



EPA Anti-doping Policy Statement

Fundamental to sport being enjoyed by all is sporting conduct; the way sport is played. Across all sports there must be a commitment to ensuring standards are set for fair play and then enforced. Doping in sport is cheating. The EPA MC considers this contrary to the spirit of sport and detrimental to the positive impact of sport in society.

The elimination of doping in sport requires a commitment by all, to ethical practice and upholding standards of fair play. It requires consistent and accountable decision-making and sanctioning of participants who are found guilty of a doping violation.

The FIPJP has given a directive to all National Governing Bodies stating that a robust anti-doping policy should be enforced. They, the FIPJP, have added the services of a doctor to their Executive and have already begun carrying out random alcohol breathalyzer testing of players and some team managers.

Our Association needs to adopt an anti-drug policy to bring it in line with the FIPJP and Sport England who require this as part of their application process for Governing Body recognition. Consequently, the EPA will formally adopt the UK National Anti-doping Policy with effect from 1st August 2010.

All players representing England at International tournaments will be required to agree to and comply with all drugs and alcohol testing. A copy of the UK National Anti-doping policy is available at the UKAD website: <http://www.ukad.org.uk/documents/uk-national-anti-doping-policy/>



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