

# **FIDE**

## **Anti-Doping Rules**

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## PREFACE

In furtherance of its role, Federation Internationale Des Echecs (FIDE), in close collaboration with the National Chess Federations (NCFs), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) dedicates its efforts to ensuring that in chess the spirit of Fair Play prevails, leads the fight against doping in sport and takes measures the goal of which is to prevent endangering the health of competitors.

FIDE has accepted the World Anti Doping Code and its International Standards. For any matter that is not covered in these rules, the Code and the standards will prevail.

Within FIDE the body responsible for the above is the Medical Commission.

### Fundamental Rationale for the Code and FIDE's Anti-Doping Rules

Anti-doping programs seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport"; it is the essence of Olympism; it is how we play true. The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind, and is characterized by the following values:

- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- Health
- Excellence in performance
- Character and education
- Fun and joy
- Teamwork
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for self and other participants
- Courage
- Community and solidarity

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.

### Scope

These Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to FIDE, each NCF, and each *Participant* in the activities of FIDE or any of its NCF by virtue of the *Participant's* membership, accreditation, or participation in FIDE, its NCFs, or their activities or *Events*.

It is the responsibility of each NCF to ensure that all national-level *Testing* on the *NCF's Players* complies with these Anti-Doping Rules. In some countries, the *NCF* itself will be conducting the *Doping Control* described in these Anti-Doping Rules. In other countries, many of the *Doping Control* responsibilities of the NCF have been delegated or assigned by statute or agreement to a *National Anti-Doping Organization*. In those countries, references in these Anti-Doping Rules to the NCF shall apply, as appropriate, to the *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

## ARTICLE 1 DEFINITION OF DOPING

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Article 2.1 through Article 2.8 of these Anti-Doping Rules.

## ARTICLE 2 ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

*Players* and other *Persons* shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods which have been included on the *Prohibited List*.

The following constitute anti-doping rule violations:

*[Comment to Article 2: The purpose of Article 2 is to specify the circumstances and conduct which constitute violations of anti-doping rules. Hearings in doping cases will proceed based on the assertion that one or more of these specific rules has been violated.]*

### **2.1 The presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in a *Player's Sample***

**2.1.1** It is each *Player's* personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters his or her body. *Players* are responsible for any *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found to be present in their *Samples*. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing *Use* on the *Player's* part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping violation under Article 2.1.

*[Comment to Article 2.1.1: For purposes of anti-doping violations involving the presence of a Prohibited Substance (or its Metabolites or Markers), these Anti-Doping Rules adopt the rule of strict liability which was found in the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code ("OMADC") and the vast majority of pre-Code anti-doping rules. Under the strict liability principle, a Player is responsible, and an anti-doping rule violation occurs, whenever a Prohibited Substance is found in a Player's Sample. The violation occurs whether or not the Player intentionally or unintentionally used a Prohibited Substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault. If the positive Sample came from an In-Competition test, then the results of that Competition are automatically invalidated (Article 9 (Automatic Disqualification of Individual Results)). However, the Player then has the possibility to avoid or reduce sanctions if the Player can demonstrate that he or she was not at fault or significant fault (Article 10.5 (Elimination or Reduction of Period of Ineligibility Based on Exceptional Circumstances)) or in certain circumstances did not intend to enhance his or her sport performance (Article 10.4 (Elimination or Reduction of the Period of Ineligibility for Specified Substances under Specific Circumstances)). The strict liability rule for the finding of a Prohibited Substance in a Player's Sample, with a possibility that sanctions may be modified based on specified criteria, provides a reasonable balance between effective anti-doping enforcement for the benefit of all "clean" Players and fairness in the exceptional circumstance where a Prohibited Substance entered a Player's system through No Fault or Negligence or No Significant Fault or Negligence on the Player's part. It is important to emphasize that while the determination of whether the anti-doping rule violation has occurred is based on strict liability, the imposition of a fixed period of Ineligibility is not automatic. The strict liability principle set forth in these Anti-Doping Rules has been consistently upheld in the decisions of CAS.]*

**2.1.2** Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 is established by either of the following: presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in the *Player's A Sample* where the *Player* waives analysis of the *B Sample* and the *B Sample* is not

analyzed; or, where the *Player's B Sample* is analyzed and the analysis of the *Player's B Sample* confirms the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found in the *Player's A Sample*.

*[Comment to Article 2.1.2: The Anti-Doping Organization with results management responsibility may in its discretion choose to have the B Sample analyzed even if the Player does not request the analysis of the B Sample.]*

**2.1.3** Excepting those substances for which a quantitative threshold is specifically identified in the *Prohibited List*, the presence of any quantity of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in a *Player's Sample* shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

**2.1.4** As an exception to the general rule of Article 2.1, the *Prohibited List* or *International Standards* may establish special criteria for the evaluation of *Prohibited Substances* that can also be produced endogenously.

## **2.2 Use or Attempted Use by a Player of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method**

*[Comment to Article 2.2: It has always been the case that Use or Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method may be established by any reliable means. As noted in the Comment to Article 3.2 (Methods of Establishing Facts and Presumptions), unlike the proof required to establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1, Use or Attempted Use may also be established by other reliable means such as admissions by the Player, witness statements, documentary evidence, conclusions drawn from longitudinal profiling, or other analytical information which does not otherwise satisfy all the requirements to establish "Presence" of a Prohibited Substance under Article 2.1. For example, Use may be established based upon reliable analytical data from the analysis of an A Sample (without confirmation from an analysis of a B Sample) or from the analysis of a B Sample alone where the Anti-Doping Organization provides a satisfactory explanation for the lack of confirmation in the other Sample.]*

**2.2.1** It is each *Player's* personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters his or her body. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing *Use* on the *Player's* part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation for *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method*.

**2.2.2** The success or failure of the *Use* or *Attempted Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is not material. It is sufficient that the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* was *Used* or *Attempted* to be *Used* for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.

*[Comment to Article 2.2.2: Demonstrating the "Attempted Use" of a Prohibited Substance requires proof of intent on the Player's part. The fact that intent may be required to prove this particular anti-doping rule violation does not undermine the strict liability principle established for violations of Article 2.1 and violations of Article 2.2 in respect of Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.]*

*A Player's "Use" of a Prohibited Substance constitutes an anti-doping rule violation unless such substance is not prohibited Out-of-Competition and the Player's Use takes place Out-of-Competition. (However, the presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in a Sample collected In-Competition is a violation of Article 2.1 (Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers) regardless of when that substance might have been administered.)]*

### **2.3 Refusing or failing without compelling justification to submit to Sample collection after notification as authorized in these Anti-Doping Rules, or otherwise evading Sample collection.**

*[Comment to Article 2.3: Failure or refusal to submit to Sample collection after notification was prohibited in almost all pre-Code anti-doping rules. This Article expands the typical pre-Code rule to include "otherwise evading Sample collection" as prohibited conduct. Thus, for example, it would be an anti-doping rule violation if it were established that a Player was hiding from a Doping Control official to evade notification or Testing. A violation of "refusing or failing to submit to Sample collection" may be based on either intentional or negligent conduct of the Player, while "evading" Sample collection contemplates intentional conduct by the Player.]*

### **2.4 Violation of applicable requirements regarding Player availability for Out-of-Competition Testing, including failure to file required whereabouts information and missed tests which are declared based on rules which comply with the International Standard for Testing. Any combination of three missed tests and/or filing failures within an eighteen-month period as determined by Anti-Doping Organizations with jurisdiction over the Player shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.**

*[Comment to Article 2.4: Separate whereabouts filing failures and missed tests declared under the rules of FIDE or any other Anti-Doping Organization with authority to declare whereabouts filing failures and missed tests in accordance with the International Standard for Testing shall be combined in applying this Article. In appropriate circumstances, missed tests or filing failures may also constitute an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.3 or Article 2.5.]*

### **2.5 Tampering or Attempted Tampering with any part of Doping Control.**

*[Comment to Article 2.5: This Article prohibits conduct which subverts the Doping Control process but which would not otherwise be included in the definition of Prohibited Methods. For example, altering identification numbers on a Doping Control form during Testing, breaking the B Bottle at the time of B Sample analysis or providing fraudulent information to an Anti-Doping Organization.]*

### **2.6 Possession of Prohibited Substances and Methods**

**2.6.1** *Possession by a Player In-Competition of any Prohibited Method or any Prohibited Substance, or Possession by a Player Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Method or any Prohibited Substance which is prohibited Out-of-Competition unless the Player establishes that the Possession is pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption ("TUE") granted in accordance with Article 4.4 (Therapeutic Use) or other acceptable justification.*

**2.6.2 Possession by a Player Support Personnel In-Competition of any Prohibited Method or any Prohibited Substance, or Possession by a Player Support Personnel Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Method or any Prohibited Substance** which is prohibited *Out-of-Competition*, in connection with a *Player*, *Competition* or training, unless the *Player Support Personnel* establishes that the *Possession* is pursuant to a TUE granted to a *Player* in accordance with Article 4.4 (Therapeutic Use) or other acceptable justification.

*[Comment to Article 2.6.1 and 2.6.2: Acceptable justification would not include, for example, buying or possessing a Prohibited Substance for purposes of giving it to a friend or relative, except under justifiable medical circumstances where that Person had a physician's prescription, e.g., buying Insulin for a diabetic child.]*

*[Comment to Article 2.6.2: Acceptable justification would include, for example, a team doctor carrying Prohibited Substances for dealing with acute and emergency situations.]*

**2.7 Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.**

**2.8 Administration or Attempted administration to any Player In-Competition of any Prohibited Method or Prohibited Substance, or administration or Attempted administration to any Player Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Method or any Prohibited Substance** that is prohibited *Out-of-Competition*, or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up or any other type of complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation or any *Attempted* anti-doping rule violation.

*[Comment to Article 2: The Code does not make it an anti-doping rule violation for a Player or other Person to work or associate with Player Support Personnel who are serving a period of Ineligibility. However, FIDE may adopt its own specific policy which prohibit such conduct]*

## **ARTICLE 3 PROOF OF DOPING**

### **3.1 Burdens and Standards of Proof**

FIDE and its NCFs shall have the burden of establishing that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. The standard of proof shall be whether FIDE or its NCF has established an anti-doping rule violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation which is made. This standard of proof in all cases is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Where these Rules place the burden of proof upon the *Player* or other *Person* alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation to rebut a presumption or establish specified facts or circumstances, the standard of proof shall be by a balance of probability, except as provided in Articles 10.4 and 10.6, where the *Player* must satisfy a higher burden of proof.

*[Comment to Article 3.1: This standard of proof required to be met by FIDE or its NCFs is comparable to the standard which is applied in most countries to cases involving professional misconduct. It has also been widely applied by courts and hearing panels in doping cases.]*

### **3.2 Methods of Establishing Facts and Presumptions**

Facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means, including admissions. The following rules of proof shall be applicable in doping cases:

**3.2.1** WADA-accredited laboratories are presumed to have conducted *Sample* analysis and custodial procedures in accordance with the *International Standard* for Laboratories. The *Player* or other *Person* may rebut this presumption by establishing that a departure from the *International Standard* for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

*[Comment to Article 3.2.1: The burden is on the Player or other Person to establish, by a balance of probability, a departure from the International Standard that could reasonably have caused the Adverse Analytical Finding. If the Player or other Person does so, the burden shifts to FIDE or its NCFs to prove to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel that the departure did not cause the Adverse Analytical Finding.]*

If the *Player* or other *Person* rebuts the preceding presumption by showing that a departure from the *International Standard* for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, then FIDE or its NCF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

**3.2.2** Departures from any other *International Standard* for Laboratories or other anti-doping rule or policy which did not cause an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or other anti-doping rule violation shall not invalidate such results. If the *Player* or other *Person* establishes that a departure from another *International Standard* or other anti-doping rule or policy which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding* or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, then FIDE or its NCF shall have the burden to establish that such a departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding* or the factual basis for the anti-doping rule violation.

**3.2.3** The facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of competent jurisdiction which is not the subject of a pending appeal shall be irrebuttable evidence against the *Player* or other *Person* to whom the decision pertained of those facts unless the *Player* or other *Person* establishes that the decision violated principles of natural justice.

**3.2.4** The hearing panel in a hearing on an anti-doping rule violation may draw an inference adverse to the *Player* or other *Person* who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation based on the *Player's* or other *Person's* refusal, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in person or telephonically as directed by the hearing panel) and to answer questions either from the hearing panel or from the *Anti-Doping Organization* asserting the anti-doping rule violation.



*[Comment to Article 3.2.4: Drawing an adverse inference under these circumstances has been recognized in numerous CAS decisions.]*

## **ARTICLE 4 THE PROHIBITED LIST**

### **4.1 Incorporation of the *Prohibited List***

These Anti-Doping Rules incorporate the *Prohibited List* which is published and revised by WADA as described in Article 4.1 of the *Code*, and available on the WADA's website at [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org).

### **4.2 *Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods Identified on the Prohibited List***

#### **4.2.1 *Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods***

Unless provided otherwise in the *Prohibited List* and/or a revision, the *Prohibited List* and revisions shall go into effect under these Anti-Doping Rules three months after publication of the *Prohibited List* by WADA. As described in Article 4.2 of the *Code*, FIDE may request that WADA expand the *Prohibited List* for the sport of chess. FIDE may also request that WADA include additional substances or methods, which have the potential for abuse in the sport of chess, in the monitoring program described in Article 4.5 of the *Code*. As provided in the *Code*, WADA shall make the final decision on such requests by FIDE.

#### **4.2.2 Specified Substances**

For purposes of the application of Article 10 (Sanctions on Individuals), all *Prohibited Substances* shall be "Specified Substances" except (a) substances in the classes of anabolic agents and hormones; and (b) those stimulants and hormone antagonists and modulators so identified on the *Prohibited List*. *Prohibited Methods* shall not be Specified Substances.

*[Comment to Article 4.2.2: In drafting the Code there was considerable debate among stakeholders over the appropriate balance between inflexible sanctions which promote harmonization in the application of the rules and more flexible sanctions which better take into consideration the circumstances of each individual case. This balance continued to be discussed in various CAS decisions interpreting the Code. After three years experience with the Code, the strong consensus of stakeholders is that while the occurrence of an anti-doping rule violation under Articles 2.1 (Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers) and 2.2 (Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method) should still be based on the principle of strict liability, the Code sanctions should be made more flexible where the Player or other Person can clearly demonstrate that he or she did not intend to enhance sport performance. The change to Article 4.2 and related changes to Article 10 provide this additional flexibility for violations involving many Prohibited Substances. The rules set forth in Article 10.5 (Elimination or Reduction of Period of Ineligibility Based on Exceptional Circumstances) would remain the only basis for eliminating or reducing a sanction involving anabolic steroids and hormones, as well as the stimulants and the hormone antagonists and modulators so identified on the Prohibited List, or Prohibited Methods.]*

### **4.3 Criteria for Including Substances and Methods on the *Prohibited List***

Although WADA has recognized chess as a low risk sport, WADA's determination of the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* that will be included on the *Prohibited List* and the classification of substances into categories on the *Prohibited List* is final and shall not be subject to challenge by a *Player* or other *Person* based on an argument that the substance or method was not a masking agent or did not have the potential to enhance performance, represent a health risk or violate the spirit of sport.

*[Comment to Article 4.3: The question of whether a substance meets the criteria in Article 4.3 (Criteria for Including Substances and Methods on the Prohibited List) in a particular case cannot be raised as a defense to an anti-doping rule violation. For example, it cannot be argued that the Prohibited Substance detected would not have been performance enhancing in that particular sport. Rather, doping occurs when a substance on the Prohibited List is found in a Player's Sample. Similarly, it cannot be argued that a substance listed in the class of anabolic agents does not belong in that class.]*

### **4.4 Therapeutic Use**

**4.4.1** *Players* with a documented medical condition requiring the use of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* must first obtain a TUE. The presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* (Article 2.1), *Use* or *Attempted Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* (Article 2.2), *Possession* of *Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* (Article 2.6) or *Administration* or *Attempted Administration* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* (Article 2.8) consistent with the provisions of an applicable TUE issued pursuant to the *International Standard* for Therapeutic Use Exemptions shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation. *Players* should check their medication with their NCF Medical Commission or their National Anti-Doping Organisation.

**4.4.2** *Players* included by FIDE in its *Registered Testing Pool* and other *Players* participating in an *International Event* identified by FIDE must obtain a TUE from FIDE. However, for *Players* who have previously obtained a TUE from their *National Anti-Doping Organisation*, FIDE may recognize such a TUE and would not require a new TUE application at the FIDE level. The application for a TUE must be made as soon as possible (in the case of a *Player* in the *Registered Testing Pool*, this would be when he/she is first notified of his/her inclusion in the pool) and in any event (save in emergency situations) no later than 30 days before the *Player's* participation in the *Event*. TUE granted by FIDE shall be reported to the *Player's* NCF, and to WADA through ADAMS.

**4.4.3** *Players* outside the scope of Article 4.4.2 above must obtain a TUE from their *National Anti-Doping Organization*, by their NCF or other body designated by their NCF, as required under the rules of the *National Anti-Doping Organization* or the NCF. NCFs shall promptly report any such TUE to FIDE.

**4.4.4** The Prohibited List can identify certain substances, methods or routes of administration that are not prohibited, but for which a *Player* is required to file a declaration of *Use*, in accordance with the specific procedures outlined in the *International Standard* for Therapeutic Use Exemptions. Any such *Use* should be declared on the *Doping Control Form*, and when available, through ADAMS. A *Player's* failure to declare *Use* on the *Doping Control Form* and through ADAMS when available shall not be an anti-doping rules violation, but may be subject to a written warning notice from FIDE.

**4.4.5** The FIDE Medical Commission shall appoint a panel to consider requests for TUE's (the "TUE Panel") in accordance with the *International Standard* for Therapeutic Use Exemptions. For this purpose, FIDE may contract with an independent service provider. The TUE Panel member(s) shall promptly evaluate the request in accordance with the *International Standard* for Therapeutic Use Exemptions and render a decision on such request, which shall be the final decision of FIDE.

**4.4.6** WADA, at the request of a *Player* or on its own initiative, may review at any time the granting or denial of a TUE by FIDE. If WADA determines that such granting or denial of a TUE did not comply with the *International Standard* for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, WADA may reverse that decision. Decisions on TUE's are subject to further appeal as provided in Article 13.

## **ARTICLE 5 TESTING**

### **5.1 Authority to Test**

All *Players* under the jurisdiction of a *NCF* shall be subject to *Testing* by FIDE, the *Player's NCF*, and any other *Anti-Doping Organization* responsible for *Testing* at a *Competition* or *Event* in which they participate. All *Players* under the jurisdiction of a *NCF*, including *Players* serving a period of ineligibility or a *Provisional Suspension*, shall be subject to *Testing* at any time or place, with or without advance notice, *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition* by FIDE, WADA, the *Player's NCF*, the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of any country where the *Player* is present or of which the *Player* is national, resident, licence-holder or member of a sport organization, and any other *Anti-Doping Organization* responsible for *Testing* at a *Competition* or *Event* in which they participate.

### **5.2 FIDE Test Distribution Plan**

In coordination with other *Anti-Doping Organizations* conducting *Testing* on the same *Players*, and consistent with the *International Standard* for *Testing*, The FIDE Medical Commission shall:

5.2.1 Plan and conduct an effective number of *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition* tests on *Players* over whom they have jurisdiction, including but not limited to *Players* in their respective *Registered Testing Pools*.

5.2.2 Except in exceptional circumstances all *Out-of-Competition Testing* shall be *No Advance Notice*.

5.2.3 Make *Target Testing* a priority.

5.2.4 Conduct *Testing* on *Players* serving a period of *Ineligibility* or a *Provisional Suspension*.

Tests may be conducted by the FIDE Medical Commission or by other qualified persons or agencies so authorized by FIDE.

### **5.3 Standards for *Testing***

*Testing* conducted by FIDE and its *NCFs* shall be in substantial conformity with the *International Standard for Testing* in force at the time of *Testing*.

### **5.4 Coordination of *Testing***

#### **5.4.1 *Event Testing***

At *International Events*, the collection of *Doping Control Samples* shall be initiated and directed by the international organization which is the ruling body for the *Event*. At *National Events*, the collection of *Doping Control Samples* shall be initiated and directed by the designated *National Anti-Doping Organization* or *NCF* of that country.

#### **5.4.2 *Out-of-Competition Testing***

*Out-of-Competition Testing* shall be initiated and directed by both international and national organizations. *Out-of-Competition Testing* shall be coordinated through *ADAMS* where reasonably feasible in order to maximize the effectiveness of the combined *Testing* effort and to avoid unnecessary repetitive *Testing* of individual *Players*.

#### **5.4.3 *Report***

FIDE and *NCFs* shall promptly report completed tests through the *WADA* clearinghouse in accordance with article 14.5 to avoid unnecessary duplication in *Testing*.

### **5.5 *Player Whereabouts Requirements***

**5.5.1** FIDE shall identify a *Registered Testing Pool* of those *Players* who are required to comply with the whereabouts requirements of the *International Standard for Testing*, and shall publish the criteria for *Players* to be included in this *Registered Testing Pool* as well as a list of the *Players* meeting those criteria for the

period in question. FIDE shall review and update as necessary its criteria for including *Players* in its *Registered Testing Pool*, and shall revise the membership of its *Registered Testing Pool* annually in accordance with the set criteria. Each *Player* in the *Registered Testing Pool* (a) shall advise FIDE of his/her whereabouts on a quarterly basis, in the manner set out in Article 11.3 of the *International Standard for Testing*; (b) shall update that information as necessary, in accordance with Article 11.4.2 of the *International Standard for Testing*, so that it remains accurate and complete at all times; and (c) shall make him/herself available for Testing at such whereabouts, in accordance with Article 11.4 of the *International Standard for Testing*. The ultimate responsibility for providing whereabouts information rests with each Player, however, it shall be the responsibility of each Member Association to use its best efforts to assist FIDE in obtaining whereabouts information as requested by FIDE.

The following are Members of the FIDE Registered Testing Pool:

The top male Players with the ELO rating over 2650 to a maximum of 10 players

The top female Players with the ELO rating over 2450 with a maximum of 5 players

Including the current male and female World Champions and the current male and female winners of the World Cup

The FIDE Medical Commission can include any other Player participating at an International Event, by written notice to the NCF and the Player according to the provisions of the International Standards for Testing.

**5.5.2** A *Player's* failure to advise FIDE of his/her whereabouts shall be deemed a filing failure for purposes of Article 2.4 where the conditions of Article 11.3.5 of the *International Standard for Testing* are met.

**5.5.3** A *Player's* failure to be available for *Testing* at his/her declared whereabouts shall be deemed a missed test for purposes of Article 2.4 where the conditions of Article 11.4.3 of the *International Standard for Testing* are met.

**5.5.4** Each NCF shall also assist its *National Anti-Doping Organization* in establishing a national level *Registered Testing Pool* of top level national *Players* to whom the whereabouts requirements of the *International Standard for Testing* shall also apply. Where those *Players* are also in the FIDE's *Registered Testing Pool*, the FIDE and the *National Anti-Doping Organization* will agree (with the assistance of WADA if required) on which of them will take responsibility for receiving whereabouts filings from the *Player* and sharing it with the other (and with other *Anti-Doping Organizations*) in accordance with Article 5.5.5.

**5.5.5** Whereabouts information provided pursuant to Articles 5.5.1 and 5.5.4 shall be shared with *WADA* and other *Anti-Doping Organizations* having jurisdiction to test a *Player* in accordance with Articles 11.7.1(d) and 11.7.3(d) of the *International Standard for Testing*, including the strict condition that it be used only for *Doping Control* purposes.

## **5.6 Retirement and Return to Competition**

**5.6.1** A *Player* who has been identified by FIDE for inclusion in its *Registered Testing Pool* shall continue to be subject to these Anti-Doping Rules, including the obligation to comply with the whereabouts requirements of the *International Standard for Testing* unless and until the *Player* gives written notice to FIDE that he or she has retired or until he or she no longer satisfies the criteria for inclusion in FIDE's *Registered Testing Pool* and has been so informed by FIDE.

**5.6.2** A *Player* who has given notice of retirement to FIDE may not resume competing unless he or she notifies FIDE at least three months before he or she expects to return to competition and makes him/herself available for unannounced *Out-of-Competition Testing*, including (if requested) complying with the whereabouts requirements of the *International Standard for Testing*, at any time during the period before actual return to competition.

**5.6.3** *NCFs/National Anti-Doping Organizations* may establish similar requirements for retirement and returning to competition for *Players* in the national *Registered Testing Pool*.

## **5.7 Selection of *Players* to be Tested**

**5.7.1** At *International Events*, (as defined in Appendix 1) the FIDE Medical Commission shall determine the number of finishing placement tests, random tests and target tests to be performed.

All individual winners at the top 3 places shall be tested, and one other *Player* in the Event selected at random.

In team competitions, one *Player* from each team at the top 3 places shall be randomly selected to be tested, and one other player selected at random from one other randomly chosen team in the Event.

**5.7.2** At *National Events*, each *NCF* shall determine the number of *Players* selected for *Testing* in each *Competition* and the procedures for selecting the *Players* for *Testing*.

**5.7.3** In addition to the selection procedures set forth in Articles 5.7.1 and 5.7.2 above, FIDE at *International Events*, and the *NCF* at *National Events*, may also select *Players* or teams for *Target Testing* so long as

such *Target Testing* is not used for any purpose other than legitimate *Doping Control* purposes.

**5.7.4** *Players* shall be selected for *Out-of-Competition Testing* by the IF and by *NCFs* through a process that substantially complies with the *International Standard for Testing* in force at the time of selection.

**5.8** FIDE and the organizing committees for FIDE *Events*, as well as the *NCFs* and the organizing committees for *NCF Events*, shall provide access to independent observers at *Events* in accordance with the *Independent Observers Program*.

**5.9** A *Player* who is not regular member of FIDE or one of its *NCFs* will not be permitted to compete unless he or she is available for *Sample* collection and where applicable, he/she provides accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information as part of the FIDE *Registered Testing Pool* at least three months before he or she expects to compete.

## **ARTICLE 6 ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES**

*Doping Control Samples* collected under these Anti-Doping Rules shall be analyzed in accordance with the following principles:

### **6.1 Use of Approved Laboratories**

For purposes of Article 2.1 (Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*), FIDE or its *NCFs* shall send *Samples* for analysis only to WADA-accredited laboratories or as otherwise approved by WADA. The choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory (or other laboratory or method approved by WADA) used for the *Sample* analysis shall be determined exclusively by FIDE or its *NCFs*.

### **6.2 Purpose of Collection and Analysis of Samples**

*Samples* shall be analyzed to detect *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* identified on the *Prohibited List* and other substances as may be directed by WADA pursuant to the Monitoring Program described in Article 4.5 of the *Code* or to assist FIDE or its *NCFs* in profiling relevant parameters in a *Player's* urine, blood or other matrix, including DNA or genomic profiling, for anti-doping purposes.

### **6.3 Research on Samples**

No *Sample* may be used for any purpose other than as described in Article 6.2 without the *Player's* written consent. *Samples* used (with the *Player's* consent) for purposes other than Article 6.2 shall have any means of identification removed such that they cannot be traced back to a particular *Player*.

### **6.4 Standards for Sample Analysis and Reporting**

Laboratories shall analyze *Doping Control Samples* and report results in conformity with the *International Standard* for Laboratories.

## **6.5 Retesting *Samples***

A *Sample* may be reanalyzed for the purposes described in Article 6.2 at any time exclusively at the direction of the *Anti-Doping Organization* that collected the *Sample* or *WADA*. The circumstances and conditions for retesting *Samples* shall conform with the requirements of the *International Standard* for Laboratories.

# **ARTICLE 7 RESULTS MANAGEMENT**

## **7.1 Results Management for Tests Initiated by FIDE**

Results management for tests initiated by FIDE (including tests performed by *WADA* pursuant to agreement with FIDE) shall proceed as set forth below:

**7.1.1** The results from all analyses must be sent to FIDE in encoded form, in a report signed by an authorised representative of the laboratory. All communication must be conducted in confidentiality and in conformity with *ADAMS*, a database management tool developed by *WADA*. *ADAMS* is consistent with data privacy statutes and norms applicable to *WADA* and other organizations using it.

**7.1.2** Upon receipt of an *A Sample Adverse Analytical Finding*, the FIDE Medical Commission professionals shall conduct an initial review to determine whether: (a) an applicable *TUE* has been granted or will be granted as provided in the *International Standard* for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, or (b) there is any apparent departure from the *International Standard* for Testing or *International Standard* for Laboratories that caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

**7.1.3** When the *Adverse Analytical Finding* is for substances and/or routes of administration for which the Prohibited List requires a declaration of Use, FIDE shall check whether that a declaration of use is in place, in accordance with article 4.4.4

**7.1.4** If the initial review of an *Adverse Analytical Finding* under Article 7.1.2 does not reveal an applicable *TUE* or entitlement to a *TUE* as provided in the *International Standard* for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, or departure that caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, FIDE shall promptly notify the Player, in the manner set out in Article 19, of: (a) the *Adverse Analytical Finding*; (b) the anti-doping rule violated; (c) the Player's right to promptly request the analysis of the *B Sample* or, failing such request, that the *B Sample* analysis may be deemed waived; (d) the scheduled date, time and place for the *B Sample* analysis if the Player or FIDE chooses to request an analysis of the *B Sample*; (e) the



opportunity for the *Player* and/or the *Player's* representative to attend the B *Sample* opening and analysis within the time period specified in the *International Standard* for Laboratories if such analysis is requested; and (f) the *Player's* right to request copies of the A and B *Sample* laboratory documentation package which includes information as required by the *International Standard* for Laboratories. FIDE shall also notify the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and WADA. If FIDE decides not to bring forward the *Adverse Analytical Finding* as an anti-doping rule violation, it shall so notify the *Player*, the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and WADA.

**7.1.5** Where requested by the *Player* or FIDE, arrangements shall be made for *Testing* the B *Sample* within the time period specified in the *International Standard* for Laboratories. A *Player* may accept the A *Sample* analytical results by waiving the requirement for B *Sample* analysis.

**7.1.6** The *Player* and/or his representative shall be allowed to be present at the analysis of the B *Sample* within the time period specified in the *International Standard* for Laboratories. Also a representative of the *Player's NCF* as well as a representative of FIDE shall be allowed to be present.

**7.1.7** If the B *Sample* proves negative, then (unless FIDE takes the case forward as an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.2) the entire test shall be considered negative and the *Player*, his *NCF*, and FIDE shall be so informed.

**7.1.8** If a *Prohibited Substance* or the *Use of a Prohibited Method* is identified, the findings shall be reported to the *Player*, his *NCF*, FIDE, and to WADA.

**7.1.9** FIDE shall conduct any follow-up investigation into a possible anti-doping rule violation not covered by Articles 7.1.1 to 7.1.8. At such time as FIDE is satisfied that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, it shall promptly give the *Player* or other *Person* subject to sanction notice, in the manner set out in Article 19, of the anti-doping rule violated, and the basis of the violation. FIDE shall also notify the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* and WADA.

## **7.2 Review of Atypical Findings**

**7.2.1** As provided in the *International Standards*, in some circumstances laboratories are directed to report the presence of *Prohibited Substances*, which may also be produced endogenously as *Atypical Findings* subject to further investigation.

**7.2.2** Upon receipt of an A *Sample Atypical Finding*, FIDE shall conduct an initial review to determine whether: (a) an applicable *TUE* has been granted, or (b) there is any apparent departure from the *International*

*Standard for Testing* or *International Standard* for Laboratories that caused the *Atypical Finding*.

**7.2.3** If the initial review of an *Atypical Finding* under Article 7.2.2 reveals an applicable TUE or departure from the *International Standard* for *Testing* or the *International Standard* for Laboratories that caused the *Atypical Finding*, the entire test shall be considered negative and the *Player*, the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization*, and WADA shall be so informed.

**7.2.4** If that initial review does not reveal an applicable TUE or departure that caused the *Atypical Finding*, FIDE shall conduct the required investigation. After the investigation is completed, the *Player*, WADA and the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization* shall be notified whether or not the *Atypical Finding* will be brought forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*. The *Player* shall be notified as provided in Article 7.1.4.

**7.2.5** FIDE will not provide notice of an *Atypical Finding* until it has completed its investigation and has decided whether it will bring the *Atypical Finding* forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding* unless one of the following circumstances exists:

(a) If FIDE determines the B *Sample* should be analyzed prior to the conclusion of its follow-up investigation, it may conduct the B *Sample* analysis after notifying the *Player*, with such notice to include a description of the *Atypical Finding* and the information described in Article 7.1.4(b) to (f).

(b) If FIDE receives a request, either from a *Major Event Organization* shortly before one of its *International Events* or a request from a sport organization responsible for meeting an imminent deadline for selecting team members for an *International Event*, to disclose whether any *Player* identified on a list provided by the *Major Event Organization* or sport organization has a pending *Atypical Finding*, FIDE shall so identify any such *Player* after first providing notice of the *Atypical Finding* to the *Player*.

### **7.3 Results Management for Tests Initiated During Other International Events**

Results management and the conduct of hearings from a test by a Major Event Organization, shall be managed, as far as sanctions beyond Disqualification from the Event or the results of the Event, by FIDE.

### **7.4 Results Management for Tests initiated by NCFs**

Results management conducted by NCFs shall be consistent with the general principles for effective and fair results management which are underlined in the detailed provisions set forth in this Article 7. *Adverse Analytical findings*,

*Atypical Findings* and other asserted violations of anti-doping rules shall be reported by *NCFs* in accordance with the principles outlined in this Article 7 to the *Player's National Anti-Doping Organization*, FIDE and WADA no later than the completion of the *NCF's* results management process. Any apparent anti-doping rule violation by a *Player* who is a member of that *NCF* shall be promptly referred to an appropriate hearing panel established pursuant to the rules of the *NCF, National Anti-Doping Organization* or national law. Apparent anti-doping rule violations by *Players* who are members of another *NCF* shall be referred to the *Player's NCF* for hearing.

## **7.5 Results Management for Whereabouts Violations**

**7.5.1** Results management in respect of an apparent *Filing Failure* by a *Player* in FIDE's *Registered Testing Pool* shall be conducted by FIDE in accordance with Article 11.6.2 of the *International Standard for Testing* (unless it has been agreed in accordance with Article 5.5.4 that the *NCF* or *National Anti-Doping Organization* shall take such responsibility).

**7.5.2** Results management in respect of an apparent Missed Test by a *Player* in FIDE's *Registered Testing Pool* as a result of an attempt to test the *Player* by or on behalf of FIDE shall be conducted by FIDE in accordance with Article 11.6.3 of the *International Standard for Testing*. Results management in respect of an apparent Missed Test by such *Player* as a result of an attempt to test the *Player* by or on behalf of another *Anti-Doping Organization* shall be conducted by that other *Anti-Doping Organization* in accordance with Article 11.7.6(c) of the *International Standard for Testing*.

**7.5.3** Where, in any eighteen-month period, a *Player* in FIDE's *Registered Testing Pool* is declared to have three Filing Failures, or three Missed Tests, or any combination of Filing Failures or Missed Tests adding up to three in total, whether under these Anti-Doping Rules or under the rules of any other *Anti-Doping Organization*, FIDE shall bring them forward as an apparent anti-doping rule violation.

## **7.6 Provisional Suspensions**

**7.6.1** If analysis of an *A Sample* has resulted in an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a *Prohibited Substance* that is not a Specified Substance, and a review in accordance with Article 7.1.2 does not reveal an applicable TUE or departure from the *International Standard for Testing* or the *International Standard for Laboratories* that caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, a *Provisional Suspension* shall be imposed promptly after the review and notification described in Article 7.1.

**7.6.2** However, a *Provisional Suspension* may not be imposed, unless the *Player* or other *Person* is given either (a) an opportunity for a *Provisional Hearing* either before imposition of the *Provisional Suspension* or on a timely basis after imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*; or (b) an opportunity for an expedited hearing in

accordance with Article 8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) on a timely basis after imposition of a *Provisional Suspension*. *NCFs* shall impose *Provisional Suspensions* in accordance with the principles set forth in this Article 7.5. Players shall receive credit for a *Provisional Suspension* against any period of Ineligibility which is ultimately imposed as provided in Article 10.9.3.

**7.6.3** If a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed based on an *A Sample Adverse Analytical Finding* and a subsequent *B Sample* analysis (if requested by the *Player* or *Anti-Doping Organization*) does not confirm the *A Sample* analysis, then the *Player* shall not be subject to any further *Provisional Suspension* on account of a violation of Article 2.1 of the *Code* (Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*). In circumstances where the *Player* (or the *Player's* team) has been removed from a *Competition* based on a violation of Article 2.1 and the subsequent *B Sample* analysis does not confirm the *A Sample* finding, if, without otherwise affecting the *Competition*, it is still possible for the *Player* or team to be reinserted, the *Player* or team may continue to take part in the *Competition*.

## **7.7 Retirement from Sport**

If a *Player* or other *Person* retires while a results management process is underway, FIDE or its *NCFs* conducting the results management process retains jurisdiction to complete its results management process. If a *Player* or other *Person* retires before any results management process has begun and FIDE or its *NCFs* would have had results management jurisdiction over the *Player* or other *Person* at the time the *Player* or other *Person* committed an anti-doping rule violation, FIDE or its *NCFs* have jurisdiction to conduct results management.

*[Comment to Article 7.7: Conduct by a Player or other Person before the Player or other Person was subject to the jurisdiction of any Anti-Doping Organization would not constitute an anti-doping rule violation but could be a legitimate basis for denying the Player or other Person membership in a sports organization.]*

## **ARTICLE 8 RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING**

### **8.1 Hearings following FIDE's result management**

**8.1.1** When it appears, following the Results Management process performed by FIDE in accordance with Article 7, that these Anti-Doping Rules have been violated then the case shall be assigned to the FIDE Doping Hearing Panel for adjudication, consisting of a Chair being a lawyer and four other experts.

**8.1.2** Hearings pursuant to this Article shall be completed expeditiously following the completion of the results management process described in Article 7. Hearings held in connection with *Events*

may be conducted on an expedited basis. If the *Player* has been imposed a *Provisional Suspension* as per Article 7.6, the *Player* has the right to request that the hearing be conducted on an expedited basis.

**8.1.3** The *NCF* of the *Player* or other *Person* alleged to have violated these Anti-Doping Rules may attend the hearing as an observer.

**8.1.4** FIDE shall keep WADA fully apprised as to the status of pending cases and the result of all hearings.

**8.1.5** A *Player* or other *Person* may forego a hearing by acknowledging the Anti-Doping Rule violation and accepting *Consequences* consistent with Articles 9 and 10 as proposed by FIDE. The right to a hearing may be waived either expressly or by the *Player's* or other *Person's* failure to challenge FIDE's assertion that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred within two weeks. Where no hearing occurs, FIDE shall submit to the *Persons* described in Article 13.2.3 a reasoned decision explaining the action taken.

**8.1.6** Decisions of the FIDE Doping Hearing Panel may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport as provided in Article 13.

## **8.2 Hearings following NCFs result management**

**8.2.1** When it appears, following the Results Management process performed by NCFs in accordance with Article 7, that these Anti-Doping Rules have been violated in connection, the *Player* or other *Person* involved shall be brought before a disciplinary panel of the *Player* or other *Person's NCF* or *National Anti-Doping Organization* in accordance with the rules of the *NCF* or the *National Anti-Doping Organization* for a hearing to adjudicate whether a violation of these Anti-Doping Rules occurred and if so what *Consequences* should be imposed.

**8.2.2** Hearings pursuant to this Article 8.2 shall be completed expeditiously and in all cases within three months of the completion of the Results Management process described in Article 7. Hearings held in connection with *Events* may be conducted by an expedited process. If the *Player* has been imposed a *Provisional Suspension* as per Article 7.6, the *Player* has the right to request that the hearing be conducted on an expedited basis. If the completion of the hearing is delayed beyond three months, FIDE may elect to bring the case directly before the FIDE Doping Hearing Panel at the responsibility and at the expense of the *NCF*.

**8.2.3** *NCFs* shall keep FIDE and WADA fully apprised as to the status of pending cases and the results of all hearings.

**8.2.4** FIDE and WADA shall have the right to attend hearings as an observer.

**8.2.5** The *Player* or other *Person* may forego a hearing by acknowledging the violation of these Anti-Doping Rules and accepting *Consequences* consistent with Articles 9 and 10 as proposed by the *NCF*. The right to a hearing may be waived either expressly or by the *Player's* or other *Person's* failure to challenge the *NCF's* assertion that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred within two weeks. Where no hearing occurs, the *NCF* shall submit to the *Persons* described in Article 13.2.3 a reasoned decision explaining the action taken.

**8.2.6** Decisions by *NCFs* or *National Anti-Doping Organizations*, whether as the result of a hearing or the *Player* or other *Person's* acceptance of *Consequences*, may be appealed as provided in Article 13.

### **8.3 Principles for a Fair Hearing**

All hearings pursuant to either Article 8.1 or 8.2 shall respect the following principles:

- a timely hearing;
- fair and impartial hearing panel;
- the right to be represented by counsel at the *Person's* own expense;
- the right to be informed in a fair and timely manner of the asserted anti-doping rule violation;
- the right to respond to the asserted anti-doping rule violation and resulting *Consequences*;
- the right of each party to present evidence, including the right to call and question witnesses (subject to the hearing panel's discretion to accept testimony by telephone or written submission);
- the *Person's* right to an interpreter at the hearing, with the hearing panel to determine the identity, and responsibility for the cost of the interpreter; and
- a timely, written, reasoned decision, specifically including an explanation of the reason(s) for any period of *Ineligibility*.

## **ARTICLE 9            AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

An anti-doping rule violation in *Individual Sports* in connection with an *In-Competition* test automatically leads to *Disqualification* of the result obtained in that *Competition* with all resulting *Consequences*, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

*[Comment to Article 9: When a Player wins a gold medal with a Prohibited Substance in his or her system, that is unfair to the other Players in that Competition regardless of whether the gold medalist was at fault in any way. Only a "clean" Player should be allowed to benefit from his or her competitive results. For Teams, see Article 11 (Consequences to Teams).]*

## **ARTICLE 10            SANCTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS**

### **10.1   *Disqualification of Results in Event During which an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Occurs***

An *anti-doping rule violation* occurring during or in connection with an *Event* may, upon the decision of the ruling body of the *Event*, lead to *Disqualification* of all of the *Player's* individual results obtained in that *Event* with all consequences, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes, except as provided in Article 10.1.1.

*[Comment to Article 10.1: Whereas Article 9 (Automatic Disqualification of Individual Results) Disqualifies the result in a single Competition in which the Player tested positive, this Article may lead to Disqualification of all results in all races during the Event. Factors to be included in considering whether to Disqualify other results in an Event might include, for example, the severity of the Player's anti-doping rule violation and whether the Player tested negative in the other Competitions.]*

**10.1.1**        If the *Player* establishes that he or she bears *No Fault or Negligence* for the violation, the *Player's* individual results in the other *Competitions* shall not be *Disqualified* unless the *Player's* results in *Competitions* other than the *Competition* in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the *Player's* anti-doping rule violation.

### **10.2   *Ineligibility for Presence, Use or Attempted Use, or Possession of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods***

The period of *Ineligibility* imposed for a violation of Article 2.1 (Presence of *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*), Article 2.2 (*Use or Attempted Use of Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method*) or Article 2.6 (*Possession of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods*) shall be as follows, unless the conditions for eliminating or reducing the period of *Ineligibility*, as provided in Articles 10.4 and 10.5, or the conditions for increasing the period of *Ineligibility*, as provided in Article 10.6, are met:

First violation: Two (2) years' *Ineligibility*.

*[Comment to Article 10.2: Harmonization of sanctions has been one of the most discussed and debated areas of anti-doping. Harmonization means that the same rules and criteria are applied to assess the unique facts of each case. Arguments against requiring harmonization of sanctions are based on differences between sports including, for example, the following: in some sports the Athletes are professionals making a sizable income from the sport and in others the Athletes are true amateurs; in those sports where an Athlete's career is short a two year Disqualification has a much more significant effect on the Athlete than in sports where careers are traditionally much longer; in Individual Sports, the Athlete is better able to maintain competitive skills through solitary practice*

during Disqualification than in other sports where practice as part of a team is more important. A primary argument in favor of harmonization is that it is simply not right that two Athletes from the same country who test positive for the same Prohibited Substance under similar circumstances should receive different sanctions only because they participate in different sports. In addition, flexibility in sanctioning has often been viewed as an unacceptable opportunity for some sporting organizations to be more lenient with dopers. The lack of harmonization of sanctions has also frequently been the source of jurisdictional conflicts between IFs and National Anti-Doping Organizations.]

### **10.3 Ineligibility for Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations**

The period of *Ineligibility* for violations of these Anti-Doping Rules other than as provided in Article 10.2 shall be as follows:

**10.3.1** For violations of Article 2.3 (Refusing or Failing to Submit to *Sample* collection) or Article 2.5 (*Tampering* with *Doping Control*), the *Ineligibility* period shall be two (2) years unless the conditions provided in Article 10.5, or the conditions provided in Article 10.6, are met.

**10.3.2** For violations of Article 2.7 (*Trafficking*) or Article 2.8 (Administration or *Attempted* Administration of *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*), the period of *Ineligibility* imposed shall be a minimum of four (4) years up to lifetime *Ineligibility* unless the conditions provided in Article 10.5 are met. An anti-doping rule violation involving a *Minor* shall be considered a particularly serious violation, and, if committed by *Player Support Personnel* for violations other than Specified Substances referenced in Article 4.2.2 shall result in lifetime *Ineligibility* for *Player Support Personnel*. In addition, significant violations of Articles 2.7 or 2.8 which may also violate non-sporting laws and regulations, shall be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.

[Comment to Article 10.3.2: Those who are involved in doping Players or covering up doping should be subject to sanctions which are more severe than the Players who test positive. Since the authority of sport organizations is generally limited to *Ineligibility* for credentials, membership and other sport benefits, reporting Player Support Personnel to competent authorities is an important step in the deterrence of doping.]

**10.3.3** For violations of Article 2.4 (Whereabouts Filing Failures and/ or Missed Tests), the period of *Ineligibility* shall be at a minimum one (1) year and at a maximum two (2) years based on the *Player's* degree of fault.

[Comment to Article 10.3.3: The sanction under Article 10.3.3 shall be two years where all three filing failures or missed tests are inexcusable. Otherwise, the sanction shall be assessed in the range of two years to one year, based on the circumstances of the case.]



#### **10.4 Elimination or Reduction of the Period of *Ineligibility* for Specified Substances under Specific Circumstances**

Where a *Player* or other *Person* can establish how a Specified Substance entered his or her body or came into his or her *Possession* and that such Specified Substance was not intended to enhance the *Player's* sport performance or mask the *Use* of a performance-enhancing substance, the period of *Ineligibility* found in Article 10.2 shall be replaced with the following:

First violation: At a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility* from future *Events*, and at a maximum, two (2) years of *Ineligibility*.

To justify any elimination or reduction, the *Player* or other *Person* must produce corroborating evidence in addition to his or her word which establishes to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel the absence of an intent to enhance sport performance or mask the *Use* of a performance enhancing substance. The *Player's* or other *Person's* degree of fault shall be the criterion considered in assessing any reduction of the period of *Ineligibility*.

*[Comment to Article 10.4: Specified Substances as now defined in Article 4.2.2 are not necessarily less serious agents for purposes of sports doping than other Prohibited Substances (for example, a stimulant that is listed as a Specified Substance could be very effective to a Player in competition); for that reason, a Player who does not meet the criteria under this Article would receive a two-year period of Ineligibility and could receive up to a four-year period of Ineligibility under Article 10.6. However, there is a greater likelihood that Specified Substances, as opposed to other Prohibited Substances, could be susceptible to a credible, non-doping explanation.]*

*This Article applies only in those cases where the hearing panel is comfortably satisfied by the objective circumstances of the case that the Player in taking or Possessing a Prohibited Substance did not intend to enhance his or her sport performance. Examples of the type of objective circumstances which in combination might lead a hearing panel to be comfortably satisfied of no performance-enhancing intent would include: the fact that the nature of the Specified Substance or the timing of its ingestion would not have been beneficial to the Player; the Player's open Use or disclosure of his or her Use of the Specified Substance; and a contemporaneous medical records file substantiating the non-sport-related prescription for the Specified Substance. Generally, the greater the potential performance-enhancing benefit, the higher the burden on the Player to prove lack of an intent to enhance sport performance.*

*While the absence of intent to enhance sport performance must be established to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel, the Player may establish how the Specified Substance entered the body by a balance of probability.*

*In assessing the Player's or other Person's degree of fault, the circumstances considered must be specific and relevant to explain the Player's or other Person's departure from the expected standard of behavior. Thus, for example, the fact that a Player would lose the opportunity to earn large sums of money during a period of Ineligibility or the fact that the Player only has a short time left in his or her career or the timing of the sporting calendar would not be relevant factors to be considered in reducing the period of Ineligibility under this Article. It is anticipated that the period of Ineligibility will be eliminated entirely in only the most exceptional cases.]*

## 10.5 Elimination or Reduction of Period of *Ineligibility* Based on Exceptional Circumstances

### 10.5.1 *No Fault or Negligence*

If a *Player* establishes in an individual case that he or she bears *No Fault or Negligence*, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be eliminated. When a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Markers* or *Metabolites* is detected in a *Player's Sample* in violation of Article 2.1 (Presence of *Prohibited Substance*), the *Player* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered his or her system in order to have the period of *Ineligibility* eliminated. In the event this Article is applied and the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable is eliminated, the anti-doping rule violation shall not be considered a violation for the limited purpose of determining the period of *Ineligibility* for multiple violations under Article 10.7.

### 10.5.2 *No Significant Fault or Negligence*

If a *Player* or other *Person* establishes in an individual case that he or she bears *No Significant Fault or Negligence*, then the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced, but the reduced period of *Ineligibility* may not be less than one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the reduced period under this Article may be no less than eight (8) years. When a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Markers* or *Metabolites* is detected in a *Player's Sample* in violation of Article 2.1 (Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*), the *Player* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered his or her system in order to have the period of *Ineligibility* reduced.

*[Comment to Articles 10.5.1 and 10.5.2: FIDE's Anti-Doping Rules provide for the possible reduction or elimination of the period of Ineligibility in the unique circumstance where the Player can establish that he or she had No Fault or Negligence, or No Significant Fault or Negligence, in connection with the violation. This approach is consistent with basic principles of human rights and provides a balance between those Anti-Doping Organizations that argue for a much narrower exception, or none at all, and those that would reduce a two year suspension based on a range of other factors even when the Player was admittedly at fault. These Articles apply only to the imposition of sanctions; they are not applicable to the determination of whether an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. Article 10.5.2 may be applied to any anti-doping rule violation even though it will be especially difficult to meet the criteria for a reduction for those anti-doping rule violations where knowledge is an element of the violation.]*

*Articles 10.5.1 and 10.5.2 are meant to have an impact only in cases where the circumstances are truly exceptional and not in the vast majority of cases.*

*To illustrate the operation of Article 10.5.1, an example where No Fault or Negligence would result in the total elimination of a sanction is where a Player could prove that, despite all due care, he or she was sabotaged by a competitor. Conversely, a sanction could not be completely eliminated on the basis of No Fault or Negligence in the following circumstances: (a) a positive test resulting from a mislabeled or contaminated vitamin or nutritional supplement (Players are responsible for what they ingest (Article 2.1.1) and have been warned against the possibility of supplement contamination); (b) the administration of a Prohibited Substance by the Player's personal physician or trainer without disclosure to the Player (Players are responsible for their choice of medical personnel and for advising medical personnel that they cannot be given any Prohibited Substance); and (c) sabotage of the*

*Player's food or drink by a spouse, coach or other Person within the Player's circle of associates (Players are responsible for what they ingest and for the conduct of those Persons to whom they entrust access to their food and drink). However, depending on the unique facts of a particular case, any of the referenced illustrations could result in a reduced sanction based on No Significant Fault or Negligence. (For example, reduction may well be appropriate in illustration (a) if the Player clearly establishes that the cause of the positive test was contamination in a common multiple vitamin purchased from a source with no connection to Prohibited Substances and the Player exercised care in not taking other nutritional supplements.)*

*For purposes of assessing the Player's or other Person's fault under Articles 10.5.1 and 10.5.2, the evidence considered must be specific and relevant to explain the Player's or other Person's departure from the expected standard of behavior. Thus, for example the fact that a Player would lose the opportunity to earn large sums of money during a period of Ineligibility or the fact that the Player only has a short time left in his or her career or the timing of the sporting calendar would not be relevant factors to be considered in reducing the period of Ineligibility under this Article.*

*While Minors are not given special treatment per se in determining the applicable sanction, certainly youth and lack of experience are relevant factors to be assessed in determining the Player's or other Person's fault under Article 10.5.2, as well as Articles 10.3.3, 10.4 and 10.5.1.*

*Article 10.5.2 should not be applied in cases where Articles 10.3.3 or 10.4 apply, as those Articles already take into consideration the Player or other Person's degree of fault for purposes of establishing the applicable period of Ineligibility.]*

### **10.5.3**      *Substantial Assistance* in Discovering or Establishing Anti-Doping Rule Violations

FIDE or its *NCFs* may, prior to a final appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of the time to appeal, suspend a part of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed in an individual case where the *Player* or other *Person* has provided *Substantial Assistance* to an *Anti-Doping Organization*, criminal authority or professional disciplinary body which results in the *Anti-Doping Organization* discovering or establishing an anti-doping rule violation by another *Person* or which results in a criminal or disciplinary body discovering or establishing a criminal offense or the breach of professional rules by another *Person*. After a final appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of time to appeal, FIDE may only suspend a part of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* with the approval of *WADA*. After a final appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of time to appeal, *NCFs* may only suspend a part of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* with the approval of FIDE and *WADA*. The extent to which the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended shall be based on the seriousness of the anti-doping rule violation committed by the *Player* or other *Person* and the significance of the *Substantial Assistance* provided by the *Player* or other *Person* to the effort to eliminate doping in sport. No more than three-quarters of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the non-suspended period under this Article must be no less than eight (8) years. If FIDE or its *NCFs* suspend any part of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* under this Article, they shall promptly provide a written justification for its decision to each *Anti-Doping Organization* having a right to appeal the decision. If FIDE or its *NCFs* subsequently reinstate any part of the suspended period of *Ineligibility* because the

*Player or other Person has failed to provide the Substantial Assistance which was anticipated, the Player or other Person may appeal the reinstatement pursuant to Article 13.2.*

*[Comment to Article 10.5.3: The cooperation of Players, Player Support Personnel and other Persons who acknowledge their mistakes and are willing to bring other anti-doping rule violations to light is important to clean sport.*

*Factors to be considered in assessing the importance of the Substantial Assistance would include, for example, the number of individuals implicated, the status of those individuals in the sport, whether a scheme involving Trafficking under Article 2.7 or administration under Article 2.8 is involved and whether the violation involved a substance or method which is not readily detectable in Testing. The maximum suspension of the Ineligibility period shall only be applied in very exceptional cases. An additional factor to be considered in connection with the seriousness of the anti-doping rule violation is any performance-enhancing benefit which the Person providing Substantial Assistance may be likely to still enjoy. As a general matter, the earlier in the results management process the Substantial Assistance is provided, the greater the percentage of the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility may be suspended.*

*If the Player or other Person who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation claims entitlement to a suspended period of Ineligibility under this Article in connection with the Player or other Person's waiver of a hearing under Article 8.3 (Waiver of Hearing), FIDE or its NCFs shall determine whether a suspension of a portion of the period of Ineligibility is appropriate under this Article. If the Player or other Person claims entitlement to a suspended period of Ineligibility before the conclusion of a hearing under Article 8 on the anti-doping rule violation, the hearing panel shall determine whether a suspension of a portion of the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility is appropriate under this Article at the same time the hearing panel decides whether the Player or other Person has committed an anti-doping rule violation. If a portion of the period of Ineligibility is suspended, the decision shall explain the basis for concluding the information provided was credible and was important to discovering or proving the anti-doping rule violation or other offense. If the Player or other Person claims entitlement to a suspended period of Ineligibility after a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered and is not subject to appeal under Article 13, but the Player or other Person is still serving the period of Ineligibility, the Player or other Person may apply to IF or its NCFs to consider a suspension in the period of Ineligibility under this Article. Any such suspension of the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility shall require the approval of WADA (and FIDE if the suspension of the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility is decided by a NCF). If any condition upon which the suspension of a period of Ineligibility is based is not fulfilled, FIDE or its NCFs shall reinstate the period of Ineligibility which would otherwise be applicable. Decisions rendered by FIDE or its NCFs under this Article may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.2.*

*This is the only circumstance under these Anti-Doping Rules where the suspension of an otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility is authorized.]*

#### **10.5.4 Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation in the Absence of Other Evidence**

Where a *Player* or other *Person* voluntarily admits the commission of an anti-doping rule violation before having received notice of a *Sample* collection which could establish an anti-doping rule violation (or, in the case of an anti-doping rule violation other than Article 2.1, before receiving first notice of the admitted violation pursuant to Article 7) and that admission is the only reliable evidence of the violation at the time of admission, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced, but not below one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable.

*[Comment to Article 10.5.4: This Article is intended to apply when a Player or other Person comes forward and admits to an anti-doping rule violation in circumstances where no Anti-Doping Organization is aware that an anti-doping rule violation might have been committed. It is not intended*

*to apply to circumstances where the admission occurs after the Player or other Person believes he or she is about to be caught.]*

#### **10.5.5 Where a Player or Other Person Establishes Entitlement to Reduction in Sanction under More than One Provision of this Article**

Before applying any reduction or suspension under Articles 10.5.2, 10.5.3 or 10.5.4, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be determined in accordance with Articles 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 and 10.6. If the *Player* or other *Person* establishes entitlement to a reduction or suspension of the period of *Ineligibility* under two or more of Articles 10.5.2, 10.5.3 or 10.5.4, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced or suspended, but not below one-fourth of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility*.

*[Comment to Article 10.5.5: The appropriate sanction is determined in a sequence of four steps. First, the hearing panel determines which of the basic sanctions (Article 10.2, Article 10.3, Article 10.4 or Article 10.6) applies to the particular anti-doping rule violation. In a second step, the hearing panel establishes whether there is a basis for suspension, elimination or reduction of the sanction (Articles 10.5.1 through 10.5.4). Note, however, not all grounds for suspension, elimination or reduction may be combined with the provisions on basic sanctions. For example, Article 10.5.2 does not apply in cases involving Articles 10.3.3 or 10.4, since the hearing panel, under Articles 10.3.3 and 10.4, will already have determined the period of Ineligibility based on the Player's or other Person's degree of fault. In a third step, the hearing panel determines under Article 10.5.5 whether the Player or other Person is entitled to elimination, reduction or suspension under more than one provision of Article 10.5. Finally, the hearing panel decides on the commencement of the period of Ineligibility under Article 10.9.]*

#### **10.6 Aggravating Circumstances Which May Increase the Period of Ineligibility**

If FIDE or its *NCFs* establishes in an individual case involving an anti-doping rule violation other than violations under Articles 2.7 (*Trafficking* or *Attempted Trafficking*) and 2.8 (*Administration* or *Attempted Administration*) that aggravating circumstances are present which justify the imposition of a period of *Ineligibility* greater than the standard sanction, then the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable shall be increased up to a maximum of four (4) years unless the *Player* or other *Person* can prove to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel that he did not knowingly commit the anti-doping rule violation.

A *Player* or other *Person* can avoid the application of this Article by admitting the anti-doping rule violation as asserted promptly after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by FIDE or its *NCFs*.

*[Comment to Article 10.6: Examples of aggravating circumstances which may justify the imposition of a period of Ineligibility greater than the standard sanction are: the Player or other Person committed the anti-doping rule violation as part of a doping plan or scheme, either individually or involving a conspiracy or common enterprise to commit anti-doping rule violations; the Athlete or other Person Used or Possessed multiple Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods or Used or Possessed a*

*Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method on multiple occasions; a normal individual would be likely to enjoy the performance-enhancing effects of the anti-doping rule violation(s) beyond the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility; the Athlete or Person engaged in deceptive or obstructing conduct to avoid the detection or adjudication of an anti-doping rule violation.*

*For the avoidance of doubt, the examples of aggravating circumstances described in this Comment to Article 10.6 are not exclusive and other aggravating factors may also justify the imposition of a longer period of Ineligibility. Violations under Articles 2.7 (Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking) and 2.8 (Administration or Attempted Administration) are not included in the application of Article 10.6 because the sanctions for these violations (from four years to lifetime Ineligibility) already build in sufficient discretion to allow consideration of any aggravating circumstance.]*

## 10.7 Multiple Violations

### 10.7.1 Second Anti-Doping Rule Violation

For a *Player's* or other *Person's* first anti-doping rule violation, the period of *Ineligibility* is set forth in Articles 10.2 and 10.3 (subject to elimination, reduction or suspension under Articles 10.4 or 10.5, or to an increase under Article 10.6). For a second anti-doping rule violation the period of Ineligibility shall be within the range set forth in the table below.

Second Violation First Violation	RS	FFMT	NSF	St	AS	TRA
RS	1-4	2-4	2-4	4-6	8-10	10-life
FFMT	1-4	4-8	4-8	6-8	10-life	life
NSF	1-4	4-8	4-8	6-8	10-life	life
St	2-4	6-8	6-8	8-life	life	life
AS	4-5	10-life	10-life	life	life	life
TRA	8-life	life	life	life	life	life

Definitions for purposes of the second anti-doping rule violation table:

**RS** (Reduced sanction for Specified Substance under Article 10.4): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by a reduced sanction under Article 10.4 because it involved a Specified Substance and the other conditions under Article 10.4 were met.

**FFMT** (Filing Failures and/or Missed Tests): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned under Article 10.3.3 (Filing Failures and/or Missed Tests).

**NSF** (Reduced sanction for *No Significant Fault or Negligence*): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by a reduced sanction under Article 10.5.2 because *No Significant Fault or Negligence* under Article 10.5.2 was proved by the *Player*.

**St** (Standard sanction under Articles 10.2 or 10.3.1): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by the standard sanction of two (2) years under Articles 10.2 or 10.3.1.

**AS** (Aggravated sanction): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by an aggravated sanction under Article 10.6 because the *Anti-Doping Organization* established the conditions set forth under Article 10.6.

**TRA** (*Trafficking* or *Attempted Trafficking* and administration or *Attempted* administration): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by a sanction under Article 10.3.2.

*[Comment to Article 10.7.1: The table is applied by locating the Player's or other Person's first anti-doping rule violation in the left-hand column and then moving across the table to the right to the column representing the second violation. By way of example, assume a Player receives the standard period of Ineligibility for a first violation under Article 10.2 and then commits a second violation for which he receives a reduced sanction for a Specified Substance under Article 10.4. The table is used to determine the period of Ineligibility for the second violation. The table is applied to this example by starting in the left-hand column and going down to the fourth row which is "St" for standard sanction, then moving across the table to the first column which is "RS" for reduced sanction for a Specified Substance, thus resulting in a 2-4 year range for the period of Ineligibility for the second violation. The Player's or other Person's degree of fault shall be the criterion considered in assessing a period of Ineligibility within the applicable range.]*

*[Comment to Article 10.7.1 RS Definition: See Article 25.4 of the Code with respect to application of Article 10.7.1 to pre-Code anti-doping rule violations.]*

#### **10.7.2 Application of Articles 10.5.3 and 10.5.4 to Second Anti-Doping Rule Violation**

Where a *Player* or other *Person* who commits a second anti-doping rule violation establishes entitlement to suspension or reduction of a portion of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.5.3 or Article 10.5.4, the hearing panel shall first determine the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* within the range established in the table in Article 10.7.1, and then apply the appropriate suspension or reduction of the period of *Ineligibility*. The remaining period of *Ineligibility*, after applying any suspension or reduction under Articles 10.5.3 and 10.5.4, must be at least one-fourth of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility*.

#### **10.7.3 Third Anti-Doping Rule Violation**

A third anti-doping rule violation will always result in a lifetime period of *Ineligibility*, except if the third violation fulfills the condition for elimination or reduction of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.4 or involves a violation of Article 2.4 (Filing Failures and/or and Missed Tests). In these particular cases, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be from eight (8) years to life ban.

#### **10.7.4 Additional Rules for Certain Potential Multiple Violations**

- For purposes of imposing sanctions under Article 10.7, an anti-doping rule violation will only be considered a second violation if FIDE (or its *NCF*) can establish that the *Player* or other *Person* committed the second anti-doping rule violation after the *Player* or other *Person* received notice pursuant to Article 7 (Results Management), or after FIDE (or its *NCF*) made reasonable efforts to give notice, of the first anti-doping rule violation; if FIDE (or its *NCF*) cannot establish this, the violations shall be considered together as one single first violation, and the sanction imposed shall be based on the violation that carries the more severe sanction; however, the occurrence of multiple violations may be considered as a factor in determining aggravating circumstances (Article 10.6).
- If, after the resolution of a first anti-doping rule violation, FIDE (or its *NCFs*) discovers facts involving an anti-doping rule violation by the *Player* or other *Person* which occurred prior to notification regarding the first violation, then FIDE (or its *NCFs*) shall impose an additional sanction based on the sanction that could have been imposed if the two violations would have been adjudicated at the same time. Results in all *Competitions* dating back to the earlier anti-doping rule violation will be *Disqualified* as provided in Article 10.8. To avoid the possibility of a finding of Aggravating Circumstances (Article 10.6) on account of the earlier-in-time but later-discovered violation, the *Player* or other *Person* must voluntarily admit the earlier anti-doping rule violation on a timely basis after notice of the violation for which he or she is first charged. The same rule shall also apply when FIDE (or its *NCFs*) discovers facts involving another prior violation after the resolution of a second anti-doping rule violation.

*[Comment to Article 10.7.4: In a hypothetical situation, a Player commits an anti-doping rule violation on January 1, 2008 which FIDE (or its NCFs) does not discover until December 1, 2008. In the meantime, the Player commits another anti-doping rule violation on March 1, 2008 and the Player is notified of this violation by FIDE (or its NCFs) on March 30, 2008 and a hearing panel rules on June 30, 2008 that the Player committed the March 1, 2008 anti-doping rule violation. The later-discovered violation which occurred on January 1, 2008 will provide the basis for aggravating circumstances because the Player did not voluntarily admit the violation in a timely basis after the Player received notification of the later violation on March 30, 2008.]*

#### **10.7.5 Multiple Anti-Doping Rule Violations during an Eight-Year Period**

For purposes of Article 10.7, each anti-doping rule violation must take place within the same eight (8) year period in order to be considered multiple violations.



## **10.8 *Disqualification of Results in Competitions Subsequent to Sample Collection or Commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation***

In addition to the automatic *Disqualification* of the results in the *Competition* which produced the positive *Sample* under Article 9 (Automatic *Disqualification* of Individual Results), all other competitive results obtained from the date a positive *Sample* was collected (whether *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*), or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, through the commencement of any *Provisional Suspension* or *Ineligibility* period, shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be *Disqualified* with all of the resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

**10.8.1** As a condition of regaining eligibility after being found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, the *Player* must first repay all prize money forfeited under this Article.

**10.8.2** Allocation of Forfeited Prize Money.  
Forfeited prize money shall be reallocated to other *Players*.

*[Comment to Article 10.8.2: Nothing in these Anti-Doping Rules precludes clean Players or other Persons who have been damaged by the actions of a Person who has committed an anti-doping rule violation from pursuing any right which they would otherwise have to seek damages from such Person.]*

## **10.9 Commencement of *Ineligibility* Period**

Except as provided below, the period of *Ineligibility* shall start on the date of the hearing decision providing for *Ineligibility* or, if the hearing is waived, on the date *Ineligibility* is accepted or otherwise imposed. Any period of *Provisional Suspension* (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted) shall be credited against the total period of *Ineligibility* imposed.

**10.9.1** Delays Not Attributable to the *Player* or other *Person*

Where there have been substantial delays in the hearing process or other aspects of *Doping Control* not attributable to the *Player* or other *Person*, the FIDE or *Anti-Doping Organization* imposing the sanction may start the period of *Ineligibility* at an earlier date commencing as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred.

**10.9.2** Timely Admission

Where the *Player* promptly (which, in all events, means before the *Player* competes again) admits the anti-doping rule violation after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by FIDE or its *NCFs*, the period of *Ineligibility* may start as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. In each case, however, where this Article is applied, the *Player* or other *Person* shall serve at least one-half of the

period of *Ineligibility* going forward from the date the *Player* or other *Person* accepted the imposition of a sanction, the date of a hearing decision imposing a sanction, or the date the sanction is otherwise imposed.

*[Comment to Article 10.9.2: This Article shall not apply where the period of Ineligibility already has been reduced under Article 10.5.4 (Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation in the Absence of Other Evidence).]*

**10.9.3** If a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed and respected by the *Player*, then the *Player* shall receive a credit for such period of *Provisional Suspension* against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed.

**10.9.4** If a *Player* voluntarily accepts a *Provisional Suspension* in writing from FIDE or its NCFs and thereafter refrains from competing, the *Player* shall receive a credit for such period of voluntary *Provisional Suspension* against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed. A copy of the *Player's* voluntary acceptance of a *Provisional Suspension* shall be provided promptly to each party entitled to receive notice of a potential anti-doping rule violation under Article 14.1.

*[Comment to Article 10.9.4: A Player's voluntary acceptance of a Provisional Suspension is not an admission by the Player and shall not be used in any way as to draw an adverse inference against the Player.]*

**10.9.5** No credit against a period of *Ineligibility* shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the *Provisional Suspension* or voluntary *Provisional Suspension* regardless of whether the *Player* elected not to compete or was suspended by his or her team.

*[Comment to Article 10.9: The text of Article 10.9 has been revised to make clear that delays not attributable to the Player, timely admission by the Player and Provisional Suspension are the only justifications for starting the period of Ineligibility earlier than the date of the hearing decision.]*

## **10.10 Status During *Ineligibility***

### **10.10.1 Prohibition against Participation during *Ineligibility***

No *Player* or other *Person* who has been declared *Ineligible* may, during the period of *Ineligibility*, participate in any capacity in a *Competition* or activity (other than authorized anti-doping education or rehabilitation programs) authorized or organized by FIDE or any NCF or a club or other member organization of FIDE or any NCF, or in *Competitions* authorized or organized by any professional league or any international or national level *Event* organization.

A *Player* or other *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* longer than four years may, after completing four years of the period of *Ineligibility*,

participate in local sport events in a sport other than the sport in which the *Player* or other *Person* committed the anti-doping rule violation, but only so long as the local sport event is not at a level that could otherwise qualify such *Player* or other *Person* directly or indirectly to compete in (or accumulate points toward) a national championship or *International Event*.

A *Player* or other *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* shall remain subject to *Testing*.

*[Comment to Article 10.10.1: For example, an ineligible Player cannot participate in a training camp, exhibition or practice organized by his or her NCF or a club which is a member of that NCF. Further, an ineligible Player may not compete in a non-Signatory professional league (e.g., the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, etc.), Events organized by a non-Signatory International Event organization or a non-Signatory national-level event organization without triggering the consequences set forth in Article 10.10.2. Sanctions in one sport will also be recognized by other sports (see Article 15 Mutual Recognition).]*

#### **10.10.2 Violation of the Prohibition of Participation during *Ineligibility***

Where a *Player* or other *Person* who has been declared *Ineligible* violates the prohibition against participation during *Ineligibility* described in Article 10.10.1, the results of such participation shall be *Disqualified* and the period of *Ineligibility* which was originally imposed shall start over again as of the date of the violation. The new period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced under Article 10.5.2 if the *Player* or other *Person* establishes he or she bears *No Significant Fault or Negligence* for violating the prohibition against participation. The determination of whether a *Player* or other *Person* has violated the prohibition against participation, and whether a reduction under Article 10.5.2 is appropriate, shall be made by FIDE or its NCFs.

*[Comment to Article 10.10.2: If a Player or other Person is alleged to have violated the prohibition against participation during a period of Ineligibility, FIDE or its NCFs shall determine whether the Player or other Person violated the prohibition and, if so, whether the Player or other Person has established grounds for a reduction in the restarted period of Ineligibility under Article 10.5.2. Decisions rendered by FIDE or its NCFs under this Article may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.2.]*

*Where a Player Support Personnel or other Person substantially assists a Player in violating the prohibition against participation during Ineligibility, FIDE or its NCFs may appropriately impose sanctions under its own disciplinary rules for such assistance.]*

#### **10.10.3 Withholding of Financial Support during *Ineligibility***

In addition, for any anti-doping rule violation not involving a reduced sanction for *Specified Substances* as described in Article 10.4, some or all sport-related financial support or other sport-related benefits received by such *Person* will be withheld by FIDE and its NCFs.

### **10.11 Reinstatement Testing**

As a condition to regaining eligibility at the end of a specified period of *Ineligibility*, a *Player* must, during any period of *Provisional Suspension* or *Ineligibility*, make him or herself available for *Out-of-Competition Testing* by FIDE, the applicable *NCF*, and any other *Anti-Doping Organization* having *Testing* jurisdiction, and must, if requested, provide current and accurate whereabouts information. If a *Player* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* retires from sport and is removed from *Out-of-Competition Testing* pools and later seeks reinstatement, the *Player* shall not be eligible for reinstatement until the *Player* has notified FIDE and the applicable *NCF* and has been subject to *Out-of-Competition Testing* for a period of time equal to the longer of (a) the period set forth in Article 5.6 and (b) the period of *Ineligibility* remaining as of the date the *Player* had retired. During such remaining period of *Ineligibility*, a minimum of 1 test must be conducted on the *Player*. The *NCF* shall be responsible for conducting the necessary tests, but tests by any *Anti-Doping Organization* may be used to satisfy the requirement. The results of such tests shall be reported to FIDE. In addition, immediately prior to the end of the period of *Ineligibility*, a *Player* must undergo *Testing* by FIDE or its *NCFs* for the *Prohibited Substances* and *Methods* that are prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing*. Once the period of a *Player's Ineligibility* has expired, and the *Player* has fulfilled the conditions of reinstatement, then the *Player* will become automatically re-eligible and no application by the *Player* or by the *Player's NCF* will then be necessary.

## **ARTICLE 11            CONSEQUENCES TO TEAMS**

An anti-doping rule violation committed by a member of a team in connection with an *In-Competition* test automatically leads to *Disqualification* of the result obtained in that *Competition* by the team with all resulting consequences for the team and its members, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

For nations rankings, the results of that nation shall be removed.

## **ARTICLE 12            SANCTIONS AND COSTS ASSESSED AGAINST NCFs**

**12.1** The Presidential Board of FIDE has the authority to withhold some or all funding or other non financial support to *NCFs* that are not in compliance with these Anti-Doping Rules.

**12.2** The Presidential Board of FIDE may elect to take additional disciplinary action against *NCFs* with respect to recognition, the eligibility of its officials and *Players* to participate in International Events and fines based on the following:

**12.2.1** Four or more violations of these Anti-Doping Rules (other than violations involving Articles 2.4 and 10.3) are committed by *Players* or other *Persons* affiliated with a *NCF* within a 12-month period in testing conducted by FIDE or Anti-Doping Organizations other than the *NCF* or its *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

**12.2.2** More than one *Player* or other *Person* from a *NCF* commits an *Anti-Doping Rule* violation during an *International Event*.

**12.2.3** A *NCF* has failed to make diligent efforts to keep FIDE informed about a *Player's* whereabouts after receiving a request for that information from FIDE.

## **ARTICLE 13 APPEALS**

### **13.1 Decisions Subject to Appeal**

Decisions made under these Anti-Doping Rules may be appealed as set forth below in Article 13.2 through 13.4 or as otherwise provided in these Anti-Doping Rules. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise. Before an appeal is commenced, any post-decision review provided in these rules or in the rules of the *Anti-Doping Organization* conducting the hearing process as per article 8 must be exhausted (except as provided in Article 13.1.1).

#### **13.1.1 WADA Not Required to Exhaust Internal Remedies**

Where *WADA* has a right to appeal under Article 13 and no other party has appealed a final decision within the FIDE or its *NCF's* process, *WADA* may appeal such decision directly to *CAS* without having to exhaust other remedies in the FIDE or its *NCF's* process.

*[Comment to Article 13.1.1: Where a decision has been rendered before the final stage of FIDE or its NCF's process (for example, a first hearing) and no party elects to appeal that decision to the next level of FIDE or its NCF's process), then WADA may bypass the remaining steps in FIDE or its NCF's internal process and appeal directly to CAS.]*

### **13.2 Appeals from Decisions Regarding *Anti-Doping Rule* Violations, Consequences, and *Provisional Suspensions***

A decision that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, a decision imposing *Consequences* for an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision that no anti-doping rule violation was committed; a decision that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot go forward for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription); a decision under Article 10.10.2 (Violation of the Prohibition of Participation during *Ineligibility*); a decision that the FIDE or its *NCF* lacks jurisdiction to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its *Consequences*; a decision by an *Anti-Doping Organization* not to bring forward an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or an *Atypical Finding* as an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision not to go forward with an anti-doping rule violation after an investigation under Article 7.4; and a decision to impose a *Provisional Suspension* as a result of a *Provisional Hearing* or in violation of Article 7.5 may be appealed exclusively as provided in this Article 13.2.

### **13.2.1** Appeals Involving *International-Level Players*

In cases arising from participation in an *International Event* or in cases involving *International-Level Players*, the decision may be appealed exclusively to CAS in accordance with the provisions applicable before such court.

*[Comment to Article 13.2.1: CAS decisions are final and binding except for any review required by law applicable to the annulment or enforcement of arbitral awards.]*

### **13.2.2** Appeals Involving *National-Level Players*

In cases involving *national-level Players* as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization* who do not have a right to appeal under Article 13.2.1, the decision may be appealed to an independent and impartial body in accordance with rules established by the *National Anti-Doping Organization*. If the *National Anti-Doping Organization* has not established such a body, the decision may be appealed to CAS in accordance with the provisions applicable before such court.

### **13.2.3** *Persons* Entitled to Appeal

In cases under Article 13.2.1, the following parties shall have the right to appeal to CAS: (a) the *Player* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) FIDE; (d) the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Person's* country of residence or countries where the *Person* is a national or license holder; (e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (f) WADA.

In cases under Article 13.2.2, the parties having the right to appeal to the national-level reviewing body shall be as provided in the *National Anti-Doping Organization's* rules but, at a minimum, shall include the following parties: (a) the *Player* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) FIDE; (d) the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Person's* country of residence; and (e) WADA. For cases under Article 13.2.2, WADA and the FIDE shall also have the right to appeal to CAS with respect to the decision of the national-level reviewing body. Any party filing an appeal shall be entitled to assistance from CAS to obtain all relevant information from the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose decision is being appealed and the information shall be provided if CAS so directs.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the only *Person* who may appeal from a *Provisional Suspension* is the *Player* or other *Person* upon whom the *Provisional Suspension* is imposed.

### **13.3 Failure to Render a Timely Decision by FIDE and its NCFs**

Where, in a particular case, FIDE or its *NCFs* fail to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by *WADA*, *WADA* may elect to appeal directly to *CAS* as if FIDE or its *NCFs* had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping rule violation. If the *CAS* hearing panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that *WADA* acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to *CAS*, then *WADA's* costs and attorneys fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to *WADA* by FIDE or its *NCFs*.

*[Comment to Article 13.3: Given the different circumstances of each anti-doping rule violation investigation and results management process, it is not feasible to establish a fixed time period for FIDE or its NCFs to render a decision before WADA may intervene by appealing directly to CAS. Before taking such action, however, WADA will consult with FIDE or its NCFs and give FIDE or its NCFs an opportunity to explain why it has not yet rendered a decision. Nothing in this Article prohibits FIDE or its NCFs from also having rules which authorize it to assume jurisdiction for matters in which the results management performed by one of its NCFs has been inappropriately delayed.]*

### **13.4 Appeals from Decisions Granting or Denying a Therapeutic Use Exemption**

Decisions by *WADA* reversing the grant or denial of a TUE may be appealed exclusively to *CAS* by the *Player* or the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose decision was reversed. Decisions by Anti-Doping Organizations other than *WADA* denying TUE's, which are not reversed by *WADA*, may be appealed by *International-Level Players* to *CAS* and by other *Players* to the national level reviewing body described in Article 13.2.2. If the national level reviewing body reverses the decision to deny a TUE, that decision may be appealed to *CAS* by *WADA*.

When FIDE, *National Anti-Doping Organizations* or other bodies designated by *NCFs* fail to take action on a properly submitted TUE application within a reasonable time, their failure to decide may be considered a denial for purposes of the appeal rights provided in this Article.

### **13.5 Appeal from Decisions Pursuant to Article 12**

Decisions by FIDE pursuant to Article 12 may be appealed exclusively to *CAS* by the *NCF*.

### **13.6 Time for Filing Appeals**

The time to file an appeal to CAS shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party. The above notwithstanding, the following shall apply in connection with appeals filed by a party entitled to appeal but which was not a party to the proceedings having lead to the decision subject to appeal:

- a) Within ten (10) days from notice of the decision, such party/ies shall have the right to request from the body having issued the decision a copy of the file on which such body relied;
- b) If such a request is made within the ten-day period, then the party making such request shall have twenty-one (21) days from receipt of the file to file an appeal to CAS.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal or intervention filed by *WADA* shall be the later of:

- (a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party in the case could have appealed, or
- (b) Twenty-one (21) days after *WADA's* receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

## **ARTICLE 14            REPORTING AND RECOGNITION**

### **14.1    Notice, Confidentiality and Reporting**

Notice to *Players* and Other *Persons* who is a member of a *NCF* may be accomplished by delivery of the notice to the *NCF*.

#### **14.1.1            Confidentiality.**

The recipient organizations shall not disclose this information beyond those *Persons* with a need to know (which would include the appropriate personnel at the applicable *National Olympic Committee*, *NCF*, and team in a *Team Sport*) until the *Anti-Doping Organization* with results management responsibility has made public disclosure or has failed to make public disclosure as required in Article 14.2 below.

### **14.2    Public Disclosure.**

**14.2.1**            The identity of any *Player* or other *Person* who is asserted by FIDE or its *NCFs* to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, may be *publicly disclosed* by FIDE or its *NCFs* only after notice has been provided to the *Player* or other *Person* in accordance with Articles 7.1, 7.2 or 7.4, and to the applicable *Anti-Doping Organizations*.



**14.2.2** No later than twenty (20) days after it has been determined in a hearing in accordance with Article 8 that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, or such hearing has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not been timely challenged, FIDE or its *NCFs* must publicly report the disposition of the anti-doping matter including the sport, the anti-doping rule violated, the name of the *Player* or other *Person* committing the violation, the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* involved and the *Consequences* imposed. FIDE or its *NCFs* must also publicly report within twenty (20) days appeal decisions concerning anti-doping rule violations. FIDE or its *NCFs* shall also, within the time period for publication, send all hearing and appeal decisions to *WADA*.

**14.2.3** In any case where it is determined, after a hearing or appeal, that the *Player* or other *Person* did not commit an anti-doping rule violation, the decision may be disclosed publicly only with the consent of the *Player* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision. FIDE and its *NCFs* shall use reasonable efforts to obtain such consent, and if consent is obtained, shall publicly disclose the decision in its entirety or in such redacted form as the *Player* or other *Person* may approve.

**14.2.4** For purposes of Article 14.2, publication shall be accomplished at a minimum by placing the required information on the FIDE or its *NCFs'* Web site and leaving the information up for at least one (1) year.

**14.2.5** Neither FIDE, nor its *NCF*, or official of either, shall publicly comment on the specific facts of a pending case (as opposed to general description of process and science) except in response to public comments attributed to the *Player*, other *Person* or their representatives.

### **14.3 *Player Whereabouts Information.***

As further provided in the *International Standard for Testing*, *Players* who have been identified by FIDE or its *NCFs* for inclusion in a *Registered Testing Pool* shall provide accurate, current location information. This information shall be maintained in strict confidence at all times; shall be used exclusively for purposes of planning, coordinating or conducting *Testing*; and shall be destroyed after it is no longer relevant for these purposes.

### **14.4 *Statistical Reporting.***

FIDE or its *NCFs* shall, at least annually, publish publicly a general statistical report of their *Doping Control* activities with a copy provided to *WADA*.

### **14.5 *Doping Control Information Clearinghouse.***

*WADA* shall act as a central clearinghouse for *Doping Control Testing* data and results for *International-Level Players* and national-level *Players* who have been included in their *National Anti-Doping Organization's Registered Testing Pool*. To facilitate coordinated test distribution planning and to avoid

unnecessary duplication in *Testing* by the various *Anti-Doping Organizations*, FIDE or its *NCFs* shall report all *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition* tests on such *Players* to the WADA clearinghouse as soon as possible after such tests have been conducted. This information will be made accessible to the *Player*, the *Player's NCF*, *National Olympic Committee* or *National Paralympic Committee*, *National Anti-Doping Organization*, FIDE, and the *International Olympic Committee* or *International Paralympic Committee*.

#### **14.6 Data Privacy.**

When performing obligations under these rules, FIDE or its *NCFs* may collect, store, process or disclose personal information relating to *Players* and third parties. FIDE or its *NCFs* shall ensure that they comply with applicable data protection and privacy laws with respect to their handling of such information, as well as the *International Standard* for the protection of privacy that WADA shall adopt to ensure *Players* and non-*Players* are fully informed of and, where necessary, agree to the handling of their personal information in connection with anti-doping activities arising under the *Code* and these *anti-doping rules*.

### **ARTICLE 15        MUTUAL RECOGNITION**

15.1 Subject to the right to appeal provided in Article 13, *Testing*, TUE's and hearing results or other final adjudications of any *NCF* or *Signatory* which are consistent with the *Code* and are within the *NCF* or *Signatory's* authority, shall be recognized and respected by FIDE and all *NCFs*.

15.2 FIDE and its *NCFs* shall recognize the same actions of other bodies which have not accepted the *Code* if the rules of those bodies are otherwise consistent with the *Code*.

15.3 Subject to the right to appeal provided in Article 13, any decision of FIDE regarding a violation of these Anti-Doping Rules shall be recognized by all *NCFs*, which shall take all necessary action to render such decision effective.

### **ARTICLE 16        INCORPORATION OF FIDE ANTI-DOPING RULES**

All *NCFs* shall comply with these Anti-Doping Rules. These Anti-Doping Rules shall also be incorporated either directly or by reference into each *NCFs* Rules. All *NCFs* shall include in their regulations the procedural rules necessary to effectively implement these Anti-Doping Rules.

### **ARTICLE 17        STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

No action may be commenced against a *Player* or other *Person* for anti-doping rule violation contained in these Anti-Doping Rules unless such action is commenced within eight (8) years from the date the violation is asserted to have occurred.

## **ARTICLE 18            FIDE COMPLIANCE REPORTS TO WADA**

The FIDE will report to WADA on the FIDE's compliance with the *Code* every second year and shall explain reasons for any noncompliance.

## **ARTICLE 19            AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF ANTI-DOPING RULES**

**19.1** These Anti-Doping Rules may be amended from time to time by FIDE.

**19.2** These Anti-Doping Rules shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to existing law or statutes, except as provided in Article 19.5.

**19.3** The headings used for the various Parts and Articles of these Anti-Doping Rules are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of these Anti-Doping Rules or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

**19.4** The INTRODUCTION, the APPENDIX I, DEFINITIONS and the *International Standards* issued by WADA shall be considered integral parts of these Anti-Doping Rules.

**19.5** These Anti-Doping Rules have been adopted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the *Code* and shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with applicable provisions of the *Code*.

**19.6** The comments annotating various provisions of the *Code* and these Anti-Doping Rules should be used to interpret these Anti-Doping Rules.

**19.7** These Anti-Doping Rules have come into full force and effect on July 1st 2010 (the "Effective Date"). They shall not apply retrospectively to matters pending before the Effective Date; provided, however, that:

**19.7.1** With respect to any anti-doping rule violation case which is pending as of the Effective Date and any anti-doping rule violation case brought after the Effective Date based on an anti-doping rule violation which occurred prior to the Effective Date, the case shall be governed by the substantive anti-doping rules in effect at the time the alleged anti-doping rule violation occurred unless the panel hearing the case determines the principle of "lex mitior" appropriately applies under the circumstances of the case.

**19.7.2** With respect to cases where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the Effective Date, but the *Player* or other *Person* is still serving the period of *Ineligibility* as of the Effective Date, the *Player* or other *Person* may apply to the *Anti-Doping Organization* which had results management responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* in light of these anti-doping rules. Such

application must be made before the period of *Ineligibility* has expired. The decision rendered may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.2. These anti-doping rules shall have no application to any anti-doping rule violation case where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered and the period of *Ineligibility* has expired.

**19.7.3** Subject always to Article 10.7.5, anti-doping rule violations committed under rules in force prior to the Effective Date shall be taken into account as prior offences for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10.7. Where such pre-Effective Date anti-doping rule violation involved a substance that would be treated as a Specified Substance under these Anti-Doping Rules, for which a period of *Ineligibility* of less than two years was imposed, such violation shall be considered a Reduced Sanction violation for purposes of Article 10.7.1.

## APPENDIX 1 - DEFINITIONS

ADAMS. *The Anti-Doping Administration and Management System is a Web-based database management tool for data entry, storage, sharing, and reporting designed to assist stakeholders and WADA in their anti-doping operations in conjunction with data protection legislation.*

Adverse Analytical Finding. A report from a laboratory or other WADA-approved *Testing* entity that, consistent with the *International Standard* for Laboratories and related Technical Documents, identifies in a *Sample* the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* (including elevated quantities of endogenous substances) or evidence of the *Use* of a *Prohibited Method*.

Anti-Doping Organization. A *Signatory* that is responsible for adopting rules for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the *Doping Control* process. This includes, for example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other *Major Event Organizations* that conduct *Testing* at their *Events*, WADA, NCFs, and *National Anti-Doping Organizations*.

Attempt. Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an anti-doping rule violation. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on an *Attempt* to commit a violation if the *Person* renounces the *Attempt* prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the *Attempt*.

Atypical Finding. A report from a laboratory or other WADA-approved entity which requires further investigation as provided by the *International Standard* for Laboratories or related Technical Documents prior to the determination of an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

CAS. The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Code. The World Anti-Doping Code.

Competition. A single game, match, tournament or team competition

Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations. A *Player's* or other *Person's* violation of an anti-doping rule may result in one or more of the following: (a) Disqualification means the *Player's* results in a particular *Competition* or *Event* are invalidated, with all resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes; (b) Ineligibility means the *Player* or other *Person* is barred for a specified period of time from participating in any *Competition* or other activity or funding as provided in Article 10.10; and (c) Provisional Suspension means the *Player* or other *Person* is barred temporarily from participating in any *Competition* prior to the final decision at a hearing conducted under Article 8 (Right to a Fair Hearing).

Disqualification. See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations*, above.

Doping Control. All steps and processes from test distribution planning through to ultimate disposition of any appeal including all steps and processes in between such as provision of whereabouts information, *Sample* collection and handling, laboratory analysis, TUE's, results management and hearings.

Event. A series of individual *Competitions* conducted together under one ruling body.

Event Period. The time between the beginning and end of an *Event*, as established by the ruling body of the *Event* - *FIDE*, *NF* or *Continental Organization*.

In-Competition. "*In-Competition*" means the period commencing twelve hours before a *Competition* in which the *Player* is scheduled to participate through the end of such *Competition* and the *Sample* collection process related to such *Competition*.

Independent Observer Program. A team of observers, under the supervision of *WADA*, who observe and may provide guidance on the *Doping Control* process at certain *Events* and report on their observations.

Individual Sport. Any sport that is not a *Team Sport*.

Ineligibility. See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

International Event. An *Event* where *FIDE* is the ruling body for the event or appoints the technical officials for the *Event*. An event or competition organized under the responsibility of a Continent is also an international event.

International-Level Player. *Players* designated by one or more International Federations as being within the *Registered Testing Pool* for an International Federation.

International Standard. A standard adopted by *WADA* in support of the *Code*. Compliance with an *International Standard* (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the *International Standard* were performed properly. *International Standards* shall include any Technical Documents issued pursuant to the *International Standard*.

Major Event Organizations. The continental associations of *National Olympic Committees* and other international multi-sport organizations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other *International Event*.

Marker. A compound, group of compounds or biological parameter(s) that indicates the *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

Metabolite. Any substance produced by a biotransformation process.

Minor. A natural *Person* who has not reached the age of majority as established by the applicable laws of his or her country of residence.

National Anti-Doping Organization. The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules, direct the collection of *Samples*, the management of test results, and the conduct of hearings, all at the national level. This includes an entity which may be designated by multiple countries to serve as regional *Anti-Doping Organization* for such countries. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country's *National Olympic Committee* or its designee.

National Event. A sport *Event* involving international or national-level *Players* that is not an *International Event*.

NCF. A national or regional entity which is a member of or is recognized by FIDE as the entity governing the FIDE's sport in that nation or region.

National Olympic Committee. The organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The term *National Olympic Committee* shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical *National Olympic Committee* responsibilities in the anti-doping area.

No Advance Notice. A *Doping Control* which takes place with no advance warning to the *Player* and where the *Player* is continuously chaperoned from the moment of notification through *Sample* provision.

No Fault or Negligence. The *Player's* establishing that he or she did not know or suspect, and could not reasonably have known or suspected even with the exercise of utmost caution, that he or she had *Used* or been administered the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

No Significant Fault or Negligence. The *Player's* establishing that his or her fault or negligence, when viewed in the totality of the circumstances and taking into account the criteria for *No Fault or Negligence*, was not significant in relationship to the anti-doping rule violation.

Out-of-Competition. Any *Doping Control* which is not *In-Competition*.

Participant. Any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*.

Person. A natural *Person* or an organization or other entity.

Player. Any *Person* who participates in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation), the national level (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*, including but not limited to those *Persons* in its *Registered*

*Testing Pool*), and any other competitor in sport who is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of any *Signatory* or other sports organization accepting the *Code*. All provisions of the *Code*, including, for example, *Testing*, and TUE's must be applied to international and national-level competitors. Some *National Anti-Doping Organizations* may elect to test and apply anti-doping rules to recreational-level or masters competitors who are not current or potential national caliber competitors. *National Anti-Doping Organizations* are not required, however, to apply all aspects of the *Code* to such *Persons*. Specific national rules may be established for Doping Control for non-international-level or non-national-level competitors without being in conflict with the *Code*. Thus, a country could elect to test recreational-level competitors but not require TUE's or whereabouts information. In the same manner, a *Major Event Organization* holding an *Event* only for masters-level competitors could elect to test the competitors but not require advance TUE or whereabouts information. For purposes of Article 2.8 (Administration or *Attempted Administration*) and for purposes of anti-doping information and education, any *Person* who participates in sport under the authority of any *Signatory*, government, or other sports organization accepting the *Code* is a *Player*.

*[Comment to Player: This definition makes it clear that all international and national-caliber Players are subject to the anti-doping rules of the Code, with the precise definitions of international and national level sport to be set forth in the anti-doping rules of the FIDE and National Anti-Doping Organizations, respectively. At the national level, anti-doping rules adopted pursuant to the Code shall apply, at a minimum, to all persons on national teams and all persons qualified to compete in any national championship in any sport. That does not mean, however, that all such Players must be included in a National Anti-Doping Organization's Registered Testing Pool. The definition also allows each National Anti-Doping Organization, if it chooses to do so, to expand its anti-doping program beyond national-caliber Players to competitors at lower levels of competition. Competitors at all levels of competition should receive the benefit of anti-doping information and education.]*

*Player Support Personnel*. Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, parent or any other *Person* working with, treating or assisting a *Player* participating in or preparing for sports *Competition*.

*Possession*. The actual, physical *Possession*, or the constructive *Possession* (which shall be found only if the person has exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists); provided, however, that if the person does not have exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists, constructive *Possession* shall only be found if the person knew about the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* and intended to exercise control over it. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on *Possession* if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the *Person* has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the *Person* has taken concrete action demonstrating that the *Person* never intended to have *Possession* and has



renounced *Possession* by explicitly declaring it to an *Anti-Doping Organization*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, the purchase (including by any electronic or other means) of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* constitutes *Possession* by the *Person* who makes the purchase.

*[Comment: Under this definition, steroids found in a Player's car would constitute a violation unless the Player establishes that someone else used the car; in that event, the Anti-Doping Organization must establish that, even though the Player did not have exclusive control over the car, the Player knew about the steroids and intended to have control over the steroids. Similarly, in the example of steroids found in a home medicine cabinet under the joint control of a Player and spouse, the Anti-Doping Organization must establish that the Player knew the steroids were in the cabinet and that the Player intended to exercise control over the steroids.]*

*Prohibited List.* The List identifying the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

*Prohibited Method.* Any method so described on the *Prohibited List*.

*Prohibited Substance.* Any substance so described on the *Prohibited List*.

*Provisional Hearing.* For purposes of Article 7.6, an expedited abbreviated hearing occurring prior to a hearing under Article 8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) that provides the *Player* with notice and an opportunity to be heard in either written or oral form.

*Provisional Suspension.* See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rules Violations* above.

*Publicly Disclose or Publicly Report.* To disseminate or distribute information to the general public or persons beyond those persons entitled to earlier notification in accordance with Article 14.

*Registered Testing Pool.* The pool of top level *Players* established separately by each InterNCF and *National Anti-Doping Organization* who are subject to both *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* as part of that InterNCF's or National Anti-Doping Organization's test distribution plan.

*Retroactive TUE.* As defined in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.

*Sample or Specimen.* Any biological material collected for the purposes of *Doping Control*.

*[Comment to Sample or Specimen: It has sometimes been claimed that the collection of blood Samples violates the tenets of certain religious or cultural groups. It has been determined that there is no basis for any such claim.]*

*Signatories.* Those entities signing the *Code* and agreeing to comply with the *Code*, including the International Olympic Committee, International Federations, International Paralympic Committee, *National Olympic Committees*, National

Paralympic Committees, Major Event Organizations, National Anti-Doping Organizations, and WADA.

Specified Substances. As defined in Article 4.2.2.

Substantial Assistance. For purposes of Article 10.5.3, a *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* must: (1) fully disclose in a signed written statement all information he or she possesses in relation to anti-doping rule violations, and (2) fully cooperate with the investigation and adjudication of any case related to that information, including, for example, presenting testimony at a hearing if requested to do so by an *Anti-Doping Organization* or hearing panel. Further, the information provided must be credible and must comprise an important part of any case which is initiated or, if no case is initiated, must have provided a sufficient basis on which a case could have been brought.

Tampering. Altering for an improper purpose or in an improper way; bringing improper influence to bear; interfering improperly; obstructing, misleading or engaging in any fraudulent conduct to alter results or prevent normal procedures from occurring; or providing fraudulent information to an *Anti-Doping Organization*.

Target Testing. Selection of *Players* for *Testing* where specific *Players* or groups of *Players* are selected on a non-random basis for *Testing* at a specified time.

Team Sport. A sport in which the substitution of players is permitted during a *Competition*.

Testing. The parts of the *Doping Control* process involving test distribution planning, *Sample* collection, *Sample* handling, and *Sample* transport to the laboratory.

Trafficking. Selling, giving, transporting, sending, delivering or distributing a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* (either physically or by any electronic or other means) by a *Player*, *Player Support Personnel* or any other *Person* subject to the jurisdiction of an *Anti-Doping Organization* to any third party; provided, however, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance* used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification, and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes.

TUE. As defined in Article 2.6.1.

TUE Panel. As defined in Article 4.4.5.

UNESCO Convention. The International Convention against Doping in Sport adopted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the UNESCO General Conference on 19 October 2005 including any and all amendments adopted by the States Parties to the Convention

and the Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

Use. The utilization, application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

WADA. The World Anti-Doping Agency.

## APPENDIX 2 - CONFIRMATION

I, as a member of FIDE and/or a participant in a FIDE or NCF authorized or recognized event, hereby declare as follows:

1. I confirm that I shall comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the FIDE Anti-Doping Rules (\*), including but not limited to, all amendments to the Anti-Doping Rules and all International Standards as issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency, permanently published on its website [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org), and incorporated in the FIDE anti-doping rules.
2. I consent and agree to the creation of my profile in WADA Doping Control Clearinghouse (ADAMS) and/or any other authorized National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) similar system under FIDE's agreement for the sharing of information, and to the entry of my doping control and therapeutic use exemptions related data in such systems.
3. I acknowledge that NCFs, FIDE and National Anti-Doping Organisations have jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided in the FIDE Anti-Doping Rules.
4. I have read and understand the present declaration.

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Date

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Print Name (Last Name, First Name)

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Date of Birth  
(Day/Month/Year)

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Signature (or, if a minor, signature of  
legal guardian)

(\*) For the FIDE anti-doping rules in effect see [www.fide.com](http://www.fide.com)