A NEW YEAR PRESENTS THE IPOD WITH TWO OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. TO DISCUSS SOME LEGAL CHANGES THAT

 ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE PRESENT

 AND FUTURE
- 2. TO REFLECT BACK ON THE PAST YEAR

THE NEW 2013 ISSF ANTI-DOPING RULES

With the advent of 2013 and the printing of the 2013 ISSF Rule Book, a new version of the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules was drafted by ISSF legal advisors and approved for implementation in November of 2012.

The process by which the Rules were approved and adopted was carried in conformity with ISSF Statutes. First, the newly drafted Rules were distributed to the ISSF Medical Committee for their review, comment and approval. Then, after successfully completing that phase of the legislative process and receiving unanimous approval from the Medical Committee, the Rules were distributed to the ISSF Executive Committee and the Administrative Council for their final approval in the course of the 2012 ISSF Committee meetings in Acapulco, Mexico.

That stage of the process was successful. As a result of their unanimous approval by the Executive Committee and the Administrative Council, the new ISSF Anti-Doping Rules have come into force January 1, 2013.

WHY WERE THE ISSF ANTI-DOPING RULES REDRAFTED?

The ISSF's intention has long-been to redraft the rules as a whole in order to keep up with the ongoing developments in antidoping legislation, and to better fulfill its obligations under the World Anti-Doping Agency's Code.

Article 20.3.1 of the WADA Code clearly states that it is the ISSF responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules which conform to the Code. These new Rules are an additional mean by which ISSF continues to fulfil its responsibilities under the WADA Code and maintains its compliance in all anti-doping matters.

In fact, although substantially similar to the previous version in content, this new version of the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules not only symbolizes ISSF's commitment to drug-free sport, it is a tangible way for ISSF to renew its ongoing commitment to its own anti-doping program by rendering it more efficient, effective and up to date.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE RULES?

- They have been drafted using the template of the WADA Model Rules.
- They have been simplified and made more user and reader-friendly.
- They now better reproduce the mandatory provisions of the World Code (i.e.: Art., 1, 2.3.10. etc.).
- They have eliminated previous unnecessary legal jargon, cumbersome formatting and numbering, and redundant and sometimes confusing style.
- They now mirror the numbering of each provision in the Code (other than Art 14. each article of the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules corresponds to the same Article of the Code).
- They incorporate all revisions and amendments to the World Anti-Doping Code and its related International Standards in accordance with Article 23.3. of the Code.

ARE THE RULES STILL SPECIFIC TO SHOOTING SPORT?

Yes. Although the new ISSF Anti-Doping Rules are based on the WADA Model Rules for International Federations, several additional ISSF-specific provisions have been added where relevant to best fit the ISSF's needs and the requirements. These provisions, like for example many sub-sections of Article 4 which addressed the ISSF's unique policy towards TUEs, beta-blockers and alcohol, are substantially the same as they were in the previous version of the Rules.

MUCH-NEEDED COHERENCE

Finally, the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules not only remain in conformity with the Code but now also mirror the numbered provisions of the Code - which makes reference the Code far easier and an understanding of both documents more coherent. This coherence will first render any future amendments brought to the Code easier to amend and incorporate into the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules. This coherence will also render WADA's ever-present Code-compliancy requirements far easier to achieve. Finally, this coherence will eliminate possible uncertainties and difficulties of interpretation, and simplify the work of all those engaged in, and potentially affected by, the ISSF's fight against doping.

AN ON-GOING PROCESS

The ISSF trusts that these new Rules will be well-received.

Of course, the ISSF also reminds you all that the current version of the World Anti-



Doping Code is currently under review. WADA is undertaking an extensive Code Review Process that will result in significant changes being brought to all existing antidoping rules worldwide.

The revised version of the World Anti-Doping Code will come into effect on January 15, 2015 following its approval at the World Conference on Doping in Sport Johannesburg, South Africa in November 2013. Therefore, further significant changes to the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules will be made and need to be implemented in 2015. You will of course be informed of all these changes when they become official.

Until then, and to coincide with your pledge to be steadfast in your concerted effort of fighting doping in shooting sport in 2013, the ISSF encourages everyone involved in shooting sport to read the new ISSF Anti-Doping Rules and to get re-acquainted with their respective responsibilities with regards to anti-doping. They can be downloaded at www.issf-sports.org.

A LOOK BACK TO 2012

As per usual, the first edition of the IPOD allows us to take a look back on the past year and provide all IPOD readers with a summary of ISSF anti-doping activities.

ANNUAL REPORT

The ISSF is pleased to provide the following report on the ISSF's 2012 Anti-Doping Program in the form of a Q & A.

HOW MANY IN-COMPETITION DOPING CONTROLS DID ISSF UNDERTAKE IN 2012?

At the ISSF World Championships, ISSF World Cups, ISSF World Cup Finals, European Championships 308 In-Competition doping controls were conducted. At all other Continental Events (including Junior Events, the Euro Cup Final, Asian Championships etc.) an additional 184 doping controls were conducted. Therefore, the total number of doping controls undertaken under the umbrella of the ISSF in 2012 is a grand total of 492.

HOW MANY OUT-OF-COMPETITION DOPING CONTROLS DID ISSF UNDER-**TAKE IN 2012?**

26 Out-of-Competition Doping Controls were undertaken (21 by the ISSF + 5 by WADA)

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HOW MANY ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS OCCURRED AND WERE DECIDED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL FROM DOPING CONTROLS COLLECTED IN 2012?

As of Mid-January 2013, Four (4) antidoping rule violations were asserted and decided at the national level and three (3) other matters are pending.

The four cases that were decided are as fol-

- 1. Matter from the USA involving the prohibited substance 19-NA (Norandrosterone) an anabolic steroid. The athlete was sanctioned for one year after providing USADA with substantial assistance in other doping matters.
- 2. Matter from India involving the prohibited stimulant Clomiphene. The athlete was sanctioned with a warning and reprimand.
- 3. Matter from Spain involving the prohibited stimulant Cocaine. The athlete was suspended for 2 years.
- 4. Matter from France involving the prohibited diuretic Triamterene. The athlete was sanctioned with a warning and reprimand. The three pending cases involve adverse analytical findings of a diuretic, a stimulant and cannabis.

HOW MANY MISSED TESTS OR FAIL-URE TO SUBMIT WHEREABOUTS IN-FORMATION CASES WERE REPORTED

Two (2) missed tests, one of which was counted as strike against the athlete, the other which was not. There were no reported filing failures.

HOW MANY ATHLETES IN THE ISSF RTP AT THE END OF THE YEAR?

156 total. 97 men and 59 women to be precise.

SUMMARY

The ISSF is dedicated to maintaining and implementing its anti-doping program. After carefully following its 2012 Test Distribution Plan and implementing its education ideals, the ISSF is encouraged by the numbers yielded in this year-end report.

Because we have had no positive doping cases at the international level in 2012, while still carrying-out roughly the same number of doping controls, the ISSF can proudly and confidently assert that all the education initiatives it has undertaken in the past years have played an instrumental role in keeping the number of anti-doping rule violations and doping cases low.

 The Information Portal On Doping (IPOD) section of the ISSF's Bi-Monthly publication, ISSF NEWS provides important information to all which serves both as an information medium, but also as a re minder to all involved in our sport to respect our responsibility and obligations with regards to anti-doping.

- Our Web-site continues to provide a wealth of information on doping, rules and regulations, answers to common questions and various links to all relevant WADA documents and anti-doping materials.
- The WADA Anti-Doping Outreach booth was a success for all our athletes who participated at the Summer Olympic Games and will continue to be a beneficial education tool at our ISSF World Cups in Munich in the future.

THANK YOU

If the ISSF is proud of the work it has accomplished in carrying out its own program, it is equally proud to acknowledge the work that you have all accomplished in respecting your obligations with regards to anti-doping.

If the ISSF keeps repeating that you each have an important role to play in the fight against doping in sport, it is because that is the truth.

To our member federations who have respected their testing, reporting and results management obligations,

To all medical staff for being mindful of the Prohibited List, offering Code-compliant consultations and properly filling out timely TUE applications,

To all athlete support personnel who continue to deter athletes to resort to the use of performance enhance substances by emphasizing the importance of proper training and nutrition and the adoption of ethical sporting values.

To our RTP athletes who continue to submit timely and accurate whereabouts information, and.

To each athlete who has made a personal decision to not use prohibited substances to enhance his or her performance and discouraged others to do so as well:

The ISSF thanks you all for taking your responsibilities seriously and for protecting the integrity of our shooting sport, for promoting the health and well-being of our athletes and for respecting and honoring the intrinsic values of sport in general.

Let us all pledge to continue to be steadfast in our concerted efforts of fighting doping in shooting sport in 2013...

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