



**SPORT INTEGRITY
AUSTRALIA**



NATIONAL INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK

IMPROPER USE OF DRUGS AND MEDICINE POLICY

The Improper Use of Drugs and Medicines Policy is designed to protect athletes from harm caused by the improper use of medicines, supplements and illegal drugs.

Specifically, the Policy provides a framework to:

- ensure that only appropriately qualified people provide science and medicine services to athletes.
- ensure that medications and injections are only given to athletes as part of appropriate medical treatment.
- ensure that supplements are used and distributed safely in sport with a focus on evidence-based use.
- reduce the harm of illegal drugs in sport.

Who does this Policy apply to?

The illegal drug and serious drug offence components of this Policy apply to all members of your sport.

The supplement, medicine and injection components of this Policy apply only to Relevant Athletes and Relevant Personnel. Relevant Athlete refers to:

- International-Level Athletes
- National-Level Athletes

Relevant Personnel refers to support personnel who work with Relevant Athletes, including:

- coaches
- officials
- employees
- medical practitioners
- sports science sports medicine personnel
- support personnel



Prohibited Conduct

The following actions and behaviours are breaches of the Policy:

- ❌ **Unauthorised injection or possession of injection equipment.**
- ❌ **The supply of prohibited supplements to a Relevant Athlete.**
- ❌ **A conviction relating to a serious drug offence.**
- ❌ **Unlawful use of prescription or over the counter medication.**
- ❌ **Being implicated or complicit in any Prohibited Conduct.**
- ❌ **Failure to report a breach of policy.**

Full definitions of these behaviours are available in the Improper Use of Drugs and Medicines Policy.



What is the reporting process?

Actions that may be Prohibited Conduct under this Policy **must** be reported to your sport.

Visit the integrity page on your sport's website, or contact your sport's National Integrity Manager to find out how.

You should also report this information to any other entity as required by law.

What happens if someone commits a breach of this Policy?

Any alleged Prohibited Conduct that is reported will be dealt with under the Complaints Disputes and Discipline Policy. This could result in a sanction ranging from a warning or mandatory education to a ban from sport. Criminal conduct will be managed outside of this process by law enforcement.

Disclaimer

This fact sheet does not replace the National Integrity Framework Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy. The Policy applies and overrules this fact sheet in any instances.

