

## INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION ANTI-DOPING STATEMENT

The International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) on its Foundation in 1991 embraced the principles of anti-doping and enshrined in its Competition Regulations an Anti-Doping Policy and Rules, first introduced at the 1st World Dragon Boat Racing Championships, held in Yu Yang, China, in 1995.

These measures have been implemented at IDBF World Championship Regattas ever since and revised, as and when required, to incorporate the Anti-Doping Rules for International Federations, promulgated by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

In furtherance of its role, the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF), in close collaboration with its Member Governing Associations, dedicates its efforts to ensuring that within the sport of Dragon Boat Racing, the spirit of Fair Play prevails; that violence is banned and that measures are taken to combat doping, with the object of protecting the Competitor's fundamental right to take part in doping-free sport and thus promote health, fairness and equality for all those participants in Dragon Boat Sport worldwide.

In carrying out its responsibilities and to ensure the proper respect for sports ethics, that all persons involved in the sport should show, **the IDBF prohibits doping and obliges all competitors** training for and competing in events organised or sanctioned by the IDBF; its Continental or Regional Federations or its Member Governing Associations to undergo medical tests and examinations and to accept the sanctions that will result from a violation of the published IDBF Anti- Doping Rules contained in the IDBF Anti-Doping Policy.

One of the objectives of the Olympic Movement is to eliminate doping from sport. In adopting the WADA Anti-Doping Rules, the IDBF shows its solidarity with the IOC in its desire to achieve such an objective. The primary means to achieve this will be continuing education regarding the ethical values of sport and the dangers, both physical and moral, of doping.

The basic principle of Anti-Doping Education is to preserve the spirit of sport from being undermined by doping.

An important part of Anti-Doping Education is to dissuade Competitor's from using Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods. In this, the IDBF supports the WADA Outreach Programme, its aims and objectives.

In keeping with the principle to act in the best interests of competitors and other persons concerned in the sport, whose rights to justice must be safeguarded, the IDBF Anti-Doping Rules include procedures that enable appeals to be lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against decisions that may be made under the IDBF Anti-Doping Policy. Fairness in procedure and a commitment to accountability is critical to the effective governance of sport.

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