

Doping Control Manual



2010 Anti-doping Rules Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)

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General Information

Doping control may occur during any FIRS Events. Athletes, who use medications that are included on the Prohibited List, must fill in the Therapeutic Use Exemption form with their physician. The completed TUE forms must be submitted to the FIRS doping control officer at least 30 days before the event. All documents (TUE form and medical evidence attachments) must be written in English or Spanish. Generic names of medication must be used.

Information about Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)

For substances and methods on the Prohibited List

FIRS athletes, like other athletes, may have illnesses or conditions that require them to take particular medications. If the medication that an athlete is required to take to treat an illness or condition happens to fall under the Prohibited List, a Therapeutic Use Exemption will give the athlete the authorization to take the needed medicine. Athletes may apply for a TUE for any treatment involving a substance or method on the Prohibited List.

Medical evidence needed to support the diagnosis

There needs to be objective medical evidence to confirm the diagnosis and the need for treatment with a prohibited substance. This medical evidence must be sent together with the TUE application. Medical evidence shall include complete medical history (for example onset of the disease, family history, triggers, severity, etc.), results of all examinations and laboratory investigations and/or the imaging studies.

Required in official FIRS Events

All international level athletes (athletes in the FIRS Registered Testing) and/or players entering in an international FIRS event (FIRS World Championship or Confederation Championship), who use prohibited substances and/or methods, must fill the TUE Form and submit the Application to the FIRS. FIRS is responsible for accepting applications and granting the certificates. All TUE applications will be reviewed by the FIRS Medical Committee. If approved, the athlete can begin treatment after receiving the authorization notice from the FIRS (except in rare cases of an acute life threatening condition for which a retroactive approval may be considered).

Reciprocal Approval of TUE

FIRS medical commission will accept, by reciprocal arrangement, any TUE issued by a FIRS approved anti-doping organization (ADO) in conformity with the WADA International standards for TUE. ADOs include other International Federations and National anti-doping organizations.

Sanction fee for late TUE applications

The TUE applications need to be sent to FIRS at least **30 days** in advance of the FIRS event. The sanction fee of \$50 US may be applied for the late incoming TUE applications. The sanction fee, if applied, shall be paid by the National Federation of the applying athlete.

Validity of granted TUE's

After FIRS Medical committee has reviewed a TUE application and granted a permission to use a prohibited substance or method, the athlete will receive a TUE certificate from the FIRS. The athlete should carry a copy of the certificate with him/her to all rollersports events. The certificate should be presented to the doping control officer at the time of testing.

All TUE's are granted for a limited period of time. At least 30 days before the expiry date, a new TUE application must be sent to the FIRS together with up-to-date medical evidence. The validity of the TUE is dependent on the prohibited substance or method, but normally TUE's are valid for 2 - 4 years.

All TUE's granted by FIRS are valid in the different national events and competitions around the world.

How to apply for a TUE?

Athletes with no valid TUE or TUE issued by FIRS

Download and fill in the FIRS TUE form from FIRS webpage

- The TUE form requires both the athlete's and the physician's signature
- The TUE form can be downloaded from FIRS web page www.rollersports.org under Sports Medicine or Documents
- Alternatively TUEs can be requested through ADAMS

Gather required medical evidence

- Complete medical history (including onset of the disease, family history, triggers, severity)
- Results of all examinations
- Laboratory investigations and/or the imaging studies
- Confirmation that there is no suitable permitted medication available (this requirement is relaxed for asthma medications in 2010)
- Reason why any permitted medication is not suitable
- That proposed treatment substances or methods are not performance enhancing
- The condition requiring treatment is no as the result of the use of prohibited substances or methods

Send the completed TUE form together with the medical evidence to the FIRS

- TUE's can be sent to the FIRS by fax, e-mail or post (see contacts below)

Athletes with existing TUE from another Anti-doping Organisation

- Athletes should apply to FIRS for reciprocal recognition of existing TUE at least 30 days before the event or immediately on being notified of inclusion in Registered Testing Pool (RTP)
- Athlete should download FIRS TUE application form and complete personal information section and prescribing doctor details.
- Athlete should attach a copy of
 - TUE certificate from ADO

- Copy of all medical information supplied to issuing ADO
- Copy of any correspondence from ADO
- Athletes should sign the TUE application form

FIRS will provide written confirmation that the TUE has been accepted by reciprocal arrangement within 30 days of receipt.

Instructions for athletes using asthma medication

- All **inhaled glucocorticosteroids** are permitted out of competition and require declaration of use for in competition use (for example in FIRS events).
- **Salbutamol** and **salmeterol** are permitted in competition and out of competition in dosages considered to be appropriate for the treatment of asthma (see below).
- **Formoterol** and **terbutaline** require a full TUE (with medical evidence – see below – asthma TUE)
(Reason why permitted medication use of salbutamol and salmeterol not suitable relaxed for 2010, especially for athlete already established on treatment)

Asthma medication declared on the doping control form

- The use of **salbutamol**, provided the level in the urine is less than 1000 ng/ml (dosage guideline max. 1600 µg/24 h), and **salmeterol** by inhalation do not require a TUE, but should be declared on the doping control form at the time of testing. These substances when used in other ways, for example orally (tablets), are still prohibited and require TUE's.
- Inhaled Asthma medications that include **salbutamol** are: *Airomir, Atrodual, Buventol, Ipramol, Salipra, Ventilastin and Ventoline*. Inhaled Asthma medications that include **salmeterol** are: *Seretide and Serevent*.
- **Inhaled Glucocorticosteroids** do not require a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), but should be declared on the doping control form at the time of testing.

Asthma medication requiring a TUE

- Beta-2 agonists e.g. **terbutaline** and **formoterol** are prohibited and require a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).
- The request for a TUE should include a complete medical file with a clear explanation of why an alternate medication is being prescribed.

Summary of requirements for the medical file in case of treatment of asthma with terbutaline or formoterol (attach to TUE application):

- A complete medical history
- A comprehensive report of the clinical examinations with specific focus on the respiratory system
- A report of spirometry with the measurement of the Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second (FEV1), Forced Vital capacity (FVC) and FEV1/FVC%
- If airway obstruction is present, the spirometry will be repeated after inhalation of a short acting Beta-2 agonist to demonstrate the reversibility of bronchoconstriction
- In the absence of reversible airway obstruction on spirometry, a bronchial provocation test is required to establish the presence of airway-hyper responsiveness
- If spirometry and bronchial provocation tests are negative, then an opinion of a doctor familiar with the diagnosis and management of asthma will be required to confirm the diagnosis on the clinical history,

- It should be noted that, at least for 2010, the intent is not to deny the use of alternate Beta-2 agonists because there is now a permitted substitute (salbutamol/salmeterol), particularly where a treatment regimen has already been established. For athletes newly diagnosed with asthma, permitted Beta-2 agonists should be considered as primary treatments unless otherwise justified.

Examples of Beta-2 agonists including **terbutaline** or **formoterol**: *Bricanyl, Fomeda, Foradil, Formaxa Oxis, Symbicort and Terbasmin*.

Instructions for athletes using Glucocorticosteroids

- Systemic glucocorticosteroids (see below) are prohibited **in competition only**.

Glucocorticosteroids requiring a TUE

- All glucocorticosteroids are prohibited in competition when administered by **oral, intravenous, intramuscular** or **rectal routes** and require a TUE.

Glucocorticosteroids declared on the doping control form

- Glucocorticosteroids used by **intraarticular, periarticular, peritendinous, epidural, intradermal** and **inhalation routes** do not require a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), but should be declared on the doping control form at the time of testing.

Permitted Glucocorticosteroids

- Topical preparations when used for **auricular, buccal, dermatological** (including iontophoresis/phonophoresis), **gingival, nasal, ophthalmic** and perianal are not prohibited and do not require either a TUE or DOU.

Advice for Pseudoephedrine

WADA has reintroduced **pseudoephedrine** (PSE) to the 2010 Prohibited List as a specified stimulant prohibited in-competition at a urinary threshold of 150µg/mL **Pseudoephedrine** is commonly used for treating allergic nasal catarrh (flu). The established threshold levels may be reached (rarely, but possibly) by some individuals within 6-20 hours of intake of some long-lasting therapeutic formulations.

Advise athletes to stop taking PSE pills at least 24 hours before competition.

For therapeutic applications during the In-Competition period, consider the use of alternative permitted medications upon previous consultation with a physician, or apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for the use of PSE for therapeutic purpose(s).

Pseudoephedrine products are for example: *Sudofed, Aerinaze, Cirrus and Duact*.

Read carefully the contents on the medication packaging of any preparation as the ingredients may vary from country to country.

More information

More information and answers to Anti-Doping related questions can be asked from **FIRS doping control officer** by e-mail or phone (see contact information below).

Anti-Doping information can also be found on the internet:

FIRS web page www.rollersports.org *Sports Medicine*
WADA web page www.wada-ama.org *World Anti-Doping Code*

Useful links

WADA Prohibited substances list 2010

[http://www.wada-ama.org/Documents/World Anti-Doping Program/WADP-Prohibited-list/WADA Prohibited List 2010 EN.pdf](http://www.wada-ama.org/Documents/World%20Anti-Doping%20Program/WADP-Prohibited-list/WADA%20Prohibited%20List%202010%20EN.pdf)
www.rollersports.org/sportsmedicine

Download the FIRS TUE form

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Links to National Anti-Doping agencies

<http://www.wada-ama.org/en/Anti-Doping-Community/NADOs/List-of-NADOs/>

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