



Important anti-doping changes for ***athlete support personnel*** in 2027

The World Anti-Doping Code applies to athlete support personnel, both directly and in your duty of care for athletes.

Athlete support personnel are those people working with, treating or assisting athletes in their sport preparation. This includes coaches, trainers, performance staff, officials, medical practitioners, sport scientists, parents and other similar roles.

Knowing these changes to the Code will help you protect:

- **the athletes you work with**
- **your sporting career**
- **clean sport.**

Here's a summary of key updates.

Update	What it means for you
Greater duty of care for athletes	• Athlete support personnel have greater anti-doping responsibilities to help ensure athletes have access to the right advice and a clean sporting environment. • Stay informed by completing anti-doping education. This involves understanding your anti-doping responsibilities and those of your athletes, including: testing rights and responsibilities; Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs); and whereabouts obligations. • Provide accurate advice within your role. Do not give unqualified advice. If you are unsure, refer athletes to the right professional support and source of information. • No athlete support personnel subject to ineligibility or provisional suspension may provide services to any athlete who is bound by the Code.
Recognition that unintentional doping may result from contaminated sources, not just products	• Complete anti-doping education and help create environments that reduce the risk of unintentional doping. • Be aware that contamination can come from a range of sources including food, drink, medications, supplements, contact with another person or contaminated objects. • Encourage athletes to engage in education early and throughout their sporting careers. • Use and encourage accurate medication and supplement records.

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Increased focus on athlete support personnel in anti-doping investigations	- Remember your advice and actions matter. - Athlete support personnel will be investigated in anti-doping cases where: - an athlete under 18 or a protected person is involved - support personnel have worked with multiple athletes who commit Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs). - You must report any doping suspicions or concerns, and cooperate with any investigations.
Streamlined process for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE)	- Ensure complete medical evidence is provided to support TUE applications. - TUEs will be decided within 21 days of submitting a complete application. - In many cases, a national-level TUE will automatically be recognised when competing internationally or at a major event, reducing the need for additional applications. Check details before events.

Quick checklist

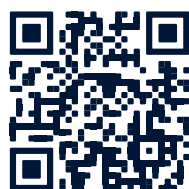
- ☐ **Know the Code changes that apply to you and your athletes before 1 January 2027.**
- ☐ **Complete anti-doping education.** SIA's eLearning platform SIA Edge will have updated anti-doping courses available from December 2026, including Annual Update and Anti-Doping Fundamentals.
- ☐ **Be aware of Code changes that apply to the athletes you work with.** Discuss the Code with them, so everyone is confident they understand their anti-doping responsibilities.
- ☐ **Remember, an updated Prohibited List also comes into effect 1 January 2027.** Check the prohibited substances that will apply to your athletes and seek advice when required.
- ☐ **Take an informed approach to supplements and medications.** Discuss risks with athletes and encourage good decision-making.
- ☐ **Keep good records.** Maintain clear documentation of treatments, advice, referrals and support provided.
- ☐ **Know the anti-doping rules. Remember there are 11 Anti-Doping Rule Violations.** While all 11 may apply to your athletes, 7 ADRVs can be committed directly by athlete support personnel.
- ☐ **Understand and support your athletes' anti-doping responsibilities,** including testing requirements, TUEs and Whereabouts. Be available as a representative for support during testing, especially if your athletes are under the age of 18.
- ☐ **Seek advice when unsure.** Contact Sport Integrity Australia before making decisions that may affect an athlete's anti-doping obligations.

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For more information on the 2027 World Anti-Doping Code changes, including WADA's *2027 Code Companion for Athletes*.

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