



## **Drugs in Sport Policy & Procedures**

**of**

### **WA Council of the Australian Power Boat Association (WA APBA)**

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## INTRODUCTION

Sports play an important role in Australian society. Sport can improve the lives of individuals and build communities. The involvement of sports is critically linked to values sport promotes and health and lifestyle benefits. WA APBA promotes fair, safe and inclusive environment and therefore has a zero tolerance and condemns the use of banned performance enhancing substances and illegal drug taking practices within the sport.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to promote a drug free culture within sport through the implementation of legislation, regulation, policies and programs.

## POLICY & PROCEDURES

The guiding principles of this Policy includes the National Anti-doping Framework which seeks to provide a nationally-coordinated approach to implementing the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) that being:

- Recognising the primacy of Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) in delivering Code-compliant anti-doping programs and activities in Australia;
- Reporting instances of possible anti-doping rule violations to ASADA, where appropriate and feasible;
- Sharing information regarding the development of anti-doping related initiatives;
- Supporting investigations by ASADA into possible anti-doping rule violations, where appropriate and feasible, the provision of intelligence and establishing partnerships between ASADA and relevant state government agencies;
- Expecting athletes, athlete support persons and other people participating in state level sporting events or training at state based academies and institutes are subject to a Code-compliant anti-doping policy;
- Respecting the rights of athletes and ensuring procedural fairness, and
- Recognising and enforcing penalties against those who committed an anti-doping rule violation; and implementing a consistent response to sports which do not operate Code-compliant anti-doping policies.

### ***Drivers / Riding Crew***

All drivers and riding crews must be drug free of any banned performance enhancing substances and illegal drugs in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. The policy and procedures for affiliated club drivers and riding crews as regards to drug testing please refer to the APBA Rules Book 2015, section 201.20.

## **PRINCIPLES**

This policy is based on:

### ***Legislative***

- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006
- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Regulations 2006
- Therapeutic Goods Administration Act 1989

### ***Peak Body, Social and Community***

- World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)
- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA)
- Australian Sports Commission (ASC)
- National Integrity of Sport Unit (NISU)
- Department of Sport and Recreation

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is the responsibility of the President and to ensure that:

- Committee members, volunteers and contractors are aware of this policy;
- any breaches of this policy will be brought to the attention of the committee and are dealt with appropriately.

Whilst the WA APBA will undertake to educate affiliated club members, officials and volunteers about the drugs in sport policy through promotion in club newsletters, website / social media sites and within the WA APBA walls, it is the responsibility of each individual to access this information and that they comply with this policy.

## **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- Member Protection Policy – Australian Power Boat Association (February 2014)
- APBA Rule Book 2015
- World Anti-Doping Code
- National Anti-Doping Framework

## **MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

This policy will formally be reviewed, evaluated and re-endorsed or modified by the Committee Members annually. Ongoing monitoring and evaluation will take place with any reported complaints or reported incidents in relation to this policy are to be reported to the next Committee meeting. Any recommendations for changes can be submitted and tabled for discussion by the Committee. All changes will be communicated to all affiliated clubs (or players, coaches, volunteers etc.) and posted on the organisations website, newsletter and social media.