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to - the National Sports Federation
affiliated to CIPS
- the Presidents of the CIPS International
Federations
cc - to CIPS *Praesidium* Members

Subject: request of promoting informational activity against doping

Dear Sport Friends,

A new sport season is about to start and I wish it will run, as always, in fair and smooth dealing.

As you will know, CIPS – with its International Federations of course - is ordinary member of the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA), which gives us the honorary *status* of a Sport Confederation internationally recognized by one of the utmost International Sports Organization, such as Sport Accord. Besides the honour that we can benefit by this condition, therefore there are many duties we must comply with. Among them, we have the necessity to submit the athletes attending our international competitions to random in and out-of-competition doping tests.

Nevertheless, this circumstances is also an opportunity to confirm the cleanness of our sport, not only in terms of fair-play but also in terms of good quality and good faith of our athletes' sports skills.

In this regard, it is important that all member National Federations provide the right information to their athletes called to attend CIPS international championships about the possibility to be submitted to anti-doping tests. In fact, despite our campaign of communication about doping (publication on CIPS and FIPS websites, information on competition programs, recalls on place on occasion of international championships), CIPS registered in 2022 three positive cases, which could be avoided if the athletes would have been well informed on the behaviour to perform and which consequently discredit our International Confederation.

CIPS is planning to put in place many educational activities devoted to athletes on occasion of international championships aimed at raising awareness, informing, communicating, to instilling values, developing life skills and decision-making capability to prevent intentional and

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unintentional anti-doping rule violation. **However, it is important that the National Federations themselves supply their athletes with the correct information in this regard.**

So, we ask you to invite your athletes to consult the CIPS website <https://www.cips-fips.com/cips/antidopage.html> where it is possible to find any necessary information in case of assumption of substances that WADA bans (see the list https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/2023list_en_final_9_september_2022.pdf) but which are necessary for personal health care. In these cases, athletes can simply request for a Therapeutics Use Exemption (TUE) in due time, which would prevent them from being considered violating the WADA code and undergo to a sanction, such as, for instance, the suspension from future championships.

For any more detailed information, please invite your athletes to contact us segreteriainternazionale@fipsas.it, we will be glad to help them.

Best regards.

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CIPS President