



SPORT INTEGRITY
AUSTRALIA

CORTISONE (GLUCOCORTICOID) INJECTION CHANGES

Glucocorticoid (GC) injections are prescribed and administered by doctors to manage conditions like inflammation, impingement and severe allergies in athletes.

From 1 January 2022, **all GC injections will be prohibited in-competition.**



IN-COMPETITION*

If you need a GC injection in-competition, you will require a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). Your level of competition will determine if you need an in-advance or planned retroactive TUE. If you require an in-advance TUE you will need to apply **prior** to the injection. If not, you will need to ensure you have appropriate records for your injection.

You can check whether you need an in-advance TUE on the Sport Integrity app.



OUT-OF-COMPETITION

Glucocorticoids are allowed to be used out-of-competition, however they cannot be in your system while competing. Even if you have an injection in the off-season, or between games, you can still test positive to GCs in-competition.

If you use a GC out-of-competition, you should keep a medical record of the injection. If you test positive, you can then use this to verify when the injection was given.



THE BOTTOM LINE

Glucocorticoid injections are banned during the in-competition period. If you need one for legitimate medical purposes, check the Sport Integrity app for your TUE requirements and keep a medical record. You should always discuss any treatment with your doctor and check any medications you are taking on GlobalDRO.



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*The in-competition period begins at 11:59pm the night before an event, and finishes after the event (and any testing processes that follow).