

## **9 ANTI-DOPING, ALCOHOL AND MEDICAL**

### **9.01 ANTI-DOPING**

1. Doping is the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations which are:

- The presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in a rider's bodily specimen.
- The use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method.
- The possession of prohibited substances and methods.

### **9.02 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND METHODS**

The ACU list of prohibited drugs is the list agreed by WADA and published by them and also in the FIM Anti-Doping Code.

### **9.03 RULES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-DOPING**

1. The ACU Headquarters may order drug tests at any meeting organised under the jurisdiction of the ACU.
2. The riders or passengers to be tested must report to the Doping Control Officer (DCO) with their licences within one hour of the rider being notified, or within one hour after the finish of the last race in which the rider or passenger took part. One chaperone may accompany the rider or passenger.

### **9.04 TESTING PROCEDURE**

The testing procedures to be used at ACU events will be commensurate with any current legitimate procedure adopted and carried out in the UK.

### **9.05 COSTS FOR ANTI-DOPING TESTS**

The cost of the primary tests will be paid by the ACU. In the case of a competitor requesting a second test, he/she should deposit a sum equal to the ACU appeal fee with the ACU. If the second test is negative, the deposit shall be returned.

### **9.06 SANCTIONS**

1. Sanctions are imposed against the competitor:
  - whose tests prove positive.
  - who refuses to undergo a test or who does not report to the drug test centre when notified to do so.

## **9.07 PENALTIES**

The minimum penalty for a first offence will be a two-year suspension. For subsequent offences suspension may be imposed (see article 10.02.1). For tests that prove positive, penalties will be imposed with immediate effect. Affected individuals may appeal in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Code. Should an individual wish to appeal, the original suspension put in place would remain extant until the Appeal is heard. The Appeal fee for an appeal against a suspension resulting from a positive drugs test is £3,000. Should an individual request that the original sample taken be re-tested at an alternative laboratory, the costs of that re-test would be borne by the individual. All costs associated with the Appeal to be borne by the affected individual and would not be refunded unless the Appeal was upheld.

## **9.08 ALCOHOL**

Tests may be carried out, on any participant at an event, prior to practice or a race or at any time during the event by means of the standard breath test system. A nominated Breath Alcohol Technician will carry out the tests. A positive breath test or a refusal to undergo a test will result in disqualification from the event as a minimum sanction. The permitted level of alcohol in ACU events is 0.10g/L. **In SACU events Zero**

## **9.09 MEDICAL EXAMINATION/TESTING**

At any time during an event the Race Director/Clerk of the Course or the Chief Medical Officer may request a Medical Examination or an Approved Swab Test to be carried out on any competitor or Official to test for the use of recreational drugs.

Should a test prove positive, the competitor/Official will be disqualified/suspended from any form of competition/their respective activities for the remainder of that event. Any competitor or Official who refuses to participate in a medical examination/approved Swab Test will be disqualified/suspended from any form of competition/their respective activities for the remainder of that event.

Details of any medical examination/testing/non-compliance to examination/testing will be reported to ACU Headquarters.

On receipt of such a report, ACU Headquarters may decide to:

- Request the individual to undergo further tests, the costs associated with any test to be borne by the competitor/Official.
- Suspend the competitor/Official from further ACU competition/ACU activity for a period of time not exceeding those penalties outlined in NSC 9.07.
- Convene a Sport Committee Hearing/Court of Enquiry in accordance with NSC Chapter 10