



Important anti-doping changes **for athletes** in 2027

The 2027 World Anti-Doping Code applies to athletes at all levels. It places more focus on athlete rights, fairness, privacy and due process.

Knowing these changes to the Code will help protect:

- **your health**
- **your sporting career**
- **your right to clean sport.**

Here's a summary of key updates.

Update	What it means for you
Recognition that unintentional doping may result from contaminated sources, not just products	• Unintentional doping may result from a contaminated source, not just a contaminated product. However, strict liability remains a key principle of the Code. As an athlete, you are responsible for any prohibited substance found in your body. • Education is important to help protect you from unintentional doping risks. Sources of contamination could include food, drink, medications, supplements, contact with another person or contaminated objects. • Education should begin as early as possible and continue throughout your sporting career to stay up to date with constantly changing threats. • Engage with available anti-doping education opportunities to help understand and manage risks.
Changes in the sample collection process	• Once notified for testing, you cannot shower before providing a urine sample. Valid reasons for delaying collection include: completing a training session; performing a warm down; competing in further events; fulfilling media commitments participating in a medal ceremony or; obtaining necessary medical treatment. • Athlete identification can now be confirmed using government-issued photo ID, electronic ID or event accreditation. • Always follow the directions of sample collection personnel, who will guide you through the process.
Increased support for athletes U18 and protected persons	• Athletes U18 (minors) should have a representative present during testing. If not able to attend in person, they can now join by video call. • When an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) case involves a minor or protected person, athlete support personnel will be investigated too.
Streamlined process for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE)	• TUE applications 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 your event.

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Gender neutral testing options	If your sport gender is not specified in a mixed gender or open event, you can choose whether male or female sample collection personnel observe your sample collection. Your preference will be recorded for future tests. This change supports athlete dignity, privacy and a more consistent testing experience.
Whereabouts compliance	- Athletes in a Registered or National Testing Pool must update the Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS) with: - a passport-style photo - primary training location (replacing regular activities). - Continue to carefully read all Whereabouts correspondence from Sport Integrity Australia, as it outlines your responsibilities.
Clearer timeframes for notification of a positive test	- If there is an Adverse Analytical Finding, you will be notified within 21 days of the lab's findings (not 21 days after the test). - You won't hear anything if your test is clean and does not raise concerns. No news is good news!
Simplified case resolution	- If an athlete accepts findings of an ADRV within 20 days of notification, they may be eligible for a 25% reduction to their ban from sport. - All management of the ADRV process will be independent of the relevant sporting organisation.

Quick checklist

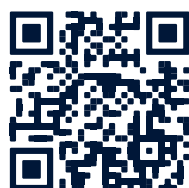
- ☐ **Know the Code changes that apply to you before 1 January 2027.**
- ☐ **Complete anti-doping education.** SIA's eLearning platform SIA Edge will have updated anti-doping courses available from December 2026, including Annual Update and Anti-Doping Fundamentals.
- ☐ **Be aware of Code changes that apply to those supporting you,** like coaches, doctors and trainers. 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.** Use the Sport Integrity app to check any supplements or medications you're taking now to make sure they're still allowed in your sport.
- ☐ **Ask questions early if you have any medical concerns** or may need a TUE.
- ☐ **Keep track of your Whereabouts correspondence** and make sure your Whereabouts information is up to date in ADAMS.

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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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