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## **World Skate Annual Report 2021**

2021 was another difficult year for all involved in sport with cancelled and postponed events, and many restrictions imposed by governments around the World due to covid 19. We were able to hold 3 selection events for skateboarding prior to Olympic selection cut off dates and continue our out of competition program in the run up to Tokyo 2020.

We were able to conduct limited OCT and ICT for inline speed skating and ICT of alpine and downhill, artistic, hockey and scooters

Roller Derby held no competitions and inline freestyle had competitions scheduled for China which had to be cancelled.

## **Risk Assessment and TDP**

In 2021, in view of the up and coming Olympic Games, the RTP athletes remained exclusively from the Skateboarding discipline.

This was because, although drugs of abuse rather than PIDs remain the biggest risk for skateboarders, the pressure to qualify for the games, especially in countries where there is a big number of competent skateboarders, may tempt athletes to resort to PID use for which certainty of testing may act as a deterrent.

Inline speed is recognised as high risk so we created a TP2 in 2021 where very limited OCT was conducted in speed skating.

Due to the unprecedented events of 2021 we were unable to fulfill our TDP to the predicted level as IC testing opportunities were restricted. Where the opportunity presented we target tested athletes from high risk Federations. RTP testing is outsourced to ITA and TDP for OCT in skateboarding was met.

## Testing Statistics

Discipline	Tests	ESA	GHRF	GH	CG/C/IRMS
Inline Speed >1000m	37	13	5	2	0
Inline Speed Sprint 1000m or less	30	6	5	2	0
Skateboarding	55	7	14	5	2
Alpine & Inline Downhill	2	2	2	0	0
Artistic	16	1	2	0	0
Hockey	33	4	5	0	0
Roller Derby	0	0	0	0	0
Roller Freestyle	8	1	1	0	0

Discipline	Tests	% OCT	Tests Urine	Tests Blood	Haematological passport	CG/C/IRMS
Inline Speed >1000m	37	5	36	2	1	0
Inline Speed sprint	30	10	29	2	0	0
Skateboarding	55	45	55	5	0	2
Artistic	16	0	16	0	0	0
Hockey	33	0	33	0	0	0
Roller Derby	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roller Freestyle	8	0	8	0	0	0
Scoters	13	0	13	0	0	One ADRV

No dilute samples were collected in 2021.

## Sample Collection

WSK outsources all RTP management to ITA. In competition sample collection is outsourced to accredited sample collection agencies including PWC, IDTM, Clearidium and some NADOs. WSK do not have any accredited DCOs and do not perform any sample collection activities. We do monitor the performance of SCAs by having a WSK representative present at all events

The WSK representative works with a representative of the LOC prior to the event to ensure adequate facilities for the testing mission are provided and is onsite to ensure the testing mission is conducted in accordance with the International Standards for Testing and to offer assistance to the DCO as needed when the mission is in progress.

## Results

World Skate has recorded one positive test in 2021. The athlete has accepted the proposed sanction and we are waiting for time for appeal to be completed before finalising.

2 CG/C/IRMS analyses requested by the APMU did not detect any exogenous substances.

## Whereabouts Failures

WSK athletes have recorded 8 whereabouts failures in 2021. All were processed by ITA in accordance with the international standard of results management. No athlete recorded more than 2 whereabouts failures in a 12 month period.

## Hearings and Sanctions

World Skate has conducted results management for one AAF. The athlete accepted the ADRV and did not request a hearing. Time for appeal under article 13 is not yet complete.

## Education – Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel

WSK has been unable to continue with the face to face education program in 2021. We continue to update information and presentations on the WSK website. These documents and presentations are available for all to download.

WSK main source of education is via the NADOs and ADEL. We recommend education provided by the NADO because the language makes the presentation easier for the athletes to understand and it provides an opportunity for athletes and ASP personnel to build a positive relationship with their NADO. It is obligatory for athletes to upload a certificate of satisfactorily completed anti-doping education to the World Skate platform to register for any WSK event.

We have found the experience with ADEL somewhat frustrating with IT malfunctions at critical times so the athletes and others had difficulty in completing the programs and obtaining a certificate. We are currently finalising a contract with ITA to provide education activities for WSK athletes, support personnel and participants

The anti-doping managers and staff attend the webinars provided by WADA, ITA and iNADO at every opportunity to update our knowledge. These are useful and informative but we miss the opportunity to network with colleagues at the annual WADA symposium.

## AMPU

WSK has contracted the Lausanne lab AMPU and ITA administers all requirements of the AMPU as part of WSK contract.

## Therapeutic Use Exemption

WSK has approved 1 TUEs and recognised 11 in 2021. We are still having problems in accessing medical information from some NADOs and we are building close cooperative arrangements with others especially with assistance in providing communication pathways when language is an issue.

## Finance

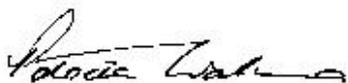
Finance is still a limiting factor in the WSK anti-doping program. This will always be a problem due to the costs in staff and infrastructure of day to day compliance with the Code. The increase in financial support and support from WSK legal staff is happening and is very much appreciated. We are negotiating to outsource some anti-doping activities to ITA.

## DATA Collection and Privacy

Data collection and privacy is managed by the WSK legal team as is the whistleblower program.

## Priorities for Future

- o Create a culture within the organisation that cheat by any means is not acceptable
- o Create a safe environment for people to report suspicious or unusual behaviour
- o Educate athletes and athlete support personnel about anti-doping and integrity in sport
- o Increase the effectiveness of WSK antidoping programs by educating internal anti-doping staff to the maximum level possible
- o Work collaboratively with other anti-doping organisations
- o Outsource to expert organisation when needed



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