FAI Anti-Doping Advisory Group

Terms of Reference

As of April 1st, 2013

March 27th 2013
Background

In August 2011 a number for FAI World Champions were advised that they had been placed in a Registered Testing Pool (RTP) for OoC testing as part of the FAI’s obligations to the World anti-doping agency, WADA. In September 2011 the FAI President decided to put a "short tuning hold" on the OoC testing process after concerns were raised by a number of people in the RTP. As a result it was realized that the way the FAI OoC testing requirements had been established placed obligations on individuals that may, in some cases, be difficult to follow. This led to the subsequent decision to place the OoC testing process on hold to enable it to be fine-tuned. One month later, at the FAI General Conference, the "FAI Anti-Doping-Advisory Group" (ADAG) was formed. This group, comprised of EB members, CIMP representatives, the Presidents of the three air sports directly affected and NAC representatives, was formed to advise the EB.

During 2012 extensive discussions were held with representatives of WADA and within the FAI community. This resulted in the FAI adopting a one-page Anti-Doping Policy and conducting an internal risk analysis on the doping profile in aviation sports. Subsequently new RTP selection procedures were established in cooperation with the ASC Presidents and the FAI Anti-Doping Rules were scrutinised carefully.

In January 2103, a new RTP was established. This now gives the FAI the opportunity to comply with its political undertaking to conform to the WADA Code and it also gives the FAI the opportunity to manage its own future regarding anti-doping.

The new ADAG

The FAI has appointed an Anti-Doping Manager (ADM), who is a member of the head office staff, to manage the anti-doping plan and the testing requirements. The FAI has contracted SportAccord to provide the actual testing services under the direction of the FAI ADM.

To provide oversight for these actions and political support to the ADM it is to proposed to continue the ADAG, but in a revised form.

The ADAG will, therefore, be a small group of persons providing expert knowledge and input from the component membership structure of the FAI.

The ADAG will comprise the following members:

- one person from the FAI EB, who shall serve as chairperson
- one ASC President, or an appropriate ASC representative, with the authority to represent all ASCs
- one NAC President, or an appropriate NAC representative, with the authority to represent all NACs
- one FAI Athlete, who has previously been part of the FAI RTP
- the CIMP President, or substitute, will be a corresponding member of the ADAG, with responsibility for providing specialist advice on any anti-doping matters as they may relate to aviation medicine and medical matters. Note: The CIMP President will not be involved in the consideration of sanctions arising from an Adverse Analytical Finding.

Selection of ADAG members:

- ADAG members will be appointed to the group by the FAI President in consultation with the constituent part of the FAI that they are representing
- ADAG members are required to be knowledgeable about the WADA Code, the Prohibited List and the FAI Anti-Doping Plan

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there will be no limit to the time that individuals may serve on the ADAG, however, they may only serve while they have the support of the constituents that they represent.

Replacement of ADAG members:

any ADAG member who permanently withdraws from service on the ADAG will be replaced by an appropriate person from the same part of the FAI

an ADAG member who does not have the support of their constituent members shall stand down from the ADAG and be replaced

The ADAG will be responsible to the FAI President and EB and will carry out the following functions:

advising the FAI President on any political matters relating to doping questions or issues involving air sports

updating the FAI Anti-Doping Risk Analysis on a routine basis; assumed to be normally annually

reporting any concerns the group has regarding the conduct of testing, or the processes around the implementation of the FAI Anti-Doping Plan, to the FAI President

serving as members of the FAI Doping Review Panel (DRP) except that no member who has a potential conflict of interest shall serve on the DRP

reporting on activities to the FAI EB meetings and the FAI GC

Transaction of business:

the ADAG may plan face-to-face meetings in conjunction with other FAI activities at which all, or the majority of, ADAG members are present (eg the FAI GC)

the normal business of the ADAG is expected to be conducted through the mediums of email and VoIP (Voice over IP) services

telephone conferences and calls, allowing electronic attendance, may be used to facilitate meetings provided the costs are kept to a minimum and the teleconference is pre-approved by the FAI Secretary General

ADAG members are not entitled to claim any casual expenses or travel costs from the FAI unless these are expressly pre-approved by the FAI Finance Director

should a member of the ADAG be required to serve on the FAI DRP the conduct of business and any associates expenses will be managed in accordance with the Terms of Reference for a FAI DRP