus and the senior staff who have fought against the entrenched Russian politicians (sport and other) and are building a credible organisation in a supremely difficult environment. iNADO will continue to work with them and support them. We hope that over time they will be able to fully demonstrate that they have broken free from the old regime. iNADO Board member, Herman Ram (Netherlands), is speaking to a RUSADA conference in Moscow on September 28, on behalf of iNADO, and will focus on lessons and changes which have resulted from both past and recent history.

4/ On October 11 and 12 WADA will host a small group of "NADO Leaders" who they have selected to discuss the NADO role in the fight for clean sport. Recent decisions will inevitably feature in the discussion. The group comprises: Rune ANDERSEN (Chair) Norway, Aziz AL MASAED Saudi Arabia, Shin ASAKAWA Japan, Jeremy LUKE Canada, Herman RAM Netherlands, Nicole SAPSTEAD United Kingdom, Graeme STEEL iNADO, Harri SYVÄSALMI Finland, Christine WAMBUI MUGERA Kenya.

Additional Information regarding the IDCO nomination for Tokyo 2020

This month iNADO received a letter from the "Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games" regarding the IDCO nomination ending at the end of this month. It contains further information about services that the committee can provide to your DCOs during the Olympic Games and reminds you again to nominate your DCOs. Find the respective document [here](#). This message was already forwarded by iNADO at the 25th of September to all DCOs of its members. If you are able to nominate DCOs representing your ADO, please contact the Organising Committee and don't forget to answer the following questions [here](#) to give us an overview about the current IDCO situation.



Play True Torch Relay: A Legacy for Tokyo 2020

July 24 2018 marked exactly two years to go to until the inauguration of Tokio2020. The Japan Anti-Doping Agency is working on a few initiatives to bring clean sport messages to the front of the next summer Olympics, before and during the event.

One of the projects JADA launched is [Play True Torch Relay](#), an online platform that involves and shares the personal stories of athletes from many countries. The common element in the interviews is not to focus on anti-doping but to share with the public why has sport been so important in the life of these athletes, their "Truth in Sport".

One of the stories contained there is Marsha Cox from South Africa. Here are a few excerpts from that interview worth reading

The Story of [Marsha Cox](#) (Hockey, South Africa)

Marsha identifies her mother as her role model and inspiring factor in her life being a "non-white" athlete.

- I started playing hockey because of my mother, who was a hockey player and a teacher. She was an exceptional player and played into her very late thirties. Unfortunately, the country was still practicing apartheid when she was at her peak as an athlete, so she wasn't allowed to represent South Africa and compete on the international stage. Even so, my mother's last season as a player coincided with my debut in the domestic league. Having had that opportunity to play together for one season is now a memory that we both hold dear.

The role of sport in South Africa

- During the past 23 years, the people of the Republic of South Africa—my homeland—have been learning to appreciate the greatness of transcending racial and cultural barriers and uniting as one. But this is something relatively new when you consider the long history that preceded it. Even if the nation is transformed and the times change, it will take a long time for the old way of thinking to be completely erased from people's minds. Women's participation in society is one of the hottest issue around the world. It is an issue that I look forward to seeing solved.

Her captaincy style and woman athlete

- During the 14 years that I was on the national team, I played as team captain in many games for about ten years, starting in 2006. My captaincy style can be described as having been to "lead by example". One of the important things when leading athletes with their differences in personalities and talents, is that you must be willing to make self-sacrifices. You have to be willing to spend time talking with and inspiring each player. (...) And, what is most important is that you enjoy playing hockey and show that to the other players. The passion that arises from your enjoyment should also prepare you and give you the strength to sometimes be, as captain, the target of criticism. It is a role that requires much effort, but a captain is never alone. There will always be teammates who will help carry the load.



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