
How to Adopt the Sports Anti-Doping Rules

Each year, under section 16 of the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006, Drug Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) makes the Sports Anti-Doping Rules (SADR). The SADR gives effect to the World Anti-Doping Code in New Zealand and its intended that national sport organisations adopt or agree to the SADR, which then apply to their members and participants as governing the conditions under which sport is played.

The following information is for NSOs who may require assistance in adopting the SADR. While DFSNZ cannot advise on how to write governing documents, in particular where legal advice is required, we have set out below what we would recommend as best practice, to ensure the adoption of the SADR is valid and effective.

- Adoption of the SADR should be included in the NSO's Constitution or another obvious governance document. It should be clearly referenced and easy to find.
- It is important to agree to the SADR including any amendments, rather than quoting a specific year (as the SADR is updated annually).
- Specifics clauses or other information that is already covered within the SADR (as the SADR is updated annually) should not be repeated in the governance documents.
- Anti-doping and the SADR should be referred to consistently across an NSO, such as in rules, regulations, bylaws, code of conduct, athlete contracts, website content etc.

Suggested anti-doping adoption/amendments to NSO Constitutions:

The following Resolution/Motion to be passed at the AGM or a Special General Meeting of the NSO:

THAT the Constitution of the NSO be amended as follows:

(Add the sub-clause below to the objectives/powers of the organisation.)

- (X) to promote and manage compliance with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules made by Drug Free Sport New Zealand, and any amendments to or replacements of those Rules.

(Add the clauses below, pursuant to the objectives/powers of the organisation)

- [X].1 The [Name of NSO] adopts the Sports Anti-Doping Rules ("SADR") made by Drug Free Sport New Zealand pursuant to the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006, and any amendments to or replacements of those Rules, as its Anti-Doping Policy.
- [X].2 [NSO] agrees to be bound by the SADR and any amendments to or replacements of those Rules. All members of [NSO] agree to be bound to the SADR through their membership of [NSO].