



RETIRED ATHLETE RETURNING TO COMPETITION

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ADVICE FOR INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES IN WORLD SKATE REGISTERED TESTING POOL OR TESTING POOL 2 WITH REGARD TO PROCEDURE FOR RETURNING TO COMPETITION AFTER RETIREMENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2021 WADA CODE CLAUSE 5.6 OF THE WORLD SKATE ANTI-DOPING RULES STATES THE FOLLOWING

5.6 Retired *Athletes* Returning to *Competition*

- 5.6.1** If an *International-Level Athlete* or *National-Level Athlete* in World Skate's *Registered Testing Pool* retires and then wishes to return to active participation in sport, the *Athlete* shall not compete in *International Events* or *National Events* until the *Athlete* has made himself or herself available for *Testing*, by giving six (6) months prior written notice to World Skate and their *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

WADA, in consultation with World Skate and the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization*, may grant an exemption to the six (6) month written notice rule where the strict application of that rule would be unfair to the *Athlete*. This decision may be appealed under Article 13.

Any competitive results obtained in violation of this Article 5.6.1 shall be *Disqualified* unless the *Athlete* can establish that he or she could not have reasonably known that this was an *International Event* or a *National Event*.

- 5.6.2** If an *Athlete* retires from sport while subject to a period of *Ineligibility*, the *Athlete* must notify the *Anti-Doping Organization* that imposed the period of *Ineligibility* in writing of such retirement. If the *Athlete* then wishes to return to active competition in sport, the *Athlete* shall not compete in *International Events* or *National Events* until the



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Athlete has made himself or herself available for *Testing* by giving six (6) months prior written notice (or notice equivalent to the period of *Ineligibility* remaining as of the date the *Athlete* retired, if that period was longer than six (6) months) to World Skate and to their *National Anti-Doping Organization*.



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