

# IFF Testing & Testing Pool Guidelines



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## Introduction and Scope

The “Code” and “WADC2021” refers to *the World Anti-Doping Code*. The “ISTI” refers to *WADA’s International Standard for Testing and Investigations*. *The TDSSA refers to the WADA Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis*. Some of the text in this document is quoted from WADA’s “*Guidelines for implementing an effective athlete whereabouts program*”. All the above mentioned WADA’s Regulations and Documents are found on *WADA web pages* ([www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)).

The Signatories (including IFF) to the World Anti-Doping Code recognise that effective Out-of-Competition Testing programmes are essential to the fight against doping in sport and that effective Out-of-Competition Testing depends upon accurate and complete Athlete whereabouts information.

## Out-of-Competition Testing

Out-Of-Competition Testing may be conducted by IFF, WADA or a National Anti-Doping Organisation (or agencies appointed by them) at any time or location in any member country. This testing shall be carried out without any advance notice to the Athlete or his National Federation. Every Athlete affiliated with a member Federation is obliged to undergo Out-of-Competition Testing as decided by the IFF, WADA or the National Anti-Doping Organisation.

The [WADA Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis](#) (TDSSA) is intended to ensure that the prohibited substances and methods within the scope of the TDSSA that are deemed to be at risk of abuse in certain sports/disciplines are subject to an appropriate and consistent level of analysis by all Anti-Doping Organisations (ADOs). Compliance with the TDSSA is mandatory.

## Pyramid approach to IFF Testing Pools

In order to maintain a pool of Athletes from whom whereabouts information is obtained, which can be used to increase the effectiveness of the IFF’s Out-of-Competition Testing programme, the IFF will maintain Testing Pools. In 2024 there will be three (possible) tiers of Testing Pools:

- Tier 1/Registered Testing Pool (no athletes currently)
- Tier 2/ Other National Team Pool
- Tier 3/ Second Other National Team Pool

The National Federation shall educate the Athletes included in any of the **IFF Pools**, so that they at least understand the following:

- The Athletes are familiar with the IFF Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA’s Prohibited List
- The Athletes are familiar with the Therapeutic Use Exception process (TUE process)
- The Athletes are familiar with the Doping Control Procedure (both urine and blood samples might be collected)
- The Athletes know the basics of Testing Pools, Whereabouts Information and out-of-competition testing

## Tier 1/IFF Registered Testing Pool (RTP)

At this point we will not include players to the RTP. IFF may however identify a Registered Testing Pool of those Athletes who are required to comply with the strict whereabouts requirements of Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations. Athletes shall be notified before they are included in a Registered Testing Pool and when they are removed from that pool by the IFF. Each Athlete in the Registered Testing Pool shall do the following: (a) advise IFF of his/her whereabouts on a quarterly basis through ADAMS; (b) update that information as necessary so that it remains accurate and complete at all times; and (c) make him/herself available for Testing at such whereabouts. More information in the 5.6. of the IFF Anti-Doping Rules found here: <https://floorball.sport/anti-doping-and-medical/anti-doping-rules-and-regulations/>

## Tier 2/IFF Other National Team Pool (ONTP)

In 2024 the IFF Other National Team Pool (ONTP) consists of the number one (1) Women's and Men's National Teams according to the results from the previous World Floorball Championships of each gender. All Athletes taking part in National team events (camps, tournaments, international matches) of the number one National Team are included in the IFF ONTP. The IFF will collect the needed whereabouts information through the National Federation.

*Teams in the ONTP 2024: Sweden women & men.*

### The National Federation shall take care of following:

a. Send information about planned national team activities at least 1 month ahead of the event. This information shall include the dates and the place of the activity.

b. Send specific event information ten (10) days prior to the event (the information shall be sent with the "IFF Upcoming National Team Event Form" found [here](#))

c. Send regular club team training activities (one regular training time/week during the season) of the league clubs of their country with current national team players from their country (the information can be sent with the "IFF Club Team Whereabouts Form" found [here](#)).  
Periods: February – March/April (until season ends) & September – December 31st. The National Federation shall also be responsible for providing possible updates in the regular training times to the IFF.

c. Athletes should be officially notified of being included in the IFF Other National Team Pool so please add 1-3 sentences to the letters sent to your national team players when they are elected for a national team camp of the fact that:

- National team players of Team XXX are automatically included to the IFF Other National Team Pool and the IFF collects both national team whereabouts and club team whereabouts for the purpose of out of competition testing. If the IFF does not receive sufficient whereabouts via the national team /club team, the players can be added to the IFF Registered Testing Pool, meaning that the IFF will need daily athlete whereabouts added to WADA's Anti-Doping Administration & Management System (ADAMS) including a one-hour time slot & regular activities.

Information needed: Name of club team; training day; training time (local time); date until specified training time is valid; training venue name; training venue address; (venue training court number); name of club team contact person and his/her contact information.

## 2024 Reporting Deadlines

The National Federation shall hand in the first top club team regular training times (1 training time/week) for the period February 15th 2024 – March/April 2024 (until the season ends). The first deadline to send in the information is on February 10th 2024. The second deadline to send in the top club team training times is on September 10th 2024 for the period September 15th – December 31st 2024.

When the regular training time is cancelled/changed, the National Federation shall keep the IFF updated of such changes, so that possible out-of-competition testing plans can be modified.

## Tier 3/Second Other National Team Pool 2024 (2ONTP)

In 2024 the IFF Second Other National Team Pool (2ONTP) consists of the 2nd and 3rd placed Women's and Men's National Teams according to the results from the previous World Floorball Championships of each gender. All Athletes taking part in National team events (camps, tournaments, international matches) of the number one National Team are included in the IFF 2ONTP. The IFF will collect the needed whereabouts information through the National Federation.

*Finland women & men, Czech Republic women & men.*

### National Federation shall take care of following:

- a. Send information about planned national team activities at least 1 month ahead of the event. This information shall include the dates and the place of the activity.
- b. Send specific event information ten (10) days prior to the event (the information shall be sent with the "IFF Upcoming National Team Event Form" found [here](#))

Athletes should be officially notified of being included in the IFF Other National Team Pool so please add 1-3 sentences to the letters sent to your national team players when they are elected for a national team camp of the fact that:

- National team players of Team XXX are automatically included to the IFF Other National Team Pool and the IFF collects national team whereabouts for the purpose of out of competition testing. If the IFF does not receive sufficient whereabouts via the national team, the players can be added to the IFF Registered Testing Pool, meaning that the IFF will need daily athlete whereabouts added to WADA's Anti-Doping Administration & Management System (ADAMS) including a one-hour time slot & regular activities.

If needed, the IFF will ask for more whereabouts information.

## Sanctions

When the IFF does not receive the requested information in time or when the IFF has planned out-of-competition testing and has not been informed of updates in the training times (in either national team activities or club team activities), the IFF may sanction its National Federation (National Federations may then decide to sanction its club teams according to National Federation rules). The first action will however be a warning. The absolute deadline to inform about such changes is the previous weekday at 12:00 CET.

*12.2.4 in the IFF Anti-Doping Rules:*

*An organisation or body has failed to make diligent efforts to keep IFF informed about an Athlete's whereabouts after receiving a request for that information from IFF. In such event, that organisation or body may be fined in an amount up to 1000 Swiss Francs per Athlete, in addition to reimbursement of all of the IFF costs incurred in Testing that organisation's or body's Athletes.*

Note that all failures to update training times are regarded as failures of the National Federation, not of a single club. The failures accumulate during the testing pool period, from 1 January to 31 December, then they will reset.

If an athlete is selected to the IFF Registered Testing Pool and is required to comply with the strict whereabouts requirements of Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, any combination of three missed tests and/or filing failures, within a twelve-month period may constitute an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (see 2.4 of the IFF Anti-Doping Rules).

## Further information

- IFF web page <https://floorball.sport/> under Anti-Doping
- WADA web page [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org) under World Anti-Doping Code
- National Anti-Doping organisations
  - Sweden: <https://www.antidoping.se/>
  - Finland: <https://www.suek.fi/>
  - Czech Republic: <https://www.ceado.org/>