

UK Anti-Doping developments - FAQ

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FAQ to explain the UKAD developments that aim to support NGB's in their aspiration for Clean Sport

1. What is the UKAD Assurance Framework?

It is a policy developed by UKAD and Governing Bodies to ensure all Governing Bodies are meeting detailed requirements in ensuring fair competition with reference to anti-doping. It has been in development since 2021 and full details can be found [here](#).

2. Why is this being implemented?

Because we all believe that competition should be fair and safe. The Assurance Framework aims to provide a traceable agreement between participants and Clean Sport rules set by Governing Bodies so all competitors both abide by the rules and are reassured that the competition they are entering abides by UKA Anti-Doping rules.

3. What are the Implications of the Assurance Framework for Governing Bodies?

- a. UKA and EA must meet the requirements of the Assurance Framework to be compliant with Government instruction and the WADA plans.
- b. UKA has developed a new UKA Anti-Doping strategy which will be released shortly. Current documentation is [here](#)
- c. EA and the other Home Country Federations are developing Implementation plans to deliver on the strategy. The EA Implementation plan is [here](#). This plan and the page on the website will be updated regularly

4. What are the practical implications of the Assurance Framework?

- a. EA will signpost information on its website about Clean Sport and any of the latest news and developments
- b. All members of EA (and other Governing Bodies that adhere to the WADA and in athletics UKA Anti-Doping rules) must sign up to and adhere to UKA Anti-Doping rules
- c. EA will signpost Clean Sport Education and information for all its members through the website and communications.
- d. EA will conduct Clean Sport educational training for all athletes and coaches and delivery staff on the Talent Pathways and in Teams.

5. What are the practical implications for competition organisers and competitors
- a. Any licensed competition across all disciplines (track and field, road, trail, mountain etc.) will need to include a statement in the entry process that binds the entrant to UKA Anti-Doping rules for a period of 12 months from the date of entry
 - b. Any unregistered athlete i.e., a school athlete who can legitimately compete in a licensed competition must also be bound by the UKA Anti-Doping rules through the entry process
 - c. All licensed events, including Championships, Open meetings and Leagues are subject to this process
 - i. Entrants in league events entered by a Club should be made aware of the terms and conditions of entry which will need to include a statement binding the entrant to UKA Anti-Doping Rules.
 - ii. Club members will be required to be bound by UKA Anti-Doping rules
 - d. Competitors should make themselves aware of any requirements of the UKA Anti-Doping code which can be found on the UKA website [here](#) and/or the EA website [here](#).
 - e. The competition statement to bind an entrant to the UKA Anti-Doping rules reads

'An entrant shall be deemed to have made him/herself/their self, familiar with, and agreed to be bound by the UKA Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules.

The UKA Anti-Doping Rules apply to entrants participating in the sport of Athletics, for 12 months from the [date of entry], whether or not the entrant is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK.'

For reference

The impact of doping. It is not just the elite that break rules.

1. Time trial cyclist banned from Sport for four years.
<https://www.ukad.org.uk/news/time-trial-cyclist-shaun-leonard-banned-sport-four-years>
2. Welsh Rugby Union Player receives three-year ban.
<https://www.ukad.org.uk/news/welsh-rugby-union-player-liam-jenkins-receives-three-year-ban>

The Impact of doping.

1. Olympic Medal ordeal. <https://www.ukad.org.uk/news/kelly-sotherton-welcomes-positive-ending-olympic-medal-ordeal>
2. Thrower retires with a deep sense of injustice.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/athletics/39787909>

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Vision

Our vision is that athletes, support personnel and the wider public can have confidence that competition is carried out doping-free to ensure fair play and a belief in the performances that are seen.

What we will do

England Athletics will align with the UKA Clean Sport strategy. Through a series of educational and promotional interventions with clear goals and responsibility, England Athletics will implement the overarching UKA strategy within England as well as ensure promotion of its own aims.

Our aim is to ensure all registered athletes and support personnel have access to the latest information on clean sport. To do this we will

1. Produce an annual report on EA Clean Sport actions for EA Board approval and action by the approved Board Champion
2. Review and maintain up to date anti-doping rules, policies and guidance and communicate such to the athletics and running community.
3. Adopt the UKA Strategy for Clean Sport agreed with UKAD and aligned to the UKAD Assurance Framework
4. Promote England Athletics as a body that supports clean sport and the workings of UKAD and UKA Clean Athletics programmes
5. Deliver an education programme for identified talent athletes and their coaches
6. Deliver an education programme for England Team Coaches and staff
7. Monitor and evaluate the take up and success areas of the education programmes, review annually and redirect the Clean Athletics programme