



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

The World Anti-Doping Code is being updated for 2027. This means *recognised sports will need to adopt the new 2027 Australian National Anti-Doping Policy (ANADP).

Adopting the ANADP will help sports:

- **protect the health, wellbeing and careers of people in your sport**
- **maintain safer, fairer, clean sport environments**
- **be compliant with global and Australian anti-doping requirements.**

Here's a summary of key updates.

Update	What it means for you
Greater regulatory responsibility for Sport Integrity Australia (SIA)	• Sport Integrity Australia (SIA), as Australia's independent National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO), will be responsible for managing the end-to-end Doping Control Process. • SIA's CEO will be responsible for determining anti-doping consequences, including provisional suspensions and sanctions. Previously, these were made as recommendations to the sport. • Sports may continue to assist members to access information or wellbeing support services during an investigation, but SIA will make decisions about management and outcomes of anti-doping investigations.
An updated Australian National Anti-Doping Policy (ANADP)	• Sports must adopt the new ANADP before 1 January 2027. • This includes Board approval, adoption and ensuring sport members are bound to the new ANADP through your sport's registration, membership and event entry terms.
Greater conflict of interest controls	• The ANADP incorporates the independence requirements of the Code. • Sports should review governance structures, committees and staff roles and remove any overlap that could create conflict. For example, sports must ensure officials, consultants, or members of their organisation do not sit on certain hearing panels. • Sports should establish conflict of interest declarations for boards, committees and personnel involved in integrity matters. • The National Sports Tribunal (NST) remains Australia's independent hearing and appeals body for anti-doping matters.
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. • Athlete support personnel will be investigated if an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) case involves a minor, a protected person, or they work with multiple athletes involved in ADRV investigations. • Sports must report all suspicions or incidents of doping activity to SIA. • No athlete support personnel subject to ineligibility or provisional suspension may provide services to any athlete who is bound by the Code.

**Recognised sports are National Sporting Organisations and National Sporting Organisations for People with Disability that have met the Australian Sports Commission's recognition criteria.*

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Increased focus on education	- Sports must work with SIA to review and deliver their Integrity Education Plan, making sure that key groups meet their education requirements. - There is greater recognition in the Code that unintentional doping may result from contaminated sources, not just products. Assist SIA with education opportunities to raise awareness of doping contamination risks from sources food, drink, medications, supplements, contact with another person or contaminated objects. - Assist SIA in delivering education to parents of athletes in high performance and pathway programs. - Sports are encouraged to embed anti-doping learning modules into coach accreditation and professional development programs.
Changes for athletes and athlete support personnel	- Detailed changes that apply to athletes and athlete support personnel, include: - Increased support for athletes U18 and protected persons during sample collection (a representative can now support by video call if unavailable in person) - A more streamlined process for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs). 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. - Clearer timeframes for notification of a positive test. If there is an Adverse Analytical Finding, the athlete and sport will be notified within 21 days of the lab's findings (not 21 days after the test). - More detailed changes that apply to athletes and athlete support personnel are available in links below and sports should actively share this information with their members and stakeholders.

Quick checklist

- ☐ **Get Board approval to adopt the ANADP** and complete the required adoption requirements.
- ☐ **Review relevant governing documents** to ensure they align with the 2027 ANADP changes, including key policies and conflict of interest procedures.
- ☐ **Ensure your members are bound to the 2027 ANADP** through your sport's registration, membership and event entry terms and conditions.
- ☐ **Publish on your sport's website an updated anti-doping and/or integrity section.** Include a link to the 2027 ANADP from the SIA website, as well as relevant anti-doping and integrity information.
- ☐ **Share information with athletes, staff, members and stakeholders** about changes to the updated Code and ANADP. This includes the link to the SIA website provided below, giving access to fact sheets and the 2027 Code Companion for Athletes.
- ☐ **Work with SIA to review your Integrity Education Plan** and develop a strategy to inform your members of their education requirements. SIA's eLearning platform 'SIA Edge' will have updated anti-doping courses available from December 2026, including the 2027 Annual Update and Anti-Doping Fundamentals.

Find more



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

Learn more



Build your knowledge and stay informed with free online courses on anti-doping and sport integrity through SIA Edge.