



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE

ANTI-DOPING POLICY



NZRL aims to support and promote a clean sport environment for the sport of Rugby League, respond appropriately to any anti-doping rule violation proceedings brought forward by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) and fulfill our responsibilities as a national sport organisation under New Zealand's Sports Anti-Doping Rules and WADA code.

Roles and Responsibilities

To achieve the Anti-Doping Policy, NZRL will:

- Educate and inform athletes and athlete support personnel of their anti-doping rights and responsibilities;
- Assist and support Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) in the implementation of their respective testing programmes;
- Forward any information or intelligence it receives about doping, or potential doping, to DFSNZ (to analyse and if necessary investigate); and
- Ensure that athletes or athlete support personnel who are found to have committed a doping violation comply with any sanction imposed under the rules.

Application

This policy applies to:

- All Athletes who are within the jurisdiction of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of NZRL; and
- All athlete support personnel within the jurisdiction of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of NZRL; and
- All other persons who have acknowledged in writing that they are bound by this policy or who are otherwise deemed to be bound.

Anti-Doping Education

NZRL will educate and inform athletes and athlete support personnel about issues concerning doping in sport, including by:

- (a) Circulating or providing athletes and athlete support personnel with anti-doping information materials and resources; and
- (b) Collaborate with DFSNZ, WADA and other relevant Anti-Doping Organisations to implement an anti-doping education and information programs for athletes and athlete support personnel.

Testing

NZRL will assist and support DFSNZ in the implementation of its testing programme, by:

- (a) Provide DFSNZ with the names of the athletes, number of athletes and classes of athletes within the jurisdiction of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of NZRL for out-of-competition testing;

- (b) Collecting accurate and up-to-date athlete contact information for all athletes within the jurisdiction of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of NZRL to be tested out-of-competition;
- (c) Provide DFSNZ with accurate and up-to-date athlete contact information to enable out-of-competition testing to be undertaken;
- (d) Informing DFSNZ as soon as possible in writing if an Athlete retires; and
- (e) Identifying the sporting events, competitions, and activities at which testing may be undertaken.

NZRL will co-operate with DFSNZ, to undertake testing by ensuring that Athletes are made available for testing conducted in accordance with the NZSDA Act 1994.

NZRL will cooperate with WADA and any relevant Anti-Doping Organisation to undertake testing by ensuring that athletes are made available for testing conducted in accordance with the WADA Code.

Doping Violations

All those persons listed as whom this policy applies may be subject to investigation and sanction under this rule if they commit or are party to any one or more of the following doping violations:

- (a) The presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in an athlete's bodily specimen;
- (b) Use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method;
- (c) Refusing or failing, without compelling justification, to submit to Sample collection after notification or otherwise evading sample collection;
- (d) Violation of applicable requirements regarding Athlete availability for out-of-competition testing including failure to provide required whereabouts information and missed tests;
- (e) Tampering or attempting to tamper with any part of doping control;
- (f) Possession of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method;
- (g) Trafficking in a prohibited substance or a prohibited method; or
- (h) Administration or attempted administration of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method to any athlete, or assisting, encouraging aiding abetting covering up or any other type of complicity involving a doping violation or any attempted violation.

It is not a doping violation outlined if an athlete obtains a therapeutic use exemption for the prohibited substance or prohibited method from DFSNZ, or any relevant Anti-Doping Organisation.