

Annual Anti-Doping Report

January to December 2021

Introduction

This report provides a summary of anti-doping activities undertaken by British Triathlon between January 2021 and December 2021.

Over the last period, an internal 'Clean Sport Working Group' has produced a Clean Sport education strategy and implementation plan for 2022 through until 2025 which was presented to the British Triathlon, Triathlon England, Triathlon Scotland and Welsh Triathlon boards and approved.

UK Anti-Doping, in collaboration with DCMS, published a revised National Anti-Doping Policy which places greater emphasis on the role sport National Governing Bodies play in the Clean Sport landscape. All Sport NGBs in receipt of public funding are required to meet the criteria of UK Anti-Doping's new Assurance Framework.

British Triathlon are in an excellent position to meet these requirements and are working together with our Home Nations, Triathlon Scotland, Triathlon England and Welsh Triathlon, to ensure a robust programme of Clean Sport is in place to support all who take part in our sport.

Education

A combination of Covid-19, the introduction of the new WADA Code (2021) and other factors reduced the programme of Clean Sport education delivery during 2021. However, the following education has taken place:

- World Class Performance Programme (athletes, coaches, and support personnel) completed Clean Sport sessions
- Olympic Team, reserve athletes and support staff completed Clean Games session
- Paralympic athletes, guides and support staff completed Clean Games session
- Performance Pathway athletes and coaches attending development camps completed Clean Sport session

Key messages continue to be disseminated through social media channels and directly to World Class Performance Programme athletes and performance pathway coaches and athletes, including updates concerning the Prohibited List, reminders to use Global Dro and Informed Sport as anti-doping tools available to support athletes in ensuring they take part clean.

All British Age-Group Team athletes are reminded of Clean Sport regulations via email upon qualification and signposted to education and guidance.

Testing

Any testing of athletes within British Triathlon are commissioned either by UK Anti-Doping or the International Testing Agency on behalf of World Triathlon.

In the year to September 2021, UK Anti-Doping carried out 87 tests on British Triathlon athletes out of competition.

World Triathlon have not published its figures for 2021 but in 2020 244 In-competition Tests were carried out worldwide.

In December 2021 World Triathlon's Executive Board has decided to sanction the Russian Triathlon Federation due to the significant number of doping cases in Russia. The sanction will be effective for one year, and World Triathlon will review quarterly that these measures are being followed.