



Anti-Doping Newsletter from the Medical Commission

Important information for National Premier Team Managers

Dear Members

Firstly, as always, I hope my letter finds you and your families healthy. COVID is still pretty dominate in all our lives but we are all learning to live with it and get on with our lives. It seems more of us have been able to get back on the water again, not only to train but also to hold races. I'm sure this has brought smiles to many faces. I think we can be optimistic that we will get to meet for our World Club Crew Championships next year in Sarasota, USA.

I have been very disappointed in the response to my last Newsletter in August. I have had only a few replies. As I have previously mentioned the IDBF has the obligation of compliance with WADA in regard to Out of Competition Testing. If we want our sport to increase its recognition, reach a wider audience and to attract media coverage then acting on the compliance with WADA will help us on this journey. It is vitally important that as an International Federation we demonstrate our commitment to **clean sport** and comply with the WADA requirements on Out of Competition Testing. **The penalties for non-compliance with WADA could have very serious consequences for our sport.** As I am trying to avoid putting the burden on the Premier athlete with a mandatory introduction of a Testing Pool, I need the **National Federations** and their **National Team Managers** of the 9 Countries listed at the end of this Newsletter to comply with this request.

- A list of names **AND** addresses of **10 male and 10 female Premier Team** athletes who **were in your National Premier team in Thailand and who wish to be considered for the next WDBRC in 2023.**
- Place of training with the dates, times and exact address details of any planned training sessions along with contact details of the team coach/trainer who is running the training session

Please forward the above information by **Monday 18.10.2021** to: chair-medical@dragonboat.sport

IDBF testing compliance - a certain percentage of our tests need to be for an Athlete Biological Passport. This test can only be done using a blood sample. Therefore, I ask all Federations to ensure that their athletes, through their National Federation's Anti-Doping Education programs (IDBF ADR Page 5), are made aware of the fact that if selected for testing it maybe that a blood sample will be taken. It may be both urine and blood sample.

Every athlete has the right to compete in a clean and fair championship. Every coach has the right and responsibility to ensure this with the means available.

IDBF ADR 2021 - 5.5.8 IDBF may, in accordance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, collect whereabouts information from Athletes who are not included within a Registered Testing Pool. If it chooses to do so, an Athlete's failure to provide requested whereabouts information on or before the date required by IDBF or the Athlete's failure to provide accurate whereabouts information may result in consequences defined in Article 5.5.12.

You are required to reply as one of the remaining 9 countries listed below, by Monday 18th October 2021, with the requested information. If you are unable to provide the requested information then you must provide an explanation as to why the above required information cannot be submitted by the above date.

Stay safe and so look forward to seeing many of you next year.

Bridget Walter, Chair Medical Commission



10 Premier Team Nations (*based on their results in Thailand and geographical location*) are required to comply with the information regarding CLUB Premier athletes as asked for above

Australia

Canada

China

Chinese Taipei

Germany

Indonesia

Singapore - complied

Thailand

Ukraine

USA