



Here is today's summary of key developments and issues in anti-doping you should be aware of.

Announcement of Government selection of WADA Presidential Nominee

iNADO acknowledges the selection, by Government representatives to WADA, of Polish Sports Minister Witold Bańka as their nominee for the position of WADA President. Assuming the normal procedures apply and he is elected in November iNADO looks forward to continued collaboration with him and his WADA team in the drive towards clean sport.

We appreciate his stated intent to find new and better ways to support, in particular, small NADOs. We also note the need to urgently press forward with initiatives to increase the presence and influence of athletes in the development of fair and balanced policy and the drive towards increased independence of WADA decision making. iNADO members are responsible for more than 90% of the work of all NADOs and we offer our support to Mr Banka in his efforts in these fields.

Graeme Steel CEO iNADO.



E-Learning Platform Available Now for Free for iNADO Members

iNADO is happy to announce that Triagonal's E-Learning solution, which is already used in customised versions successfully by a number of NADOs, is now ready to be used by iNADO Members for free!

At inado.triagonal.net the first version (in English), you will find two courses available: 1) Athletes and 2) Medical Personnel. Member organisations keen in using the platform are invited to do so by logging in and creating an account at inado.triagonal.net. Later on July 1st we will launch a Spanish version also for free. In case of detailed questions concerning the e-learning tool, you may also contact Triagonal directly via the email address antidoping@triagonal.net.

Before formally using this E-Learning Platform, the only requirement for a NADO is to nominate an

corresponding email address.

Save the Date: International Conference on the implementation of the New Code (January 2020)

In January 2020, Doping Authority Netherlands will host the International Conference on the implementation of the revised World Anti-Doping Code (ICIC2020). After a first edition in 2014, following the World Conference on Doping in Sport in Johannesburg of 2013, this will be the second conference of this kind.

Several stakeholders have expressed their interest in a second version of this conference and discuss the outcomes of the World Conference in Katowice. The [ICIC2020 conference](#) will –again– take place in Vaals (Netherlands), from Wednesday 15 January to Friday 17 January 2020.

The core business of ICIC2020 will be the implementation of relevant changes in the World Anti-Doping Code, together with the implementation of several new and revised International Standards. ICIC2020 will bring together directors, senior employees and communication managers of National Anti-Doping Organisations, Regional Anti-Doping Organisations and International Federations, as well as athlete representatives. Researchers, lab managers, legal experts and other stakeholders are invited to attend as well.

More information about ICIC2020 can be found on the [ICIC2020 website](#). The program will be developed gradually during the following months. Registration for the conference is not open yet. The organising committee will send an invitation to all stakeholders in summer of 2019 opening the registration period.

Cannabis in Sport? CCES provides Answers

Given changes in the law of certain countries, it is important to remember that in the world of anti-doping, cannabis is prohibited. However, some valid questions remain: How much is prohibited? What about cannabinoid derivatives? What if I need it as medicine? Why is it still prohibited?

Recognising that athletes, support personnel, and families still have questions like these, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) wishes to promote not just the conclusion – that cannabis is prohibited – but also a deeper understanding of the whys and the hows. [This information kit](#) provides answers to these questions. The information contained there is addressed to athletes, students, faculty and staff, and coaches. It is designed to help protect them from inadvertent doping violations, to encourage learning, and to optimize their opportunities for success.

Match Fixing/Manipulation – The unaddressed (and terrifying) Threat to Sporting Integrity?

With respect to doping the IOC and International Federations, along with world governments, have put in place strong measures to deal with this severe threat to the integrity of sport. The measures are not perfect, nor are they implemented rigorously in all cases, but the structure is now there. However, [doping is not the only threat to the integrity of sport](#).

Match manipulation is an additional and, it can be argued, even greater threat. At the end of April, [a two-day seminar in Toronto](#), convened by the CCES, addressed the matter. It was in recognition of the fact that, notwithstanding the name of the host organisation, the threat has not been adequately confronted in Canada. Something which, given the competency of the CCES in doping matters, will surprise many. It was an excellent and eye-opening conference which starkly laid out the realities of the threat.

Those countries which have taken the matter seriously and adopted measures to address it have, in almost every case, moulded the NADO into an organisation which deals with both these issues. In the case of Australia, the wider range of threats to the ethical conduct of sport will be dealt with by a new

The purpose of this note is not to pre-ordain that the correct response in every case is to commandeer the NADO and give it a wider brief (though it is likely to be), rather it is to “kick the sleeping bear”.

- Has the sporting community and/or Government in your country taken steps to understand and seriously confront this issue?
- Is there a recognition of how pervasive (and chilling) the threat is?

For those who have not yet woken up - consult the work of [Declan Hill](#) which lays out, in chapter and verse, the breadth and depth of the problem. (Declan spoke compellingly on the topic at the conference.) If you do not believe it exists in your country it is safe to say that, quite simply, you are wrong. In some cases - horribly wrong!

If there is a failure in your country to consider and address this issue there is not time to sit and wait for someone else to take the initiative. NADOs need to be proactive and show some leadership where that has not come from other quarters. It may be argued (correctly no doubt in many cases) that it is outside the mandate of the NADO. But if that is the case whose mandate is it and who is stepping up to the plate and taking a swing? If it is not currently within the mandate of the NADO to take any action, then its role must be to challenge the system to ensure that whoever does have the responsibility does take action.

The CCES has the advantage of being a private organisation which can (within reason) set its own agenda. NADOs which are Government bodies may not, on the face of it, have that flexibility but one way or another the “system” must be woken up. It is time to act and, if that has not happened in your country, do not be a NADO which plays the role of Nero and fiddles while the city is burning!



Clean Sport Week Toolkit (May 20 - 26)

Clean Sport Week ([#CleanSportWeek](#)), organised by iNADO Member UK Anti-Doping, is a successful social media campaign which other ADOs could join and emulate in their own countries. "It is an opportunity for sport to come together and celebrate the important values of clean sport and support the hard work that sport in the UK is doing in the fight against doping".

The theme of this year's week-long campaign is Image and Performance Enhancing Drugs (IPEDs). IPEDs are a growing concern in society and UKAD, with the support of its partners and NGBs, are determined to reduce their prevalence in gyms as well as sport. UKAD will be calling on NFs, partners and athletes to support this year's campaign across their communications channels with various activities and for this, a toolkit to support ([incl. this teaser video for Facebook](#)) this during the build-up and throughout the week has been provided.

Videos will play an important piece in the campaign: UKAD suggests for social media 15-30 second videos of athletes performing their 'feat of strength' before delivering a line to camera. An athlete's 'feat of strength' could be a tennis player hitting an ace, a golf player driving a ball, or as simple as 10 chin-ups, for example. After doing the activity, the athlete will then turn to the camera and deliver the line: "I'm [INSERT NAME], and that was 100% me".

The best protection against contaminated supplements is abstinence. If abstinence is not an option anymore, third-party certification programmes should be used to protect athletes from contaminated supplements. There are various third-party companies offering testing and quality assurance services for dietary supplements, using different standards.

This [position paper](#) focuses on practices of U.S. certification companies but it lays out for all ADOs very useful suggestions that supplement users should consider when evaluating the quality of third-party certification programs.

Vacancies at the ITA

The International Testing Agency is looking to fill following vacancies; [Major Event Project Manager](#), [Legal Counsel](#), [Testing Manager](#) and [Testing Coordinator](#). Registration deadline is May 21. To see more go to: <http://ita.sport/recruitment/>.



Play the Game Conference

There is only limited time (until May 20) to submit a paper proposal for the 11th edition of the [Play the Game Conference](#) in Colorado Springs, USA, from 13-16 October.

This edition will focus on athletes but not exclusively around doping matters but will review other ethical threats in sport.

RUSADA Director demands a New Leadership at the Russian Athletics Federation

We are sure [this article](#), didn't escape the attention of most of you. However, we feel that IADO should at least acknowledge RUSADA for what we perceive are genuine efforts to trigger positive changes in Russia to protect clean athletes.

Here an excerpt as it appeared in [Reuters](#):

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia's anti-doping chief has called for the dismissal of the head of the country's suspended athletics federation as part of a proposal to ensure all Russian athletes can compete at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, a letter seen by Reuters on Monday showed.

In the five-page letter addressed to Russian Olympic Committee President Stanislav Pozdnyakov, RUSADA Director Yuri Ganus proposed the dismissal of the federation's senior officials, including its President Dmitry Shlyakhtin, and all national team athletics coaches, among several other measures.

"Given that there is critically little time left until the start of the 2020 Olympics, and there is much to do in coordination with (global athletics governing body) IAAF, work toward the transformation of the federation requires an immediate resolution," Ganus wrote in the letter, which RUSADA later published on its website.



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DFSNZ details about internet purchases by different athletes which resulted in several sanctions. Find at the ADKC [some of those cases](#).

- [ST 2018_12 DFSNZ vs XYZ](#)
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