

USADA TESTING AND RESULTS MANAGEMENT PROCESS



U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

RESEARCH

EDUCATION

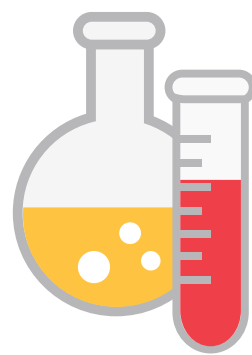
Athletes in the U.S. are supported by a gold standard testing process aimed at detecting and deterring doping, following the worldwide harmonized practices for testing and results management. At the same time, significant efforts in education are undertaken to prevent doping in future generations and investment in research is committed to advancing anti-doping science.

TESTING

SAMPLE COLLECTION

Two types of testing:

- In-competition and out-of-competition
- Athletes are subject to urine, blood and other WADA-Approved sample collection matrices.



LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Samples are collected and processed, sent to WADA-accredited labs for analysis, and may be stored for up to 10 years for possible retesting as new testing detection methods are developed.

RESULTS MANAGEMENT

NO ADVERSE ANALYTICAL FINDING

- No prohibited substances detected.
- Notice is sent to the athlete, the athlete's National Governing Body (NGB), U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), International Federation (IF), and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- No further action taken.

ADVERSE ANALYTICAL FINDING

- One or more prohibited substances detected in sample; USADA receives adverse analytical finding A sample lab report.
- Notice of finding sent to athlete, NGB, USOPC, athlete's International Federation (IF), and WADA.
- Athlete has the option to proceed with the B sample analysis at the lab. Athlete and/or athlete's representative has the right to attend processing of the B sample.
- B sample finding received by USADA and copy is sent to athlete, NGB, IF, WADA, and USOPC.

NO ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION

- Athlete, NGB, IF, WADA, and USOPC receive notification.

ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION (ADRV)

Acceptance of Sanction:

- Athlete can choose to accept a sanction at any point during the results management process.

Request for Hearing:

- Athlete exercises the right to request a hearing before an independent arbitral body or, if the athlete, USADA, and WADA agree, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
- If the initial hearing is not heard at CAS, the athlete, USADA, IF, and WADA have the right to appeal hearing decision to CAS.
- CAS ruling is final.

Public announcements are made for athletes accepting a sanction and for hearing decisions finding a violation of the anti-doping rules.

