

World Skate Annual Report for 2019

2019 has been a successful year for World Skate. 245 samples were collected including 15 dilute samples two (2) of which were not analysed, 22 samples for haematological passport and 5 blood sample for growth hormone.

There is now one World Skate staff member and a World Skate legal consultant assisting part time on anti-doping matters. These two people are of great benefit to the anti-doping team.

TESTING STATISTICS

Discipline	Tests	ESA	GHRF	GH	CG/C/IRMS
Inline Speed > 1000m	24	10	4	2	1
Inline speed 1000m or less	21	6	7	3	1
Hockey Codes	16	3	3	0	1
Artistic	2	1	1	0	0
Alpine & Downhill	6	1	2	0	0
Inline Freestyle	2	0	1	0	0
Roller Freestyle	6	2	2	0	0
Skateboarding	147- 2	23	22	0	1
Roller Derby	0				

Discipline	Tests IC	Tests OC	Haematological passport	Dilute samples	CG/C/IRMS
Inline Speed > 1000m	16 U	6U+2B	5	0	1
Inline speed 1000m or less	12U	18U+3B	15	0	1
Hockey Codes	16	0	0	0	1
Artistic	2	0	0	0	0
Alpine & Downhill	6	0	0	0	0
Inline Freestyle	2	0	0	0	0
Roller Freestyle	6	0	0	0	0
Skateboarding	145	2U	2	22	1
Roller Derby	0	0	0		

All four IRMS were negative.

15 dilute samples were returned by 7 athletes. 2 had 3 dilute samples and 1 had 4. The new guidelines in force 1 March 2020 should assist in eliminating this issue.

World Skate started to test Skateboarding athletes in 2018 and has continued into 2019 with 147 tests, including 2 dilute samples which were not analysed, being completed. For some of these tests World Skate partnered with ABCD who took over.

TA and SCA responsibilities with World Skate controlling athlete selection and maintaining RMA responsibilities. This arrangement worked well for both ADOs as working in partnership provided an efficient cost - effective program and strengthened the relationship between World Skate and the NADO in one of the most prominent countries for skateboarding.

As social drugs were viewed as the highest risks for skateboarding athletes in 2019 in competition testing has predominated. As the pressures of Olympic selection increases the risk of doping for skateboarding athletes will predominate in the World Skate RTP and TP2 to allow for increased out of competition testing in 2020.

Education prior to testing was re-enforced and completed by participants as skateboarding traditionally has been a free urban sport which has never been subjected to doping controls. During 2019 the skateboarding athletes and support personnel were co-operative with all doping control activities.

We continue to have issues with Doping Control Forms (DCFs) being incorrectly entered into ADAMS with incorrect disciplines and/or incorrect International Federation being recorded by laboratories. I understand that World Skate with so many disciplines lends itself to errors. These issues are compounded by difficulty in getting access to athletes in ADAMS for whom World Skate is RMA. The situation has improved from last year as the discrepancies are picked up quickly and everyone is very co-operative in making adjustments however it would be helpful if WADA gave consideration to giving the International Federations automatic rights to all athletes under their jurisdiction. This would save a lot of time and frustration.

I have experienced two instances where an athlete's sample has recorded an AAF and the declared use of medication by the athlete has not been transcribed to the DCF entry into ADAMS. This makes the situation difficult for the RMA and is an omission that is not in the best interests of the athlete.

REGISTERED TESTING POOL AND HAEMATOLOGICAL PASSPORT

The World Skate registered testing pool programme has been developed based on risk assessment and is out-sourced to Independent Testing Authority (ITA). The registered testing pool in 2019 comprised 10 athletes, 5 from inline speed skating 1000m or less, 4 from inline speed skating >1000m and 1 from skateboarding street.

In 2019 inline speed skating remained the discipline with the biggest likelihood of doping. The biggest risk for skateboarding athletes in 2019 is perceived as social drugs so in competition testing continued as a priority. In 2020 skateboarders will be added to the RTP to enhance the OCT program.

ATHLETE PASSPORT MANAGEMENT UNIT (APMU)

World Skate have contracted the APMU provided by the Lausanne lab. 316 notifications have occurred as a result of the athlete biological passport program, 289 steroid and 27 haematological. Of these 51 steroid and 1 haematological profiles were considered atypical, none being suggestive of doping. Four GC/C/IRMS tests have been added to tests because of atypical passport findings. 2 samples from 2019 and 3 from previous years are in long term storage.

HEARINGS AND SANCTIONS IN 2019

There have been no hearings or sanctions conducted or issued by World Skate in the 2019 year. There have been 2 AAFs for the presence of a stimulant. One athlete had an advance TUE, one had a retroactive TUE approved. A third athlete returned an AAF for prednisolone. A nasal spray that contained prednisolone was declared on the DCF and the lab confirmed the level of prednisolone in the sample was commensurate with the stated use of the nasal spray and a fourth athlete returned a very low level of clenbuterol. This athlete was in Guatemala when the sample was collected and had visited Mexico and could prove he ate meat there. Clenbuterol is known to be a contaminant of meat in both countries. None of the 4 AAFs were carried forward as an ADRV.

WORLD SKATE THERAPEUTIC EXEMPTION COMMITTEE

The Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Committee have approved 7 TUES including 2 in consultation with USADA, and recognised 13 across the disciplines of Roller Derby, Artistic, Inline Speed, Hockey and Skateboarding.

Data Protection and Privacy

Data protection policy have been adopted in the World Skate office and access to anti-doping information is on a need to know basis. There are two personal anti-doping email addresses for anti-doping matters that can only be accessed by the person owning the address.

One member of staff has been appointed to deal with anti-doping matters within the World Skate office

World Skate has developed and adopted an electronic system for recording athlete registration data, agreement for anti-doping data sharing and uploading of education certificate. One person has been appointed to deal with this information.

EDUCATION

ANTI-DOPING MANAGER AND STAFF

In 2019 Patricia Wallace and Caterina Noto attended the WADA symposium in Lausanne. This is a very important symposium as we gain a lot of understanding of what we read and also have an opportunity for networking.

I attended the iNADO workshop and participated in webinars provided by iNADO when they are available. The different perspective provided here is very valuable in adopting a balanced approach to all things anti-doping.

ATHLETES & SUPPORT PERSONNEL

All National Federations within World Skate must provide a means for anti-doping education for their member athletes. The formal education can be through a NADO which has cultural and language advantages or through ADEL, an online education platform provided by WADA. There is a link to WADA resources and anti-doping advice on the World Skate Website. World Skate posts regular advice on anti-doping issues to National Federations. Compliance with anti-doping education requirement has been very hard to police and it has become clear, now that we are using the new platform, that that compliance has been very patchy.

In 2019 upload of a certificate of completion of education to the newly developed registration platform is mandatory for all athletes and support personnel to register for a World Skate World Championship. If there is no certificate of education the platform will not register the participant.

Advice related to supplement use and risks involved has been highlighted but still supplements are still listed on the majority of Doping Control Forms (DCF). Athletes have been given information of third-party websites and apps, including the ASADA app and NSF app, where supplements can be checked to lessen the risk.

EDUCATION SKATEBOARDING

In 2019 the following education programmes were provided

Re-enforcement of education sessions already provided
Prohibited List and how to check your substance
Presentation on responsibilities of registered and other testing pool athletes
Presentation on TUE

Presentations are posted on the World Skate website and available for download for all.

FINANCE

Finance is a key limiting factor in World Skate anti-doping programme especially as obligatory requirements for compliance grow and grow. This means that we have to be creative in finding ways of providing adequate funding and in using it to effectively run the programmes

Every year there are more and more mandatory requirements for the anti-doping programme which is putting a huge financial impost on World Skate especially as we receive little or no funding from anywhere outside World Skate. Outsourcing is an option when the required skills are not available within the organisation but again costs are prohibitive. In the future, as the requirement for independence increases, hearing panel will be outsourced to CAS ADD. As the need for specialised knowledge and skills in anti-doping programmes increase the option to use volunteer workers diminishes further increasing costs.

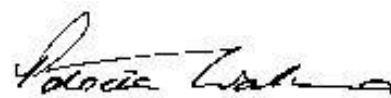
THE FUTURE

During 2019 there has been wide consultation leading to the rewrite of the WADA Code and International Standards which were adopted at the World Conference on doping in Sport in Katowice, Poland 5-7 November. I have re-written the WSK anti-doping rules which have been approved by WADA and need to be finally approved by World Skate Executive Board for implementation on 1 January 2021.

Additionally priorities of the anti-doping team are:

- Education all World Skate participants on 2021 anti-doping Rules, 2021 WADA code and international.
- Ensure documentation is in place for compliance with the 2021 code and International Standards
- To create by education an ethical culture within World Skate which makes doping less likely. This will save major disruption to the athlete's life and save resources for World Skate.

- Involve athletes in decision making, and education promoting the “ doping is not acceptable” culture within World Skate.
- One member of staff has been appointed to deal with anti - doping matters within the World Skate office on a “need to know” basis to enhance privacy and data protection.
- To work collaboratively with other ADOs, participants, and other organisations to provide the best anti-doping programme possible.
- To prevent anti- doping rule violations which are due to inadvertent doping. We will do this through education programmes especially with regard to supplement use.
- Promote the use of supplement risk assessment through third party organisations and apps to minimise the risk if the athlete insists on using supplements
- Promote education to enhance anti- doping literacy generally among all involved in our sports
- To rigorously investigate and bring to account all who are cheating or promoting cheating



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