

PROHIBITED ASSOCIATION

DO YOU KNOW WHO'S IN YOUR CORNER?

Prohibited Association is one of the eleven Anti-Doping Rule Violations which aims to protect athletes from people who have broken the rules or might influence them to cheat.

Under the Prohibited Association rule, athletes are not allowed to knowingly associate with anyone in a sport-related context who is serving an anti-doping sanction, or who are (or have been) involved in the inappropriate or illegal use or sale of performance enhancing drugs.

Examples of types of association that are prohibited include:



Receiving coaching



Obtaining therapy



Obtaining training



Obtaining nutrition or medical advice



Obtaining advice regarding strategy or technique



Allowing the athlete support person to serve as an agent or representative



Obtaining treatment or prescriptions

This rule also extends to activities included as part of online coaching seminars or online exercise programs. If an athlete knowingly participates in an online training or coaching program run by an individual currently serving a sanction (or as set out above), they risk committing an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

If an athlete breaks the Prohibited Association rule, they risk a ban from sport of up to **two years**.

Protect yourself

All athletes should be aware of who they are associating with in a sports-related capacity, by:

- Checking the list of people currently serving sanctions in Australia on the Sport Integrity Australia website
- Checking the international list of Athlete Support Personnel who are currently suspended from working with Athletes or other people on the WADA website
- Google any new trainers/coaches for any association with performance enhancing drugs



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