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Dear Stakeholder

As is done every year at this time, we are writing to you in relation to the proposed Sports Anti-Doping Rules (Rules) for next year. Drug Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) is required under section 16 of the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006 (Act) to make these Rules and we do so each year.

The proposed new rules, which will be known as the Sports Anti-Doping Rules 2020, will come into force on 1 January 2020, replacing the previous Sports Anti-Doping Rules 2019. Section 16(4) of the Act requires DFSNZ to provide the proposed rules to you, and other key stakeholders, for the opportunity to provide comment.

The Rules apply to all athletes at all levels

This year we would like to bring one aspect of these Rules to your attention in particular that has been a subject of interest in the last year. This is, that where a national sport organisation has adopted or agreed to the Rules, the Rules then apply to all its members and participants, at all levels of their sport.

We believe this is a fundamental pillar for anti-doping in NZ. It has been the policy for many years and contributes to our high levels of sporting integrity. It makes the statement that we do not tolerate doping at any level of sport. It is also consistent with the approach of our main international peers, where anti-doping rules are applied to sporting participants at all levels.

The reasons for taking this approach are to protect the integrity of competition, or the “spirit of sport”, and to protect the health of our sports people. To do otherwise could affect enjoyment of and ultimately participation in sport as people will not take part, at any level, if they think their competitors are cheating.

Our priority now is to increase our education and engagement with athletes at all levels and to provide them with the information they need to support clean sport.

Furthermore, you should also know that this does not mean we will be carrying out testing on all athletes at all levels. Rather we will continue to focus our testing programme on our high-performance athletes and those tracking to that level.

Consultation documents

A red-line version of the draft SADR 2020 is attached with this letter and is also available on our website (www.drugfreesport.org.nz) along with a link to the International Standards on the World Anti-Doping Agency’s website.

The main changes to the rules can be summarised as follows:

- a) Amendment to SADR 7.4 to make it consistent with the Code. On 1 June 2019 an amendment to Article 7.4 of the Code came into force, the effect of which was to allow WADA-accredited Laboratories to report Atypical Findings for certain exogenous Prohibited Substances identified by WADA. (This is an interim solution until the 2021 Code allowing investigations to take place when potential meat contamination scenarios arise, as has happened with clenbuterol).
- b) Removal of SADR 7.12 and consequential amendments. SADR 7.12 creates a positive obligation on DFSNZ to inform Athletes of negative analytical findings. While it is intended that DFSNZ will continue to notify Athletes of negative test results, this rule is not required by the Code.
- c) Updating of dates and international standards incorporated by reference.
- d) Correction of typographical errors.

The proposed Rules incorporate by reference the following World Anti-Doping Agency International Standards:

- a) World Anti-Doping Agency 2020 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods.
- b) World Anti-Doping Agency International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, effective 1 January 2019.
- c) World Anti-Doping Agency International Standard for Testing and Investigations, effective 1 March 2019.
- d) World Anti-Doping Agency International Standard for Laboratories, effective 2 June 2016.
- e) World Anti-Doping Agency International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information, effective 1 June 2018.
- f) World Anti-Doping Agency International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories, effective 1 April 2018.

Please provide any comments by **29 October 2019** to:

SADR 2020 Consultation

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Thank you for your continued support of clean sport. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Yours faithfully

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