

SECTION 3: STANDING COMMITTEES



3.4 ANTI-DOPING COMMITTEE

1 ROLE

- 1.1 The Anti-Doping Committee shall provide advice to the Governing Board on all policy matters related to anti-doping and the fight against doping in sport;
- 1.2 The Anti-Doping Committee is accountable to the Governing Board.
- 1.3 The Anti-Doping Committee shall have no authority that does not come from the Governing Board; the Governing Board has the sole power to grant authority to the Anti-Doping Committee. The Anti-Doping Committee may, however, carry out such governance task or monitor performance provided that the Governing Board has specifically delegated this power to the Anti-Doping Committee.

2 The Anti-Doping Committee shall in particular have the following roles:

- 2.1 Revise the Anti-Doping Code and corresponding guidelines and documents, as required
- 2.2 Establish in-competition testing policies for all sanctioned competitions including Regional and World Championships and the Global Games, and out-of-competition testing policies;
- 2.3 Represent Virtus in results management matters in accordance with the Anti-Doping Code;
- 2.4 Promote the fight against doping in sport through education programs;
- 2.5 Maintain strong links with other anti-doping organisations, including WADA, regarding anti-doping related issues;
- 2.6 Collaborate with anti-doping representatives in all stakeholder organisations
- 2.7 Collaborate with the Therapeutic Use Exception Committee

3 STRUCTURE

- 3.1 The Anti-Doping Committee shall normally consist of up to six (6) members, including the position of Chairperson (Head of Anti-Doping).

4 STAFFING

- 4.1 The Executive Director will provide support to the Anti-Doping Committee.

5 REPORTING

- 5.1 The Head of Anti-Doping shall produce written reports/minutes of all Anti-Doping Committee meetings for distribution to the Governing Board and Anti-Doping Committee members; all reports shall be archived at the HQ. The Chairperson of the Anti-Doping Committee shall approve the reports/minutes prior to distribution.

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- 5.2 The Executive Director shall ensure that recommendations to the Governing Board resulting from Anti-Doping Committee meetings are included on the agenda of the Governing Board and that the subsequent decisions from the Governing Board are communicated to the members of the Anti-Doping Committee.
- 5.3 The Head of Anti-Doping may be invited to attend the meetings of the Governing Board and/or may be invited to give a verbal report at the meeting of the Governing Board on a specific topic.
- 5.4 A report on the activities of the Anti-Doping Committee will be developed by the Head of Anti-Doping and will be included in the overall biennial report to the General Assembly.

6 MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 All members of the Anti-Doping Committee shall be appointed by the Governing Board, and their membership shall be ratified annually. The Head of Anti-Doping shall inform the Governing Board of any specific criteria to be considered by the Governing Board when appointing members to the Anti-Doping Committee; this to ensure the appropriate expertise is available.
- 6.2 The Head of Anti-Doping shall be appointed by the Governing Board.

7 PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENTS

- 7.1 The Membership shall be invited to suggest candidates for consideration by the incoming Governing Board as members of the Anti-Doping Committee. Such invitations shall be sent by to its members prior to the election of the Governing Board.
- 7.2 In addition to considering candidates suggested by the Membership, the Governing Board may initiate an active search for suitable candidates to ensure the Anti-Doping Committee includes the best-qualified individuals.

8 TERMS OF OFFICE

- 8.1 Members of the Anti-Doping Committee shall normally serve for four (4) years corresponding to the term of office of the members of the Governing Board. Members may be re-appointed to serve for a next term; there are no limitations to the number of terms members can be re-appointed to the Anti-Doping Committee.

9 VACANCIES

- 9.1 Vacancies in the Anti-Doping Committee occurring through resignation, death or any other reason should be filled by appointment by the Governing Board, following the nomination by the Head of Anti-Doping.

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10 SUBSTITUTES

- 10.1 No substitutes are allowed for members of the Anti-Doping Committee.

11 MEETINGS

- 11.1 The Anti-Doping Committee will normally hold at least one meeting per year. Any additional meetings must be approved by the Governing Board, which shall normally delegate that authority to the Secretary-General.
- 11.2 All meetings of the Anti-Doping Committee must be conducted in compliance with the rules outlined in the Standing Order 'The Conduct of Committee Meetings'.
- 11.3 The President and the Executive Director are ex-officio members at meetings of the Anti-Doping Committee, with speaking rights only.

12 MOTIONS

- 12.1 The Anti-Doping Committee has the right to submit motions to the General Assembly through the Governing Board, and subject to compliance with the Standing Order 'The Administrative Procedures to be followed prior to General Assemblies'.
- 12.2 The Governing Board may make further recommendations to the General Assembly on all motions submitted by the Anti-Doping Committee.

13 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 13.1 Membership to the Anti-Doping Committee may be terminated by the Governing Board following the annual review of the appointments and/or following the recommendation of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the full Anti-Doping Committee, for reasons of not fulfilling his/her duties or any other serious breaches of rules and regulations.
- 13.2 Any individual member of the Committee may resign at any time for personal reasons, subject only to the requirement that he/she informs the President in writing of such decision.

14 FINANCES

- 14.1 The Chairperson of the Anti-Doping Committee will, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, produce a budget for the Anti-Doping Committee. The Anti-Doping Committee budget will be included in the overall budget and submitted for approval to the Governing Board and the General Assembly in accordance with the financial policies.

15 OTHER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Any financial regulation for the Anti-Doping Committee shall be in compliance with the financial procedures issued by HQ from time to time.

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16 DISSOLUTION

- 16.1 The Anti-Doping Committee can only be dissolved by a decision of the General Assembly.

17 AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

- 17.1 Any amendment proposed to the bylaws of the Anti-Doping Committee shall be subject to approval by the Governing Board.