

# **NSO ATHLETE WHEREABOUTS BULLETIN**

**15 February 2007**

## **Updating the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) and Domestic Testing Pool (DTP)**

- ASADA will send NSOs a list of athletes proposed for the next quarter's RTP and DTP six to eight weeks prior to the start of the quarter. This list will contain athletes who are on the existing RTP and DTP, in addition to proposed new athletes as a result of ASADA or NSO information received since the last update. The list will also reflect retirements
- NSOs will be asked to provide contact details for new RTP and DTP athletes and to check details for existing DTP athletes (existing RTP athletes will maintain their own contact details from 15 March 2007). NSOs will also be provided the opportunity to nominate names of any other athletes that may fit the criteria for the RTP or DTP list (based on performance etc).
- In an effort to streamline the above process, ASADA is also looking to enhance the Athlete Whereabouts Online System as soon as possible to enable NSOs to update contact and personal details online.

## **Updating contact details and whereabouts information**

- RTP athletes are required to maintain their contact details and submit Athlete Whereabouts (AW) Information directly to ASADA (from 15 March 2007).
- NSOs are expected to maintain accurate personal and contact details for athletes on the DTP and provide this information to ASADA on request.

## **NSO notification of a Failure to Provide or Missed Test declaration ("a strike")**

- Athletes who fail to submit a complete AW Form by a due date or who "miss a test" will be notified by ASADA and subsequently provided with the opportunity to submit a written explanation for why they failed to meet ASADA's whereabouts requirements. If a Failure to Provide Information or Missed Test declaration is made following the explanation period, ASADA will notify both the athlete and the NSO.
- Any time up until the quarterly due date for submission of Athlete Whereabouts Information, ASADA may inform NSOs, on request, as to which RTP athletes in their sport have not yet submitted a compliant Athlete Whereabouts Form.

## **Methods for updating contact details and Athlete Whereabouts Information**

- RTP athletes can update their contact details and submit their Quarterly AW Form online using ASADA's Athlete Whereabouts Online System or by fax or mail using a hard copy of the new ASADA AW Form.
- Once a compliant Quarterly AW Form has been submitted, athletes can update their information using the above methods or by contacting the ASADA Anti-Doping Hotline.

- DTP athletes should maintain their address and contact details with their NSO. If they contact ASADA, ASADA will forward the change to the NSO for confirmation.

### **Due date reminders**

- ASADA will send a reminder letter to all athletes on the RTP approximately two weeks prior to the quarterly due date. In addition, athletes who have completed the notifications sections in the My Settings page of the Athlete Whereabouts Online System will also be sent a reminder via email and/or SMS.

### **Athletes in ASADA's and an International Federation's RTP**

- International Federations (IF) and National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADO) are required by the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC) to set their own Athlete Whereabouts requirements and policies. Athletes that belong in both pools are obligated to meet the requirements of both their National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) and their International Federation. Athletes may therefore be required to submit two different Athlete Whereabouts Forms: one to their NADO and one to their IF.
- In an effort to streamline the process for athletes submitting AW quarterly forms, ASADA has started working with IFs to arrange for the sharing of Athlete Whereabouts Information.
- If the AW Information collected by ASADA is sufficient for an IF's purposes and the IF is prepared to accept ASADA's Athlete Whereabouts Form, ASADA is willing to assist those athletes who belong to both ASADA's RTP and the IF's RTP. Athletes can submit their Quarterly AW Form to ASADA and ASADA will email the AW Information to the IF as soon as practical after the quarterly due date.
- A prerequisite for the sharing of Athlete Whereabouts Information is the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and confidentiality agreement between ASADA and the IF.
- If any NSOs or IFs are interested in pursuing such an arrangement, ASADA can forward a draft MOU and confidentiality agreement for their consideration.
- Please note that if athletes need to update their information during the quarter, they will still need to provide these updates separately to ASADA and the IF.
- ASADA is however planning to enhance the Athlete Whereabouts Online System as soon as possible to enable IFs to view athletes' AW details. This will mean that the IF will have direct access to an athlete's most current AW Information. The long term vision is that athletes will only have to submit and update their information on one system.

### **Entering training and competition information into the Athlete Whereabouts Online System**

- When NSOs enter training and competition details into the AWS, these details are only available to RTP athletes in that sport. This functionality was incorporated into the system to assist athletes to complete their quarterly calendar.

- Until further enhancements are made to the Athlete Whereabouts Online System, NSOs will still be required to provide training camp and competition details to ASADA's Government Funded Liaison Officer for the purposes of doping control.
- ASADA is planning to increase the functionality of the AWS so that it creates further efficiencies for NSOs. For example, ASADA is considering enhancing the NSO portal so that NSOs only have to enter training camp and competition details once and this information will be available to both RTP athletes and ASADA.