

Implementation of anti-doping policies in 2024 - Croatia

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Objective :

In order to implement the requirements of Article 9 of the Anti-Doping Convention, State Parties are invited to submit information on anti-doping policies through the annual online questionnaire of 2024.

Instruction :

For general instructions, please select the documentation links at the top of the page.

For specific instructions, please note that each question has additional support tools - previous answers and specific information related to that question.

If you encounter any problems that prevent you from completing the questionnaire, please email us at sport.t-do@coe.int.

Questions :

1. Number of athletes

Please estimate the number of athletes in the following categories within your country:

athletes at the last Summer Olympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[73]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Winter Olympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[11]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Summer Paralympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[22]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Winter Paralympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[4]

[] Data not available

athletes in your NADO's Registered Testing Pool (RTP)

[70]

[] Data not available

2. Additional doping lists

For the purpose of restricting the availability of doping, are there any other officially adopted lists of substances in addition to the Prohibited List adopted by WADA?

(X) Yes, please specify: 1. List of substances prohibited in sport for the application of the Article 191a of the Criminal Code ("Official Gazette", no. 32/2023) and 2. List of drugs, psychotropic substances and plants from which drugs can be obtained and substances that can be used to make drugs ("Official Gazette", no. 19/2023, 154/2024)

() No

Attachments

-  explanatory note - Question 2 - Additional doping lists - final.pdf
-  List of substances prohibited in sport for the application of the Article 191a of the Criminal Code ("Official Gazette", no. 32/2023) : https://https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2023_03_32_569.html
-  List of drugs, psychotropic substances and plants from which drugs can be obtained and substances that can be used to make drugs ("Official Gazette", no. 19/2023) : https://https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2023_02_19_331.html
-  List of substances prohibited in sport NN - 2023 - 32 - Croatian.pdf
-  Amendments to the List of drugs, psychotropic substances and plants from which drugs can be obtained and substances that can be used to make drugs ("Official Gazette", no. 154/2024) : https://https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_12_154_2555.html
-  List of drugs, psychotropic substances and plants from which drugs can be obtained NN - 2023 - 19 - Croatian.pdf
-  Amendments to the List of drugs, psychotropic substances and plants from which drugs can be obtained NN - 2024 - 154 - Croatian.pdf
-  List of drugs, psychotropic substances and plants from which drugs can be obtained and substances that can be used to make drugs ("Official Gazette", no. 19/2023) : https://https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2023_02_19_331.html
-  Amendments to the List of drugs, psychotropic substances and plants from which drugs can be obtained and substances that can be used to make drugs ("Official Gazette", no. 154/2024) : https://https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_12_154_2555.html

3. Anti-doping laws



Does your country have an anti-doping legislation, other than ratification of the Anti-Doping Convention?

[] Anti-doping law

[X] Other types of national or regional norms including article(s) in a "Sports law" or Decree, please specify: The field of anti-doping is defined within several laws

[] No

Attachments

-  The Health Care Act ("Official Gazette", no. 100/2018, 125/2019, 147/2020, 119/2022, 156/2022, 33/2023, 36/2024) – Article 36, Article 128, Article 129, Article 132, Article 274 : <https://https://www.zakon.hr/z/190/zakon-o-zdravstvenoj-zastiti>
-  The Sports Act ("Official Gazette", no. 141/22)- Article 14, Article 16, Article 19, Article 34, Article 37, Article 46, Article 48, Article 50, Article 70, Article 116 : <https://https://www.zakon.hr/z/300/zakon-o-sportu>
-  The Criminal Code ("Official Gazette", no. 125/2011, 144/2012, 56/2015, 61/2015, 101/2017, 118/2018, 126/2019, 84/2021, 114/2022, 114/2023, 36/2024) - Article 190, Article 191a : <https://https://www.zakon.hr/z/98/kazneni-zakon>
-  List of substances prohibited in sport for the application of the Article 191.a of the Criminal Code : https://https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2023_03_32_569.html
-  List of drugs, psychotropic substances and plants from which drugs can be obtained and substances that can be used to make drugs ("Official Gazette", no. 19/2023) : https://https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2023_02_19_331.html
-  The Sports Inspection Act ("Official Gazette", no. 86/2012, 98/2019, 34/2021) – Article 9 : <https://https://www.zakon.hr/z/535/zakon-o-sportskoj-inspekciji>
-  The Act on the implementation of customs regulations of the European Union ("Official Gazette", no. 40/2016, 52/2025) - Article 61, Article 63 : <https://https://www.zakon.hr/z/844/zakon-o-provedbi-carinskog-zakonodavstva-europske-unije>
-  Anti_Doping Rules 2024 - Croatian.pdf
-  Anti_Doping Rules 2024 (agreed with WADA) - in effect from 04-2024 -English.pdf

-  Decision on the adoption of CIPH ADR - Croatian original version.pdf
-  Decision on the adoption of CIPH ADR - English translation.pdf
-  explanatory note - Question 23 - Anti-doping rule violation (ADVR) - final version.pdf
-  Health Care Act (2018) - English.pdf
-  Act on Amendments to the Health Care Act - Official Gazette-2023(important changes in the field of doping).pdf
-  Sports Act 114-2022 - full text - English.pdf
-  Sports Inspection Act (2012) - English.pdf
-  Criminal code.pdf
-  Act on Amendments to the Sports Inspection Act (2019).pdf
-  Act on Amendments to the Sports Inspection Act (2021).pdf
-  Act on the Implementation of Customs Legislation of EU.pdf

4. National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO)

What is the legal status of your national anti-doping organisation? Please upload the statutes, if possible

- (X) Public authority
- () Non-governmental organisation
- () Legal entity of private law
- () National Olympic Committee acting as a NADO
- () Foundation
- () Other, please specify:

Attachments

-  explanatory note - Question 4 - National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) - final.pdf
-  Health Care Act : <https://www.zakon.hr/z/190/zakon-o-zdravstvenoj-zastiti>
-  Health Care Act anti-doping related provisions by CIPH.pdf
-  Healthcare Act-OG-100-2018-HR.pdf
-  Act on amendments to the Health Care Act OG 33-2023 - Croatian.pdf
-  Croatian Institute of Public Health organisational structure : <https://www.hzjz.hr/en/organisation/>

5. Funding of anti-doping programme

What was the annual budget of your NADO for the 2024 calendar year (or other 12-month period, if applicable)?

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[954917] amount in Euro (estimate)

[] Data not available

6. Funding sources

How is your NADO funded? Please select all that apply and indicate an estimate in percentages:

- [X] Government 29%
- [] National Olympic Committee (NOC) %
- [] Other sports organisations %
- [X] Fee for service 9%
- [] Private %
- [X] Other 62%

Attachments

 explanatory note - Question 6 - Funding sources.pdf

7. Distribution of funding

What percentage of your NADO's annual budget is put towards the following core programmes?

[33.76] Staff costs (excluding sample collection personnel fees)

[19.38] Testing (including equipment, transportation, sample collection personnel fees)

[25.9] Sample analysis (including Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis, Athlete Passport Management Unit fees, sample retention fees, additional and further analysis)

[0.35] Information and intelligence gathering, and investigations

[0.34] Results Management/Legal

[0.02] Education

[0] Research

[0.31] Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

[19.94] Other (e.g. administration, maintenance) salaries, technical equipment maintenance

[] Data not available

8. Sport budget

What amount has been allocated to sport from the national budget through the national ministry responsible for sport for the year 2024 (or other 12-month period if applicable)?

[113173463] amount in Euro (estimate). this amount refers to Amendments to the State Budget of the Republic of Croatia for 2024, because execution of the State Budget of the Republic of Croatia for 2024 is not available at this moment. Comment, if applicable

[] Data not available

9. Limiting public funding to organisations

Can public funding be withheld from organisations that do not comply with anti-doping regulations and related legal instruments?

(X) Yes, all funding is withheld

() A limited amount of funding is withheld

() No financial implications

() Information not available / Comment

10. Limitation of public funding of persons

Can sport-related financial assistance provided by public authorities be withheld from suspended athletes or athlete support personnel during the period of their sanction?

(X) Yes, all funding is withheld

- () A limited amount of funding is withheld
- () No
- () Not applicable (no sport-related financial assistance is provided by public authorities to athletes or support personnel)
- () Information not available / Comment

11. NADO activities

Do you outsource any part of your anti-doping program to a delegated third party (e.g. Service Providers, Sample collection authorities, another NADO)?

- (X) Yes, please specify: certain doping controls carried out abroad in cooperation with other anti-doping organisations
- () No

12. Quality certificate

Is your NADO or part of its procedures certified according to a quality standard (such as ISO or any other quality assurance system)?

(X) Yes, please specify which standard, its scope and validity: Only part of CIPH, for example Department for ecology has ISO standards, but for all CIPH we have internal quality documents according to the National act for quality of healthcare. Division for Anti-Doping applies internal procedures of CIPH that is related to general procedures.

- () In progress
- () No

13. NADO staff, committee members and other anti-doping specialists

Please outline below how many NADO staff, committees' members and other anti-doping specialists are involved in the coordination and management of your anti-doping programmes (excluding sample collection personnel)

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[11] staff full time

[0] staff part time

[21] committees' members (including, but not limited to, members of the disciplinary panels, NADO Board, TUE, education, scientific, athletes, appeals commissions, ethics and/or other)

[0] other specialists, please describe

[] Data not available

14. Sample Collection Personnel

If your NADO acts as a Sample Collection Authority, how many persons are involved in the sample collection? If an individual can complete multiple roles, please include them under each applicable role. If you outsource your sample collection, please indicate this under "not applicable".

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[25] Doping Control Officers

[4] Blood Collection Officers

[14] Chaperones

[0] Not applicable (e.g. testing is outsourced)

[] Data not available

15. Use of WADA laboratories

Which WADA-accredited or approved laboratories are used for analysis of samples collected by your NADO as a Testing authority within your national testing programme in the year 2024? Please list all that apply, including the laboratory in your own country

	City or country
List all applicable laboratories	Seibersdorf, Austria

[] Data not available

16. Testing statistics

How many samples were collected under your national testing programme in the year 2024?

	Urine	Blood (including ABP and DBS)
In-competition samples Min numeric value allowed : 0	402	21
Out-of-competition samples Min numeric value allowed : 0	353	88

17. Testing minors

Of the total number of tests mentioned in the Q16, how many were conducted on children (persons under 18)

[62] Number of urine samples of minors

[3] Number of blood samples of minors

[0] Comment

[] Data not available

18. Testing abroad

Have you tested (directly or by outsourcing to Delegated Third Parties) athletes under your authority who live or train abroad?

(X) Yes

() Not in 2024, but we have authorisation to do so

() No, we do not have authorisation to do so / comment

19. Disciplinary system

To what extent has your country implemented the Recommendation on general principles of fair procedure applicable to anti-

doping proceedings in sport (please check the Information Tab above)

- (X) Fully implemented
- () Partially implemented
- () Not implemented

20. Hearing process

Please provide additional information about the hearing process:

Is the Hearing panel independent and impartial?

- (X) Yes
- () No

Is the right to an effective defense ensured, i.e. presumption of innocence, to be advised, to have adequate time to prepare the defense, to be assisted by an interpreter, to request witnesses or experts

- (X) Yes
- () No

Which party bears the costs of the proceedings? E.g. the sanctioned athlete or other person, the NADO, as decided by the Panel, or a third party

(X) Please describe The NADO bears costs of the proceedings, the athlete may have costs related to legal representative or collection of proof (e.g. B sample analysis, testing of contaminated products, expert review, etc.)

Is a free legal aid mechanism available (possibly under certain conditions)?

(X) Yes Free legal aid is available in Croatia in accordance with Free Legal Aid Act ("Official Gazette", no. 143/13, 98/19) - web: <https://www.zakon.hr/z/286/zakon-o-besplatnoj-pravnoj-pomoci>. The types of legal aid are primary legal aid and secondary legal aid. The conditions for primary legal aid are defined in Article 9, Article 10 and Article 11, and the conditions for secondary legal act are defined in Article 12, Article 13, Article 14, Article 15 and Article 16. Furthermore, athletes may inquire about the anti-doping rules directly at NADO

- () No

21. Public hearing

How is the principle of public hearing implemented in your country ?

- () Public hearing is granted by default without limitation
- () Public hearing is granted by default, but can be turned to in camera by decision of the panel
- (X) Hearings are held in camera, but athletes/accused persons can request a public hearing
- () Hearings are held in camera only

22. ADRV managment

Please describe the process for handling anti-doping rule violations ADRVs, including appeals process. If there were no changes since 2023, you can copy the text from the previous year (see the button on the top right corner of the window)

Describe, upload documents or add the link to the relevant content. In Croatia, the process for handling anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) is defined in Chapter 7 of the CIPH Anti-Doping Rules (initial review of the case, notification to athlete, provisional suspension, etc.). The CIPH Hearing Panel is the first instance body that decides about possible anti-doping violation in accordance

with Chapter 8 and Chapter 1 of the CIPH Anti-Doping Rules and in accordance with Hearing Panel Rules of Procedure. The Appeal Panel was established within the Croatian Olympic Committee as a second instance body that is institutionally and operationally independent of the organization that handles results in the field of anti-doping (In January 2024, the Rules of Procedure of the Appeal Panel of the Croatian Olympic Committee was approved).

[] Data not available

Attachments

 explanatory note - Question 22 - ADRV managment - final version.pdf

23. Anti-doping rule violations (ADRV)



How many individual anti-doping rule violations cases were initiated in 2024 and how many of these initiated cases resulted in the imposition of a sanction?

	Cases initiated in 2024	how many resulted in a sanction	how many resulted in no sanction	how many are pending
Presence of a prohibited substance Min numeric value allowed : 0	4	4	0	0
Use or attempted use Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0	0
Evading, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0	0
Whereabouts failures Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0	0
Tampering Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0	0
Possession Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0	0
Trafficking Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0	0
Administration Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0	0
Complicity Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0	0
Prohibited association Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0	0
Retaliation Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0	0
Participation during ineligibility or provisional suspension	1	1	0	0

[] Data not available

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 explanatory note - Question 23 - Anti-doping rule violation (ADVR) - final version.pdf



24. Sanctioned persons

Against how many individuals were the anti-doping rule violation cases initiated in 2024? The total number could differ from the total number in column 1 of the table in question 23, for example if an individual was sanctioned for more than one violation

☐ [5] Number of initiated cases (idem Q23 column 1)

☐ [5] Number of persons

☐ [0] Of the above number of persons, how many are children (under 18 at the time of the ADRV)?

☐ [] Data not available

25. Co-operation with law enforcement agencies



What measures have been taken to ensure co-operation between your NADO and law enforcement agencies?

☐ [X] Law, please specify The Criminal Code; The Act on the implementation of customs regulations of the European Union; and the Police affairs and powers Act

☐ [X] Agreement, please specify Agreement on cooperation and exchange of data and information about actions related to the illegal production and traffic of substances prohibited in sports

☐ [] Ad hoc activities, please specify

☐ [X] Other, please specify cooperation with international organizations such as Interpol and Europol

☐ [] None

Attachments

The Criminal Code : <https://www.zakon.hr/z/98/kazneni-zakon>

The Act on the implementation of customs regulations of the European Union : <https://www.zakon.hr/z/844/zakon-o-provedbi-carinskog-zakonodavstva-europske-unije>

The Police affairs and powers Act : <https://www.zakon.hr/z/173/zakon-o-policijskim-poslovima-i-ovlastima>

List of substances prohibited in sport for the application of the Article 191a of the Criminal Code : https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2023_03_32_569.html

List of drugs, psychotropic substances and plants : https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2023_02_19_331.html

explanatory note - Question 25 - Co-operation with law enforcement agencies - final version.pdf

26. Sanctions for doping trafficking



Are there specific penalties or sanctions for the illegal circulation of doping substances, in addition to those regulating the movement of medicines and narcotics?

☐ [X] Criminal penalties, please specify The Criminal Code

☐ [X] Financial penalties, please specify The Act on the implementation of customs regulations of the European Union

☐ [X] Administrative or civil sanctions, please specify The Sports Act

☐ [X] Professional disciplinary actions, please specify The Sports Act

☐ [] Other

☐ [] Information not available

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explanatory note - Question 26 - Sanctions for doping trafficking - final version.pdf

The Criminal Code : <https://www.zakon.hr/z/98/kazneni-zakon>

The Act on the implementation of customs regulations of the European Union : <https://www.zakon.hr/z/844/zakon-o-provedbi-carinskog-zakonodavstva-europske-unije>

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 The Sports Act : <https://www.zakon.hr/z/300/zakon-o-sportu>
27. Statistics on doping trafficking

Do law enforcement agencies share data on the seizure of doping substances with your NADO?

(X) Yes, please specify how many seizures have been reported in 202425

() No. comment (optional)

() Other, please specify

Attachments

 Question 27 - Statistics on doping trafficking (Croatia, 2024).pdf
28. Anti-doping education target groups

Which anti-doping target groups are educated and by whom?

	NADO	Other organisations; please list	Not targeted in 2024
International-level athletes	[X]	[X] the Croatian Olympic Committee, Croatian Paralympic Committee and Croatian Deaf Sports Association, national sports federations, anti-doping service providers (ITA) and the sports community (sport clubs)	[]
National-level athletes	[X]	[X] the Croatian Olympic Committee, Croatian Paralympic Committee and Croatian Deaf Sports Association, national sports federations and the sports community (sport clubs)	[]
Youth athletes	[X]	[X] the Croatian Olympic Committee, Croatian Paralympic Committee and Croatian Deaf Sports Association, national sports federations and the sports community (sport clubs)	[]
Children / School sport	[X]	[X] Ministry of tourism and sports and Ministry of science, and education and youth, schools (different educational programs)	[]
Recreational athletes	[X]	[X] Ministry of tourism and sports and the sports community (sport clubs)	[]
Athletes returning from a sanction	[X]	[X] the Croatian Olympic Committee, Croatian Paralympic Committee and Croatian Deaf Sports Association, national sports federations and the sports community (sport clubs)	[]

Coaches, trainers	☒	☒ the Croatian Olympic Committee, Croatian Paralympic Committee and Croatian Deaf Sports Association, national sports federations and the sports community (sport clubs)	☐
Sports administrators, officials, managers, agents	☒	☒ the Croatian Olympic Committee (Health Commission of Croatian Olympic Committee), Croatian Paralympic Committee and Croatian Deaf Sports Association, national sports federations and the sports community (sport clubs)	☐
Medical / Paramedical professionals	☒	☒ the Croatian Olympic Committee (Health Commission of Croatian Olympic Committee), Croatian Paralympic Committee and Croatian Deaf Sports Association, national sports federations and the sports community (sport clubs)	☐
Team staff/Members of a delegation at a major event	☒	☒ the Croatian Olympic Committee (Health Commission of Croatian Olympic Committee), Croatian Paralympic Committee and Croatian Deaf Sports Association, national sports federations and the sports community (sport clubs)	☐
Parents	☒	☒ the Croatian Olympic Committee (Health Commission of Croatian Olympic Committee), Croatian Paralympic Committee and Croatian Deaf Sports Association, national sports federations and the sports community and Ministry of science and education and youth; schools (different educational programs)	☐
School and university teachers	☒	☒ Ministry of tourism and sports and Ministry of science, education and youth; schools (different educational programs) Ministry of tourism and sports and Ministry of science, education and youth; schools (different educational programs)	☐
University students	☒	☒ Medical Faculty (Zagreb)	☐
Commercial sponsors	☐	☐	☐

Media, journalists	☒ [X]	☒ [X] the Croatian Olympic Committee (Health Commission of Croatian Olympic Committee), Croatian Paralympic Committee and Croatian Deaf Sports Association, national sports federations	☐ []
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 explanatory note - Question 28 - Which anti-doping target groups are educated and by whom (Croatia, 2024) - final.pdf

29. Mandatory anti-doping education

Is completion of a national anti-doping education programme (confirmation of in-person training, e-learning certificate or similar) mandatory for any part of your sport structure?

☒ (X) No, all anti-doping education is voluntary

☐ () Yes, it is mandatory for certain groups of athletes and support personnel (e.g. Olympic and Paralympic team); please specify

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☐ () Other

Attachments

 explanatory note - Question 29 - Mandatory anti-doping education (Croatia, 2024) - final.pdf

30. Nutritional supplements

What measures have been taken to address the problems related to nutritional supplements in sport?

☒ [X] Restrict availability

☒ [X] Control of production

☒ [X] Provide quality assurance

☒ [X] Comprehensive labelling

☒ [X] Limit advertising and promotion

☒ [X] Educational and informational measures

☐ [] Other, please specify:

31. Anti-doping research

Has any anti-doping research been undertaken or supported?

☐ () Yes; your comment (optional)

☒ (X) Yes, to a limited extent; your comment (optional) few anti-doping related researches were undertaken in Croatia in 2024

☐ () No; your comment (optional)

32. Areas of anti-doping research

If applicable - what are the areas of anti-doping research?

☒ [X] Doping prevention

☒ [X] Detection methods

☒ Social science, including the behavioural and social aspects of doping

☐ Health consequences of doping

☐ Physiological and psychological training programmes

☐ Emerging substances or methods

☐ Alternative testing methods

☐ None

☐ Other

Attachments

 explanatory note - Question 32 - Areas of anti-doping research.pdf

33. Publication of anti-doping research



If applicable - how many articles with the results of this research have been published in peer-reviewed scientific journals?

Please upload a summary or share links to resources, if available

☒ 3 in 2024

☐ Data not available

Attachments

 explanatory note - Question 33 - Publication of anti-doping research.pdf

34. International agreements



Has your country signed any new co-operation agreements in 2024 with other Anti-Doping Organisations (ADOs) or agreements on anti-doping with any other organisation or state?

☐ Yes, please explain or upload the document or provide a link

☒ No

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 explanatory note - Question 34 - International agreements (Croatia, 2024) - final.pdf