

Implementation of anti-doping policies in 2024 - Georgia

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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

[29]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Winter Olympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[9]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Summer Paralympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[14]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Winter Paralympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[1]

[] Data not available

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

[24]

[] 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?

() Yes, please specify:

(X) No

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: On Amendments to the Law of Georgia on Sports

[] No

Attachments

 On Amendments to the Law of Georgia on Sports.pdf

4. National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO)

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

() Public authority

(X) Non-governmental organisation

() Legal entity of private law

() National Olympic Committee acting as a NADO

() Foundation

() Other, please specify:

Attachments

 Extract from Registry. B21120308.pdf

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

[480000] 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:

[] Government 76%

[] National Olympic Committee (NOC) 18.4%

[] Other sports organisations 3.4%

[] Fee for service 1.4%

[] Private 0.1%

☐ Other 0.7%

7. Distribution of funding

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

☐ 17.9] Staff costs (excluding sample collection personnel fees)

☐ 40] Testing (including equipment, transportation, sample collection personnel fees)

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

☐ 3.1] Information and intelligence gathering, and investigations

☐ 2.1] Results Management/Legal

☐ 4] Education

☐ 1.4] Research

☐ 0] Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

☐ 20] Other (e.g. administration, 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)?

☐ 100000000] amount in Euro (estimate). 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?

☒ 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?

☒ 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)?

☐ Yes, please specify:

☒ 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)?

☐ Yes, please specify which standard, its scope and validity

☐ 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

[5] staff full time

[4] staff part time

[18] 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

[11] Doping Control Officers

[3] Blood Collection Officers

[6] 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	Cologne, Germany, 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	314	0
Out-of-competition samples Min numeric value allowed : 0	469	0

17. Testing minors

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

Number of urine samples of minors

Number of blood samples of minors

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?

☐ 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)

☒ Fully implemented

☐ Partially implemented

☐ Not implemented

20. Hearing process

Please provide additional information about the hearing process:

Is the Hearing panel independent and impartial?

☒ 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

☒ 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

☒ Please describe NADO

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

☐ Yes

☒ 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

☐ 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. RESULTS MANAGEMENT: APPEALS

13.1 Decisions Subject to Appeal

Decisions made under the Code or these Anti-Doping Rules may be appealed as set forth below in Articles 13.2 through 13.7 or as otherwise provided in these Anti-Doping Rules, the Code or the International Standards. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise.

13.1.1 Scope of Review Not Limited

The scope of review on appeal includes all issues relevant to the matter and is expressly not limited to the issues or scope of review before the initial decision maker. Any party to the appeal may submit evidence, legal arguments and claims that were not raised in the

first instance hearing so long as they arise from the same cause of action or same general facts or circumstances raised or addressed in the first instance hearing.

13.1.2 CAS Shall Not Defer to the Findings Being Appealed

In making its decision, CAS shall not give deference to the discretion exercised by the body whose decision is being appealed.

13.1.3 WADA Not Required to Exhaust Internal Remedies

Where WADA has a right to appeal under Article 13 and no other party has appealed a final decision within GADA's process, WADA may appeal such decision directly to CAS without having to exhaust other remedies in GADA's process.

13.2 Appeals from Decisions Regarding Anti-Doping Rule Violations, Consequences, Provisional Suspensions, Implementation of Decisions and Authority

A decision that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, a decision imposing Consequences or not imposing Consequences for an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision that no anti-doping rule violation was committed; a decision that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot go forward for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription); a decision by WADA not to grant an exception to the six (6) months notice requirement for a retired Athlete to return to competition under Article 5.6.1; a decision by WADA assigning Results Management under Article 7.1 of the Code; a decision by GADA not to bring forward an Adverse Analytical Finding or an Atypical Finding as an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision not to go forward with an anti-doping rule violation after an investigation in accordance with the International Standard for Results Management; a decision to impose, or lift, a Provisional Suspension as a result of a Provisional Hearing; GADA's failure to comply with Article 7.4; a decision that GADA lacks authority to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its Consequences; a decision to suspend, or not suspend, Consequences or to reinstate, or not reinstate, Consequences under Article 10.7.1; failure to comply with Articles 7.1.4 and 7.1.5 of the Code; failure to comply with Article 10.8.1; a decision under Article 10.14.3; a decision by GADA not to implement another Anti-Doping Organization's decision under Article 15; and a decision under Article 27.3 of the Code may be appealed exclusively as provided in this Article 13.2.

13.2.1 Appeals Involving International-Level Athletes or International Events

In cases arising from participation in an International Event or in cases involving International-Level Athletes, the decision may be appealed exclusively to CAS.

13.2.2 Appeals Involving Other Athletes or Other Persons

In cases where Article 13.2.1 is not applicable, the decision may be appealed to the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel. The appeal process shall be carried out in accordance with the International Standard for Results Management.

13.2.2.1 Hearings before the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel

13.2.2.1.1 The Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel shall consist of an independent Chair and four (4) other independent members.

13.2.2.1.2 Each member shall be appointed by taking into consideration their requisite anti-doping experience including their legal, sports, medical and/or scientific expertise. Each member shall be appointed for a once renewable term of four (4) years.

13.2.2.1.3 The appointed members shall be Operationally and Institutionally Independent. Board members, staff members, commission members, consultants and officials of GADA or its affiliates (such as a Delegated Third Party), as well as any Person involved in the investigation, pre-adjudication or Results Management of the matter, cannot be appointed as members and/or clerks of

the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel. In particular, no member shall have previously considered any TUE application, Results Management decision, first instance, or appeal involving the same Athlete in a given case.

13.2.2.1.4 The Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel shall be in a position to conduct the hearing and decision-making process without interference from GADA or any third party.

13.2.2.1.5 If a member appointed by the Chair to hear a case is unwilling or unable, for whatever reason, to hear the case, the Chair may appoint a replacement or appoint a new hearing panel.

13.2.2.1.6 The Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel has the power, at its absolute discretion, to appoint an expert to assist or advise the panel.

13.2.2.1.7 The International Federation, the National Federation concerned, the National Olympic Committee, if not a party (or parties) to the proceedings, and WADA each have the right to attend hearings of the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel as an observer.

13.2.2.1.8 Hearings pursuant to this Article should be completed as expeditiously as possible. Hearings held in connection with Events may be conducted on an expedited basis.

13.2.2.2 Proceedings of the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel

13.2.2.2.1 The proceedings of the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel shall respect the principles described in Articles 8, 9, and 10 of the International Standard for Results Management.

13.2.2.2.2 The Chair shall appoint three (3) members (which may include the Chair) to hear the appeal. When hearing an appeal, one (1) panel member shall be a qualified lawyer, with no less than three (3) years of relevant legal experience, and one (1) panel member shall be a qualified medical practitioner, with no less than three (3) years of relevant medical experience.

13.2.2.2.3 Upon appointment by the Chair as a member of the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel, each member must also sign a declaration that there are no facts or circumstances known to him or her which might call into question their impartiality in the eyes of any of the parties, other than those circumstances disclosed in the declaration.

13.2.2.2.4 The appellant shall present his/her case and the respondent party or parties shall present his/her/their case(s) in reply.

13.2.2.2.5 If any party or his/her representative fail to attend a hearing after notification, the hearing may nevertheless proceed.

13.2.2.2.6 Each party shall have the right to be represented by counsel at a hearing at that party's own expense.

13.2.2.2.7 Each party shall have the right to an interpreter at the hearing at that party's expense.

13.2.2.2.8 Each party to the proceedings has the right to access and present relevant evidence, to submit written and oral submissions, and to call and examine witnesses.

13.2.2.3 Decisions of the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel

13.2.2.3.1 At the end of the hearing, or promptly thereafter, the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel shall issue a written, dated and signed decision that respects the principles of Article 9 of the International Standard for Results Management.

13.2.2.3.2 The decision shall notably include the full reasons for the decision and for any period of Ineligibility imposed, including (if

applicable) a justification for why the maximum potential sanction was not imposed.

13.2.2.3.3 GADA shall notify the decision to the Athlete or other Person, to his or her National Federation, and to Anti-Doping Organizations with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3, and shall promptly report it into ADAMS.

13.2.2.3.4 The decision may be appealed as provided in Article 13.2.3 and Publicly Disclosed as provided in Article 14.3.

13.2.3 Persons Entitled to Appeal

13.2.3.1 Appeals Involving International-Level Athletes or International Events

In cases under Article 13.2.1, the following parties shall have the right to appeal to CAS: (a) the Athlete or other Person who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) the relevant International Federation; (d) GADA and (if different) the National Anti-Doping Organization of the Person's country of residence or countries where the Person is a national or license holder; (e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (f) WADA.

13.2.3.2 Appeals Involving Other Athletes or Other Persons

In cases under Article 13.2.2, the following parties shall have the right to appeal: (a) the Athlete or other Person who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) the relevant International Federation; (d) GADA and (if different) the National Anti-Doping Organization of the Person's country of residence or countries where the Person is a national or license holder; (e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (f) WADA.

For cases under Article 13.2.2, WADA, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, and the relevant International Federation shall also have the right to appeal to CAS with respect to the decision of the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel.

Any party filing an appeal shall be entitled to assistance from CAS to obtain all relevant information from the Anti-Doping Organization whose decision is being appealed and the information shall be provided if CAS so directs.

13.2.3.3 Duty to Notify

All parties to any CAS appeal must ensure that WADA and all other parties with a right to appeal have been given timely notice of the appeal.

13.2.3.4 Appeal from Imposition of Provisional Suspension

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the only Person who may appeal from the imposition of a Provisional Suspension is the Athlete or other Person upon whom the Provisional Suspension is imposed.

13.2.3.5 Appeal from Decisions under Article 12

Decisions by GADA pursuant to Article 12 may be appealed exclusively to CAS by the National Federation or other body.

13.2.4 Cross Appeals and other Subsequent Appeals Allowed

Cross appeals and other subsequent appeals by any respondent named in cases brought to CAS under the Code are specifically permitted. Any party with a right to appeal under this Article 13 must file a cross appeal or subsequent appeal at the latest with the party's answer.

13.3 Failure to Render a Timely Decision by GADA

Where, in a particular case, GADA fails to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by WADA, WADA may elect to appeal directly to CAS as if GADA had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping rule violation. If the CAS hearing panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that WADA acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to CAS, then WADA's costs and attorney fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to WADA by GADA.

13.4 Appeals Relating to TUEs

TUE decisions may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 4.4.

13.5 Notification of Appeal Decisions

GADA shall promptly provide the appeal decision to the Athlete or other Person and to the other Anti-Doping Organizations that would have been entitled to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided under Article 14.2.

13.6 Time for Filing Appeals

13.6.1 Appeals to CAS

The time to file an appeal to CAS shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party. The above notwithstanding, the following shall apply in connection with appeals filed by a party entitled to appeal but which was not a party to the proceedings that led to the decision being appealed:

(a) Within fifteen (15) days from the notice of the decision, such party/ies shall have the right to request a copy of the full case file pertaining to the decision from the Anti-Doping Organization that had Results Management authority;

(b) If such a request is made within the fifteen (15) day period, then the party making such request shall have twenty-one (21) days from receipt of the file to file an appeal to CAS.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by WADA shall be the later of:

(a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party having a right to appeal could have appealed, or

(b) Twenty-one (21) days after WADA's receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

13.6.2 Appeals Under Article 13.2.2

The time to file an appeal to the Georgian Anti-Doping Appeal Panel shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party. The above notwithstanding, the following shall apply in connection with appeals filed by a party

entitled to appeal but which was not a party to the proceedings having led to the decision subject to appeal:

(a) Within fifteen (15) days from notice of the decision, such party/ies shall have the right to request a copy of the full case file pertaining to the decision from the Anti-Doping Organization that had Results Management authority;

(b) If such a request is made within the fifteen (15) day period, then the party making such request shall have twenty-one (21) days from receipt of the file to file an appeal to the National Anti-Doping Appeal Panel.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by WADA shall be the later of:

(a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party having a right to appeal could have appealed, or

(b) Twenty-one (21) days after WADA's receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

[] Data not available

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	5	4	0	1
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	0	0	0	0

☐ Data not available

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

☐ Number of initiated cases (idem Q23 column 1)

☐ Number of persons

☐ 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?

☐ Law, please specify

☐ Agreement, please specify

☐ Ad hoc activities, please specify

☐ Other, please specify

☒ None

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?

☐ Criminal penalties, please specify

☐ Financial penalties, please specify

☐ Administrative or civil sanctions, please specify

☐ Professional disciplinary actions, please specify

☐ Other

☒ Information not available

27. Statistics on doping trafficking

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

☐ Yes, please specify how many seizures have been reported in 2024

☒ No. comment (optional)

() Other, please specify

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]	[]	[]
National-level athletes	[X]	[]	[]
Youth athletes	[X]	[]	[]
Children / School sport	[]	[]	[]
Recreational athletes	[]	[]	[]
Athletes returning from a sanction	[X]	[]	[]
Coaches, trainers	[X]	[]	[]
Sports administrators, officials, managers, agents	[X]	[]	[]
Medical / Paramedical professionals	[X]	[]	[]
Team staff/Members of a delegation at a major event	[X]	[]	[]
Parents	[]	[]	[]
School and university teachers	[]	[]	[]
University students	[]	[]	[]
Commercial sponsors	[]	[]	[]
Media, journalists	[]	[]	[]

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?

() No, all anti-doping education is voluntary

(X) Yes, it is mandatory for certain groups of athletes and support personnel (e.g. Olympic and Paralympic team); please specify RTP athletes. All members of national Olympic and Paralympic teams

() Other

30. Nutritional supplements

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

- ☐ Restrict availability
- ☐ Control of production
- ☐ Provide quality assurance
- ☐ Comprehensive labelling
- ☐ Limit advertising and promotion
- ☒ Educational and informational measures
- ☐ Other, please specify:

31. Anti-doping research

Has any anti-doping research been undertaken or supported?

- ☐ Yes; your comment (optional)
- ☒ Yes, to a limited extent; your comment (optional) The Ministry allocates funding for anti-doping social research projects.
- ☐ No; your comment (optional)

32. Areas of anti-doping research

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

- ☒ Doping prevention
- ☐ 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

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

☐ 1 in 2024

☐ Data not available

Attachments

-  BATTLE AGAINST DOPING IN GEORGIA. BASIC BIOSOCIAL AND ETHICAL ASPECTS.pdf
-  BATTLE AGAINST DOPING IN GEORGIA: BASIC BIOSOCIAL AND ETHICAL ASPECTS : <https://Teimuraz Ukleba1, Ramaz Shengelia2, Nino Durglishvili3> Proc. Georgian Nat. Acad. Sci., Biomed. Series, 2024, vol. 50, No 1-3



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

(X) No
