



of Article 6.2 at any time exclusively at the direction of either the *Anti-Doping Organization* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection or WADA. Any other *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority to test the *Athlete* that wishes to conduct further analysis on a stored *Sample* may do so with the permission of the *Anti-Doping Organization* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection or WADA, and shall be responsible for any follow-up *Results Management*. Any *Sample* storage or further analysis initiated by WADA or another *Anti-Doping Organization* shall be at WADA's or that Organization's expense. Further analysis of *Samples* shall conform with the requirements of the *International Standard for Laboratories*.

#### 6.7 Split of A or B *Sample*

Where WADA, an *Anti-Doping Organization* with *Results Management* authority and/or a WADA accredited laboratory (with approval from WADA or the *Anti-Doping Organization* with *Results Management* authority) wishes to split an A or B *Sample* for the purpose of using the first part of the split *Sample* for an A *Sample* analysis and the second part of the split *Sample* for confirmation, then the procedures set forth in the *International Standard for Laboratories* shall be followed.

#### 6.8 WADA's Right to Take Possession of *Samples and Data*

WADA may, in its sole discretion at any time, with or without prior notice, take physical possession of any *Sample* and related analytical data or information in the possession of a laboratory or *Anti-Doping Organization*. Upon request by WADA, the laboratory or *Anti-Doping Organization* in possession of the *Sample* shall immediately grant access to and enable WADA to take physical possession of the *Sample*.<sup>43</sup> If WADA has not provided prior notice to the laboratory or *Anti-Doping Organization* before taking possession of a *Sample*, it shall provide such notice to the laboratory and to each *Anti-Doping Organization* whose *Samples* it has taken by WADA within a reasonable time after taking possession. After analysis and any investigation of a seized *Sample*, WADA may direct another *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority to test the *Athlete* to assume *Results Management* responsibility for the *Sample* if a potential anti-doping rule violation is discovered.<sup>44</sup>

## ARTICLE 7 RESULTS MANAGEMENT: RESPONSIBILITY, INITIAL REVIEW, NOTICE AND PROVISIONAL SUSPENSIONS<sup>45</sup>

*Results Management* under the Code (as set forth in Articles 7, 8 and 13) establishes a process designed to resolve anti-doping rule violation matters in a fair, expeditious and efficient manner. Each *Anti-Doping Organization* conducting *Results Management* shall establish a process for the pre-hearing administration of potential anti-doping rule violations that respects the principles set forth in this Article. While each *Anti-Doping Organization* is permitted to adopt and implement its own *Results Management* process, *Results*

<sup>43</sup> [Comment to Article 6.8: Resistance or refusal to WADA's taking physical possession of *Samples* could constitute Tampering, Complicity or an act of non-compliance as provided in the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*, and could also constitute a violation of the *International Standard for Laboratories*. Where necessary, the laboratory and/or the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall assist WADA in ensuring that the seized *Sample* and related data are not delayed in exiting the applicable country.]

<sup>44</sup> [Comment to Article 6.8: WADA would not, of course, unilaterally take possession of *Samples* or analytical data without good cause related to a potential anti-doping rule violation, non-compliance by a Signatory or doping activities by another Person. However, the decision as to whether good cause exists is for WADA to make in its discretion and shall not be subject to challenge. In particular, whether there is good cause or not shall not be a defense against an anti-doping rule violation or its Consequences.]

<sup>45</sup> [Comment to Article 7: Various Signatories have created their own approaches to *Results Management*. While the various approaches have not been entirely uniform, many have proven to be fair and effective systems for *Results Management*. The Code does not supplant each of the Signatories' *Results Management* systems. This Article and the *International Standard for Results Management* do, however, specify basic principles in order to ensure the fundamental fairness of the *Results Management* process which must be observed by each Signatory. The specific anti-doping rules of each Signatory shall be consistent with these basic principles. Not all anti-doping proceedings which have been initiated by an *Anti-Doping Organization* need to go to hearing. There may be cases where the *Athlete* or other Person agrees to the sanction which is either mandated by the Code or which the *Anti-Doping Organization* considers appropriate where flexibility in sanctioning is permitted. In all cases, a sanction imposed on the basis of such an agreement will be reported to parties with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided in Article 14.2.2 and published as provided in Article 14.3.2.]

Management for every *Anti-Doping Organization* shall at a minimum meet the requirements set forth in the *International Standard for Results Management*.

#### 7.1 Responsibility for Conducting *Results Management*

Except as otherwise provided in Articles 6.6, 6.8 or Articles 7.1.3 through 7.1.5 below, *Results Management* shall be the responsibility of, and shall be governed by, the procedural rules of the *Anti-Doping Organization* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection (or, if no *Sample* collection is involved, the *Anti-Doping Organization* which first provides notice to an *Athlete* or other *Person* of a potential anti-doping rule violation and then diligently pursues that anti-doping rule violation). Regardless of which organization conducts *Results Management*, it shall respect the *Results Management* principles set forth in this Article, Article 8, Article 13 and the *International Standard for Results Management*, and each *Anti-Doping Organization's* rules shall incorporate and implement the rules identified in Article 23.2.2 without substantive change.

- 7.1.1 If a dispute arises between *Anti-Doping Organizations* over which *Anti-Doping Organization* has *Results Management* responsibility, WADA shall decide which organization has such responsibility. WADA's decision may be appealed to CAS within seven days of notification of the WADA decision by any of the *Anti-Doping Organizations* involved in the dispute. The appeal shall be dealt with by CAS in an expedited manner and shall be heard before a single arbitrator. Any *Anti-Doping Organization* seeking to conduct *Results Management* outside of the authority provided in this Article 7.1 may seek approval to do so from WADA.
- 7.1.2 Where a *National Anti-Doping Organization* elects to collect additional *Samples* pursuant to Article 5.2.6, then it shall be considered the *Anti-Doping Organization* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection. However, where the *National Anti-Doping Organization* only directs the laboratory to perform additional types of analysis at the *National Anti-Doping Organization's* expense, then the International Federation or *Major Event Organization* shall be considered the *Anti-Doping Organization* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection.
- 7.1.3 In circumstances where the rules of a *National Anti-Doping Organization* do not give the *National Anti-Doping Organization* authority over an *Athlete* or other *Person* who is not a national, resident, license holder, or member of a sport organization of that country, or the *National Anti-Doping Organization* declines to exercise such authority, *Results Management* shall be conducted by the applicable International Federation or by a third party with authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person* as directed by the rules of the International Federation. For *Results Management* and the conduct of hearings for a test or a further analysis conducted by WADA on its own initiative, or an anti-doping rule violation discovered by WADA, WADA shall designate an *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person*.<sup>46</sup>
- 7.1.4 For *Results Management* relating to a *Sample* initiated and taken during an *Event* conducted by a *Major Event Organization*, or an anti-doping rule violation occurring during such *Event*, the *Major Event Organization* for that *Event* shall assume *Results Management* responsibility to at least the limited extent of conducting a hearing to determine whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed and, if so, the applicable *Disqualifications* under Articles 9 and 10.1, any forfeiture of any medals, points, or prizes from that *Event*, and any recovery of costs applicable to the anti-doping rule violation. In the event the *Major Event Organization* assumes only limited *Results Management* responsibility, the case shall be referred by the *Major Event*

<sup>46</sup> [Comment to Article 7.1.3: The *Athlete's* or other *Person's* International Federation has been made the *Anti-Doping Organization* of last resort for *Results Management* to avoid the possibility that no *Anti-Doping Organization* would have authority to conduct *Results Management*. An International Federation is free to provide in its own anti-doping rules that the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* National *Anti-Doping Organization* shall conduct *Results Management*.]



Organization to the applicable International Federation for completion of *Results Management*.

7.1.5 WADA may direct an *Anti-Doping Organization with Results Management* authority to conduct *Results Management* in a particular case. If that *Anti-Doping Organization* refuses to conduct *Results Management* within a reasonable deadline set by WADA, such refusal shall be considered an act of non-compliance, and WADA may direct another *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person*, that is willing to do so, to take *Results Management* responsibility in place of the refusing *Anti-Doping Organization* or, if there is no such *Anti-Doping Organization*, any other *Anti-Doping Organization* that is willing to do so. In such case, the refusing *Anti-Doping Organization* shall reimburse the costs and attorney's fees of conducting *Results Management* to the other *Anti-Doping Organization* designated by WADA, and a failure to reimburse costs and attorney's fees shall be considered an act of non-compliance.<sup>47</sup>

7.1.6 *Results Management* in relation to a potential Whereabouts Failure (a Filing Failure or a Missed Test) shall be administered by the International Federation or the *National Anti-Doping Organization* with whom the *Athlete* in question files whereabouts information, as provided in the *International Standard for Results Management*. The *Anti-Doping Organization* that determines a Filing Failure or a Missed Test shall submit that information to WADA through ADAMS, where it will be made available to other relevant *Anti-Doping Organizations*.

## 7.2 Review and Notification Regarding Potential Anti-Doping Rule Violations

Review and notification with respect to a potential anti-doping rule violation shall be carried out in accordance with the *International Standard for Results Management*.

## 7.3 Identification of Prior Anti-Doping Rule Violations

Before giving an *Athlete* or other *Person* notice of a potential anti-doping rule violation as provided above, the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall refer to ADAMS and contact WADA and other relevant *Anti-Doping Organizations* to determine whether any prior anti-doping rule violation exists.

## 7.4 Principles Applicable to *Provisional Suspensions*<sup>48</sup>

### 7.4.1 *Mandatory Provisional Suspension* after an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or *Adverse Passport Finding*

The *Signatories* described below in this paragraph shall adopt rules providing that when an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or *Adverse Passport Finding* (upon completion of the *Adverse Passport Finding* review process) is received for a *Prohibited Substance* or a

<sup>47</sup> [Comment to Article 7.1.5: Where WADA directs another *Anti-Doping Organization* to conduct *Results Management* or other *Doping Control* activities, this is not considered a "delegation" of such activities by WADA.]

<sup>48</sup> [Comment to Article 7.4: Before a *Provisional Suspension* can be unilaterally imposed by an *Anti-Doping Organization*, the internal review specified in the Code must first be completed. In addition, the *Signatory* imposing a *Provisional Suspension* shall ensure that the *Athlete* is given an opportunity for a *Provisional Hearing* either before or promptly after the imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*, or an expedited final hearing under Article 8 promptly after imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*. The *Athlete* has a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3.

In the rare circumstance where the *B Sample* analysis does not confirm the *A Sample* finding, the *Athlete* who had been *Provisionally Suspended* will be allowed, where circumstances permit, to participate in subsequent *Competitions* during the *Event*.

Similarly, depending upon the relevant rules of the International Federation in a *Team Sport*, if the team is still in *Competition*, the *Athlete* may be able to take part in future *Competitions*.

*Athletes* and other *Persons* shall receive credit for a *Provisional Suspension* against any period of *Ineligibility* which is ultimately imposed or accepted as provided in Article 10.13.2]

*Prohibited Method*, other than a *Specified Substance* or *Specified Method*, a *Provisional Suspension* shall be imposed promptly upon or after the review and notification required by Article 7.2: where the *Signatory* is the ruling body of an *Event* (for application to that *Event*); where the *Signatory* is responsible for team selection (for application to that team selection); where the *Signatory* is the applicable International Federation; or where the *Signatory* is another *Anti-Doping Organization* which has *Results Management* authority over the alleged anti-doping rule violation. A mandatory *Provisional Suspension* may be eliminated if: (i) the *Athlete* demonstrates to the hearing panel that the violation is likely to have involved a *Contaminated Product*, or (ii) the violation involves a *Substance of Abuse* and the *Athlete* establishes entitlement to a reduced period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.2.4.1. A hearing body's decision not to eliminate a mandatory *Provisional Suspension* on account of the *Athlete's* assertion regarding a *Contaminated Product* shall not be appealable.

#### 7.4.2 Optional *Provisional Suspension* Based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for *Specified Substances*, *Specified Methods*, *Contaminated Products*, or Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations

A *Signatory* may adopt rules, applicable to any *Event* for which the *Signatory* is the ruling body or to any team selection process for which the *Signatory* is responsible or where the *Signatory* is the applicable International Federation or has *Results Management* authority over the alleged anti-doping rule violation, permitting *Provisional Suspensions* to be imposed for anti-doping rule violations not covered by Article 7.4.1 prior to analysis of the *Athlete's* B *Sample* or final hearing as described in Article 8.

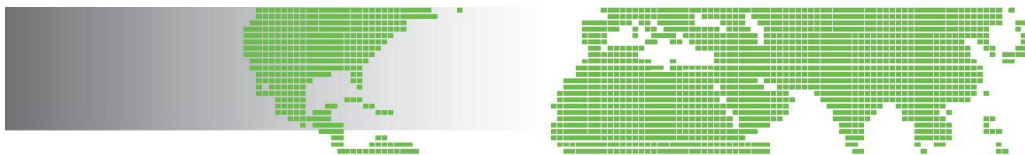
#### 7.4.3 Opportunity for Hearing or Appeal

Notwithstanding Articles 7.4.1 and 7.4.2, a *Provisional Suspension* may not be imposed unless the rules of the *Anti-Doping Organization* provide the *Athlete* with: (a) an opportunity for a *Provisional Hearing*, either before imposition of the *Provisional Suspension* or on a timely basis after imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*; or (b) an opportunity for an expedited hearing in accordance with Article 8 on a timely basis after imposition of a *Provisional Suspension*. The rules of the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall also provide an opportunity for an expedited appeal against the imposition of a *Provisional Suspension*, or the decision not to impose a *Provisional Suspension*, in accordance with Article 13.

#### 7.4.4 Voluntary Acceptance of *Provisional Suspension*

*Athletes* on their own initiative may voluntarily accept a *Provisional Suspension* if done so prior to the later of: (i) the expiration of 10 days from the report of the B *Sample* (or waiver of the B *Sample*) or 10 days from notice of any other anti-doping rule violation, or (ii) the date on which the *Athlete* first competes after such report or notice. Other *Persons* on their own initiative may voluntarily accept a *Provisional Suspension* if done so within 10 days from notice of the anti-doping rule violation. Upon such voluntary acceptance, the *Provisional Suspension* shall have the full effect and be treated in the same manner as if the *Provisional Suspension* had been imposed under Article 7.4.1 or 7.4.2; provided, however, at any time after voluntarily accepting a *Provisional Suspension*, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may withdraw such acceptance, in which event the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall not receive any credit for time previously served during the *Provisional Suspension*.

#### 7.4.5 If a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed based on an A *Sample Adverse Analytical Finding* and a subsequent B *Sample* analysis (if requested by the *Athlete* or *Anti-Doping Organization*) does not confirm the A *Sample* analysis, then the *Athlete* shall not be subject to any further *Provisional Suspension* on account of a violation of Article 2.1.



In circumstances where the *Athlete* (or the *Athlete's* team as may be provided in the rules of the applicable *Major Event Organization* or International Federation) has been removed from an *Event* based on a violation of Article 2.1 and the subsequent B *Sample* analysis does not confirm the A *Sample* finding, if, without otherwise affecting the *Event*, it is still possible for the *Athlete* or team to be reinserted, the *Athlete* or team may continue to take part in the *Event*.

## 7.5 Results Management Decisions

7.5.1 *Results Management* decisions or adjudications by *Anti-Doping Organizations*, must not purport to be limited in to a particular geographic area or sport and shall address and determine without limitation the following issues: (i) whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed or a *Provisional Suspension* should be imposed, the factual basis for such determination, and the specific *Code* Articles violated, and (ii) all *Consequences* flowing from the anti-doping rule violation(s), including applicable *Disqualifications* under Articles 9 and 10.10, any forfeiture of medals or prizes, any period of *Ineligibility* (and the date it begins to run) and any *Financial Consequences*, except that *Major Event Organizations* shall not be required to determine *Ineligibility* or *Financial Consequences* beyond the scope of their *Event*.<sup>49</sup>

7.5.2 A *Results Management* decision or adjudication by a *Major Event Organization* in connection with one of its *Events* may be limited in its scope but shall address and determine, at a minimum, the following issues: (i) whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed, the factual basis for such determination, and the specific *Code* Articles violated, and (ii) applicable *Disqualifications* under Articles 9 and 10.1, with any resulting forfeiture of medals, points and prizes. In the event a *Major Event Organization* accepts only limited responsibility for *Results Management* decisions, it must comply with Article 7.1.4.<sup>50</sup>

## 7.6 Notification of Results Management Decisions

*Athletes*, other *Persons*, *Signatories* and WADA shall be notified of *Results Management* Decisions as provided in Article 14.2 and the *International Standard for Results Management*.

## 7.7 Retirement from Sport<sup>51</sup>

If an *Athlete* or other *Person* retires while a *Results Management* process is underway, the *Anti-Doping Organization* conducting the *Results Management* process retains authority to complete its *Results Management* process. If an *Athlete* or other *Person* retires before any *Results Management* process has begun, the *Anti-Doping Organization* which would have had *Results Management* authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person* at the time the *Athlete* or other *Person* committed an anti-doping rule violation, has authority to conduct *Results Management*.

<sup>49</sup> [Comment to Article 7.5.1: *Results Management* decisions include *Provisional Suspensions*.]

<sup>50</sup> [Comment to Article 7.5.2: With the exception of *Results Management* decisions by *Major Event Organizations*, each decision by an *Anti-Doping Organization* should address whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed and all *Consequences* flowing from the violation, including any *Disqualifications* other than *Disqualification* under Article 10.1 (which is left to the ruling body for an *Event*). Pursuant to Article 15, such decision and its imposition of *Consequences* shall have automatic effect in every sport in every country. For example, for a determination that an *Athlete* committed an anti-doping rule violation based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a *Sample* taken In-Competition, the *Athlete's* results obtained in the *Competition* would be *Disqualified* under Article 9 and all other competitive results obtained by the *Athlete* from the date the *Sample* was collected through the duration of the period of *Ineligibility* are also *Disqualified* under Article 10.10; if the *Adverse Analytical Finding* resulted from *Testing* at an *Event*, it would be the *Major Event Organization's* responsibility to decide whether the *Athlete's* other individual results in the *Event* prior to *Sample* collection are also *Disqualified* under Article 10.1.]

<sup>51</sup> [Comment to Article 7.7: Conduct by an *Athlete* or other *Person* before the *Athlete* or other *Person* was subject to the authority of any *Anti-Doping Organization* would not constitute an anti-doping rule violation but could be a legitimate basis for denying the *Athlete* or other *Person* membership in a sports organization.]