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To: Affiliated Federations  
Council and Commission Members  
Organisers of World Championships  
National Rowing Magazines  
Partners



**Circular No 5 of 2006  
Anti-Doping Programme Information**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

**Anti-Doping Obligations for Rowers and National Federations**

This circular is entirely dedicated to the Anti-Doping obligations for rowers and national federations and contains the following information:

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**1. Latest 2007 Prohibited List**

You will always find the very latest list of substances and methods which are prohibited by WADA, the IOC and FISA at the WADA website:

[www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)

You are reminded that this list is automatically incorporated into the FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Laws. The 2007 Prohibited substances list will come into effect on 1 January 2007.

Please distribute it widely to clubs, team doctors, coaches and rowers.

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## **2. Registered Testing Pool of Athletes: the “Whereabouts List”**

We would like to draw your attention to Byelaw 5.5.2 to Rule 93 Anti-Doping. The wording for the Registered Testing Pool is:

“All athletes having placed in the first three finishers in the Olympic events at the World Championships or Olympic Games in at least one of the two previous years, as well as the first finishers in the Non-Olympic events at the World Championships in at least one of the two previous years shall be part of the FISA Registered Testing Pool.”

The list of Athletes from your national federation identified by FISA as part of its Registered Testing Pool (also known as the “whereabouts list” rowers) has been attached with this circular. These athletes must regularly send FISA their whereabouts information.

## **3. FISA’s Whereabouts Programme**

In order to avoid duplication of work for athletes on the whereabouts list, if a national federation or national anti-doping agency already has a national whereabouts system operating, then these national federations may make an agreement with FISA to utilise their national whereabouts system as the means of complying with the FISA requirements, and will not have to submit this information again with FISA by fax, email or post.

National federations and athletes from national federations choosing not to use an agreed national whereabouts system or those that have not reached an agreement with FISA about sharing this information should continue to submit their whereabouts information by fax, email or post to FISA in accordance with point 4 below.

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#### **4. Athletes and the Whereabouts Programme**

For Athletes in the Registered Testing Pool who do not have an approved national anti-doping programme or those that have not reached an agreement with FISA about the sharing of this information:

Please note that all responses must be in French or English. The minimum information required is the athlete's residential address, all training locations and travelling locations.

Permanent Location Form –	due as soon as possible
Temporary Location Form- First form -	due as soon as possible
- 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	by 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2007
- 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter	by 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2007
- 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	by 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2007

We would like to draw your attention to the wording for Articles 5.5.1 and 5.5.2 of the Bye-Laws to Rule 93 – Anti-Doping in the FISA Rule Book.

“5.5.1 – FISA shall identify a Registered Testing Pool of those Athletes who are required to provide up-to-date whereabouts information to FISA according to 5.1 of the Code. FISA may revise its Registered Testing Pool from time to time as appropriate. Each Athlete in the Registered Testing Pool shall file quarterly reports with FISA, beginning on 30<sup>th</sup> November on forms provided by FISA which specify on a daily basis the locations and times where the Athlete will be residing, training and competing. Athletes shall update this information as necessary so that it is current at all times. The ultimate responsibility for providing whereabouts information rests with each Athlete, however, it shall be the responsibility of each National Federation to use its best efforts to assist FISA in obtaining whereabouts information as requested by FISA.”

“5.5.2 - ...there is an obligation on each such athlete to keep FISA informed about where the athlete can be met for unannounced testing at any time by utilising the Permanent Location Form and the Temporary Location Form. The Permanent Location form should be submitted to FISA Headquarters by 30<sup>th</sup> November each year and the Temporary Location form should be submitted quarterly beginning on 30<sup>th</sup> November then by 28<sup>th</sup> February, 31<sup>st</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> August. Any changes to the information submitted should be immediately communicated to the FISA Headquarters using these forms.”

The relevant forms have been attached with this circular. They will also be available on the FISA website: [www.worldrowing.com](http://www.worldrowing.com). These forms can be submitted electronically to [info@fisa.org](mailto:info@fisa.org) or by post or fax. It is the responsibility of the national federation to please make sure the athletes concerned from your national federation are fully informed.

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## **5. National Federations and the Team Whereabouts Programme**

Please note that all responses must be in English or French.

Competition Form –	due as soon as possible
Summary Training Camp Form –	due as soon as possible
Individual Training Camp Forms –	<b>due at the latest, <u>2 weeks before</u> the start of each training camp.</b>

We would like to draw your attention to Article 5.7.1 of the Bye-Laws to Rule 93 – Anti-Doping in the FISA Rule Book. Please note that all responses must be in English or French and as complete as possible.

“5.7.1 – Before the **30<sup>th</sup> November** of each year [now, as soon as possible], each member National federation must provide to FISA Headquarters the completed **Competition Form** and **Summary Training camp form** and, if possible, the **Individual Training Camp forms** for its national teams in the coming twelve months as well as any other information requested by FISA. (These forms set out the dates and venues of the camps and competitions).

“The **individual training camp forms** must be completed and received at FISA Headquarters **no later than two weeks** before the start of any above reported training camp.

“Any changes to the list of training camps, competitions or training camp contacts mentioned above shall be immediately communicated to FISA Headquarters. “

The relevant forms have been attached with this circular. They are also available on the FISA website: [www.worldrowing.com](http://www.worldrowing.com). These forms can be submitted electronically to [info@fisa.org](mailto:info@fisa.org) or by post or fax.

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## **6. Retirement Policy – Form Attached**

Please note Articles 5.6.1 and 5.6.2 of the Bye-Laws to Rule 93 – Anti-Doping in the FISA Rule Book. Please note the new wording in 5.6.2 below:

“5.6.1 – An Athlete who has been identified by FISA for inclusion in FISA’s Registered Pool shall continue to be subject to these Anti-Doping Rules, including the obligation to be available for No Advance Notice Out-of-Competition Testing, unless and until the Athlete gives written notice to FISA that he or she has retired or until he no longer satisfies the criteria for inclusion in the FISA’s Registered Testing Pool and has been so informed by FISA.”

“5.6.2 – An Athlete who has given notice of retirement to FISA may not resume competing unless he or she notifies FISA at least six (6) months before he expects to return to competition and is available for unannounced Out-of-competition testing, at any time during the period before actual return to competition.”

## **7. Anti-Doping Survey – Due 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007**

We would like to remind you that FISA’s survey of all anti-doping tests conducted by national federations in 2006 is due on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007. The survey form is attached with this circular. National federations must indicate the number of in-competition and out-of-competition tests conducted as well as the results of these tests and any sanctions imposed in the case of a doping offence. Even if a national federation did not conduct any tests in 2006, this information must be submitted to FISA.

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**8. Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) – Changes to the Programme**

**TUEs should be sent to FISA from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007, FISA will again be managing the administration of the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) programme. Please note the new wording in this bye-law below:

*4.4.2 Athletes intending to participate in Rowing World Cup and World Rowing Championship regattas must obtain a TUE from FISA (regardless of whether the Athlete previously has received a TUE at the national level). TUEs granted by FISA shall be reported to the Athlete's National Federation and to WADA. Other Athletes subject to Testing must obtain a TUE from their National Anti-Doping Organisation or other body designated by their National Federation. National Federations shall promptly report any such TUEs to FISA and WADA.*

All abbreviated and standard TUEs should be sent from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 to the FISA headquarters.

The relevant forms are available on the FISA website: [www.worldrowing.com](http://www.worldrowing.com). These forms can be submitted electronically to [info@fisa.org](mailto:info@fisa.org) or by fax (+41-21-617-8375) or post.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments