

Implementation of anti-doping policies in 2024 - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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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

[327]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Winter Olympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[50]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Summer Paralympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[215]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Winter Paralympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[24]

[] Data not available

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

[230]

[] 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

[] Other types of national or regional norms including article(s) in a "Sports law" or Decree, please specify:

.....

[X] No In the UK, anti-doping matters are governed by the UK National Anti-Doping Policy, which is not legally binding

Attachments

 UK National Anti-doping Policy (2021) : <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-anti-doping-policy-consultation/outcome/uk-national-anti-doping-policy-2021>

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

() Non-governmental organisation

() Legal entity of private law

() National Olympic Committee acting as a NADO

() Foundation

(X) Other, please specify: Arm's-Length Bodies (ALBs) part of the UK Government

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

[14017971] 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 79%

[] National Olympic Committee (NOC) 0%

[] Other sports organisations 0%

[X] Fee for service 21%

[] Private 0%

☐ Other 0%

7. Distribution of funding

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

- ☒ 36] Staff costs (excluding sample collection personnel fees)
- ☒ 19] Testing (including equipment, transportation, sample collection personnel fees)
- ☒ 14] Sample analysis (including Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis, Athlete Passport Management Unit fees, sample retention fees, additional and further analysis)
- ☒ 1] Information and intelligence gathering, and investigations
- ☒ 5] Results Management/Legal
- ☒ 2] Education
- ☒ 1] Research
- ☒ 0] Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)
- ☒ 22] Other (e.g. administration, maintenance) remuneration, administration
- ☐ 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)?

- ☒ 314921246.4] amount in Euro (estimate). This includes funding for elite sport via UK Sport (£85,182,000) and funding for grassroots sport via Sport England (£179,814,000). The Sport England amount includes capital investment for grassroots sport facilities. 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)?

- (X) Yes, please specify: UKAD has an agreement with 3 National Governing Bodies for Sport to manage the Legal process for ADRVs
- () 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: ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management; ISO 27001:2022 Information Security Management both certificates are valid until January 2027
- () 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

- [72] staff full time
- [11] staff part time
- [50] 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

- [91] Doping Control Officers
- [25] Blood Collection Officers

[86] 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	LAB-London-GBR-KCL LAB-Cologne-GER LAB-Sydney-AUS-ASDTL LAB-Barcelona-ESP-IMIM LAB-UTAH-USA-SMRTL LAB-Madrid-ESP LAB-Oslo-NOR LAB-Bloemfontein-RSA-SADoCoL LAB-Lausanne-SUI-LSAD LAB-Los Angeles-USA LAB-Doha-QAT-ADL LAB-Montreal-CAN-INRS LAB-Paris-FRA-LADF LAB-Ghent-BEL-DoCoLab LAB-Dresden-GER LAB-Roma-ITA-FMSI LAB-Nairobi-Kenya-PLK LAB-Bangkok-THA LAB-Warsaw-POL LAB-Lisbon-POR

[] 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	2001	58
Out-of-competition samples Min numeric value allowed : 0	5177	1586

17. Testing minors

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

[293] Number of urine samples of minors

[6] Number of blood samples of minors

[0] CommentN/A

[] 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)

☒ 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 The arbitration is carried out by the National Anti-Doping Panel (the NAPD) who is established by the UK's National Anti-Doping Policy and is funded by the UK government's Department for Culture, Media and Sport. The service is available to athletes and governing bodies without charge.

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

☒ Yes Sports Resolutions who manage the NADP services provide a pro bono legal advice service to assist Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel facing a ban.

☐ 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. Any decision that an ADRV was (or was not) committed may be appealed by any of the following:

- a) the Athlete or other Person who is the subject of the ADRV;
- b) the relevant National Governing Body;
- c) UKAD;
- d) the relevant International Federation;
- e) the National Anti-Doping Organisation of the Athlete or other Person's country of residence, country of nationality, and country where they are licensed to participate in sport (if different from UKAD);
- f) the IOC or IPC, as applicable (where the decision that an ADRV was (or was not) committed may have an effect in relation to the Olympic or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and
- g) WADA;

Where the ADRV was (or was not) committed by an International-Level Athlete, or arising from participation in an International-Level Event, any appeal must be made exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. In all other cases where an ADRV was (or was not) committed, any appeal must be made exclusively to the UK National Anti-Doping panel (Appeal Tribunal).

Please refer to Article 13 of the UK Anti-Doping Rules

(<https://www.ukad.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-11/2021%20UK%20Anti-Doping%20Rules%20v1.0%20FINAL.pdf>).

[] Data not available

Attachments

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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	16	11	0	5
Use or attempted use Min numeric value allowed : 0	17	9	3	5
Evading, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection Min numeric value allowed : 0	1	0	1	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	2	2	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

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

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

☐ 20] 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?

☒ Law, please specify Misuse of drugs Act 1971, Medicines Act 1968, The Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (SI 2012 /1916), Importation - Section 170(1) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (CEMA), Confiscation Order – Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) 2002

☒ Agreement, please specify MOUs with: NCA, MHRA, UKBF

☒ Ad hoc activities, please specify Attendance at: Government Agency Intelligence Network (GAIN) membership, Government. National Investigation Group membership, Interpol partnership working, National Police Chief Council Drugs Working Group, Partnership working with National Crime Agency and UK Border Force, numerous police contacts/joint working with police forces in the UK

☐ 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 There are criminal penalties for the illicit supply of Class C controlled drugs – In the UK this includes predominantly anabolic steroid type substances. Class C drug supply carries a maximum: 14 years' custody and/ or unlimited fine. There is no offence in UK law for possessing Anabolic steroids for personal use only.

☒ Financial penalties, please specify As referenced above, there are potential financial penalties (unlimited fines). Law enforcement also has the ability to obtain proceeds from crime back from offenders

☐ 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 On an ad-hoc basis, where intelligence crosses over with their operational activities

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	☒	☒ National Federation	☐
National-level athletes	☒	☒ National Federation	☐
Youth athletes	☒	☒ National Federation	☐
Children / School sport	☒	☒ Schools, Higher Education	☐
Recreational athletes	☐	☒ National Federation	☒
Athletes returning from a sanction	☒	☒ National Federation	☐
Coaches, trainers	☒	☒ National Federation	☐
Sports administrators, officials, managers, agents	☒	☒ National Federation	☐
Medical / Paramedical professionals	☒	☒ National Federation	☐
Team staff/Members of a delegation at a major event	☒	☒ National Olympic/Paralympic Committees, UK Commonwealth Games Agencies	☐

Parents	☒ [X]	☒ [X] National Federation	☐ []
School and university teachers	☒ [X]	☒ [X] Higher Education	☐ []
University students	☒ [X]	☒ [X] Higher Education	☐ []
Commercial sponsors	☐ []	☐ []	☒ [X]
Media, journalists	☒ [X]	☐ []	☐ []

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 Registered Testing Pool Athletes (National & Domestic), Short-list and selected Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic teams (athletes and athletes support personnel),

☐ () Other

30. Nutritional supplements

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

☐ [] Restrict availability

☐ [] Control of production

☒ [X] Provide quality assurance

☐ [] Comprehensive labelling

☐ [] Limit advertising and promotion

☒ [X] Educational and informational measures

☒ [X] Other, please specify: Digital Campaigns

31. Anti-doping research

Has any anti-doping research been undertaken or supported?

☒ (X) Yes; your comment (optional) UKAD commissioned a project with University of Lincoln to develop a prototype Artificial Intelligence-based, behaviour change intervention, delivered via a conversational chatbot (WHISTLE-BOT), to promote whistleblowing against doping in sport. The first version of this tool shall be released in July 2025. UKAD commissioned jointly funded research with the Rugby Football League (RFL) to evaluate the socio-cultural and psychological influences on performance enhancement attitudes and behaviour within the top three tiers of professional Rugby League. This research study shall conclude in 2025. UKAD also secured funding to start a four-year PhD studentship with the University of Birmingham to identify doping risk indicators and develop a new tool that utilises data analytics within the risk assessment process. UKAD also supported several research projects submitted to the WADA Social Science Research Grant Programme through providing a Letter of Support

☐ () Yes, to a limited extent; your comment (optional)

☐ () 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
- ☒ [X] 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

☐ [0] in 2024

☐ [] Data not available

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?

(X) Yes, please explain or upload the document or provide a link MoU with CARADO and delivery of Anti-doping services for NGBs on a contracted basis

() No