
Badminton South Africa Drug Testing Protocol

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1. Administration

- a. Testing to be done at the SA u/19 and SA Senior National Badminton Championships
- b. The entry form for these championships will include an athlete agreement that tests may be conducted
- c. If a specific athlete is to be tested, he/she will receive a background document as well as an informed consent see annexures A and B
- d. Testing will be limited to all National Individual Champions and other Badminton Athletes as randomly determined from time to time
- e. Badminton South Africa reserves the right to conduct random testing without any infringement on any of the athlete's rights
- f. The Tournament Director will inform all athletes through the managers/coaches that testing will be done at the specific tournament
- g. Testing will take place 1 hour after the final event, ensuring proper hydration of the athlete
- h. It is the athlete's right to refuse testing; equally it is within the right of Badminton South Africa to act upon an athlete's refusal

2. Informed consent

- a. All athletes to study the background document Annexure A
- b. All athletes to sign the informed consent form prior to giving the testing samples Annexure B

3. Confidentiality

- a. Only the athlete, his/her coach and the high performance manager (HPM) will be privy to the results
- b. The coach and HPM will sign a legally-binding document ensuring complete result confidentiality

- c. Only if agreed to in writing by an athlete that is still a minor, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be informed of the results
- d. The person responsible for conducting the testing will deliver the results in person to the athlete and his/her coach
- e. The person responsible for conducting the testing will provide the HPM with a copy of all results in writing within 5 working days after the results became known by the athlete

4. Objectives

The objective of drug testing is to ensure fair and equitable competition without any artificial chemical advantages by any athlete, as described in the objectives of Drug Free Sport (SA) and WADA

5. Randomness

- a. Other than the mandatory testing of all individual National Champions, the Tournament Director or his/her nominee will ensure the randomness of any of the athletes to be tested, if applicable

6. Specimen collection

- a. Badminton South Africa will ensure well-educated collectors
- b. These collectors will be dedicated professionals
- c. Privacy will be ensured during specimen collection
- d. The collector, the athlete and his/her coach will be the only persons present during collection of the specimens
- e. In the case of the athlete being a minor, a parent/guardian may be present provided the athlete request this in writing
- f. The team manager may fulfil the role of the guardian if so requested by the athlete
- g. Two urine samples will be collected
- h. The samples will be marked Specimen A and Specimen B
- i. The specimens will be sealed in the presence of the athlete
- j. Test on the A-sample to be conducted within 3 hours after specimen collection

7. Urinalysis

- a. Testing will be done for substances in the following categories:
 - i. Steroids
 - ii. Drugs of abuse/leisure drugs
 - iii. Masking agents/manipulators/alternators

8. Results

- a. Results will be communicated by the HPM to the athlete and his/her designated coach.
- b. If the results of the A-specimen is positive, a further test on the B-specimen will be conducted according to standard protocols
- c. Results of the testing conducted on the B-specimen will be communicated by the HPM to the athlete and his/her designated coach.

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- d. If the B-specimen is testing also positive, action will be taken

9. Action(s)

- a. After testing positive, a disciplinary hearing will be instigated according to the Bye-Laws of Badminton South Africa
- b. The following actions can be taken against the athlete, depending on the type of substance abuse and/or the frequency (first time offender) of the abuse
- i. Verbal warning
 - ii. Written warning
 - iii. Suspension
 - iv. Suspension and revoking of any National Title
 - v. Banning of the athlete

10. Right to appeal

- a. The athlete has the right to appeal according the procedure as set out in the Bye-Laws of Badminton South Africa

11. Resources/References/Background documents

- a. WADA
- b. Drug Free Sport South Africa
- c. South Africa Medical and Dental Council Ethical Guidelines
- d. Human Rights Commission Guidelines (National Department of Labour)