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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members



Circular No 5 of 2007
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 2008 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/en/prohibitedlist.ch2>

You are reminded that this list is automatically incorporated into the FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Laws. The 2008 Prohibited substances list will come into effect on 1 January 2008.

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/Paralympic events at the World Championships or Olympic/Paralympic 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”) has been attached with this circular and is found on the FISA website. These athletes must regularly send FISA their whereabouts information. Those on the 2008 list should begin submitting whereabouts on 30 November 2007.

3. Athletes and the Whereabouts Programme

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 –...Each Athlete in the Registered Testing Pool shall file quarterly reports with FISA, beginning on 30th 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 30th November each year and the Temporary Location form should be submitted quarterly beginning on 30th November then by 28th February, 31st May and 31st August. Any changes to the information submitted should be immediately communicated to the FISA Headquarters using these forms.”

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For Athletes in the Registered Testing Pool who do not have an approved national online 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 by 30 November 2007
Temporary Location Form- First form -	due by 30 November 2007
- 2 nd quarter	by 29 February 2008
- 3 rd quarter	by 30 May 2008
- 4 th quarter	by 29 August 2008

Please note that all information submitted must be timely and complete.

We understand that plans can change and that sometimes it may be difficult to submit a change in location well in advance.

However any obvious delay, such as submitting a change in location on or following the day of departure (for example to a competition) cannot be accepted.

Illegible or incomplete information can also lead to a missed test violation. The principle of unannounced testing is that the athlete can be found by the doping control officer using the address submitted by the athlete. A contact phone number is requested on the form, but the doping control officer should not have to call to find the athlete, the address should be sufficient.

The relevant forms have been attached with this circular. They will also be available on the FISA website: www.worldrowing.com. These forms can be submitted electronically to 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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4. National Federations and the Team Whereabouts Programme

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:

“5.7.1 – Before the **30th November** of each year, 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. “

Please note that all responses must be in English or French and as complete as possible.

Competition Form –	due 30 November 2007
Summary Training Camp Form –	due 30 November 2007
Individual Training Camp Forms –	due at the latest, <u>2 weeks before</u> the start of each training camp.

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

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5. 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.

“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 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.”

6. Anti-Doping Survey – Due 31st January 2008

We would like to remind you that FISA’s survey of all anti-doping tests conducted by national federations in 2007 is due on 31st January 2008. The survey form is attached with this circular. National federations must indicate the number of in-competition and out-of-competition tests conducted by the national federation or national anti-doping agency 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 2007, this information must be submitted to FISA.

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7. Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

Please use the 2008 version of the TUE Form

Please note that 2007 ATUE and TUE forms will now expire on 31 March 2008.

2008 ATUE and TUE applications will be accepted starting from
1 December 2007.

All abbreviated and standard TUEs should be sent to the FISA headquarters on
the 2008 version of the TUE form.

The relevant 2008 forms are attached with this circular and will be available on
the FISA website in the [anti-doping section](#) from 15 November 2007. Go to Anti-
Doping) These forms can be submitted electronically to info@fisa.org or by post
or fax.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Denis Oswald
President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Attachments