

## **2015 Code Implementation**

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The MSA aim, working in partnership with UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) is to ensure that sport is protected from the threat of doping, and that competitors have the consistent right to compete against other clean competitors. Athlete Support Personnel (ASP), like you, play a vital role in the protection of clean sport.

As ASP, anti-doping rules apply to you too and from 1 January 2015 a revised World Anti-Doping Code (2015 Code) comes into effect. This means that internationally, everyone will be working to a new set of anti-doping rules that will guide the anti-doping programmes in each country.

The 2015 Code places greater responsibility on ASP recognising the role you play in supporting competitors and the influence you can have. It is vital that you understand the 2015 Code and its implications to both you and your competitors.

From 1 January 2015 those who choose to deliberately cheat and return a positive test will face a four-year ban from all sport as the minimum sanction for the first offence.

However, the 2015 Code also has less sympathy for carelessness. The penalty for inadvertent doping is likely to be a two-year ban or more.

Remember that it's not just a positive test by a competitor that is an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV). In addition to the current eight ADRVs, four of which apply to ASP, there will be two new ADRVs that apply to all: Complicity and Prohibited Association.

Education is now a mandatory component of the 2015 Code to help protect competitors and ASP. We encourage you to take the opportunities available to learn more about how the 2015 Code affects you. Make sure you have the knowledge you need to protect yourself, your athletes and to help us keep sport clean.

For more information, please read the 2015 Code ASP factsheet and visit **UKAD's 2015 Code**

**Microsite**

[[www.ukad.org.uk/2015-code](http://www.ukad.org.uk/2015-code)]

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You can also go to the **WADA website** [[www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)] for key facts, and to see the 2015 Code documentation.

For information on Therapeutic Use Exemption certificates please read the MSA Anti-Doping Regulations:

<https://www.msauk.org/assets/tue.pdf>

Kind regards,

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