

WHEREABOUTS & TESTING POOLS

What are Whereabouts?

Whereabouts information is provided by a limited number of top elite Athletes who regularly compete at the highest level. This information is provided to the International Sport Federation (IF) or National AntiDoping Organization (NADO) that included them in their respective Registered Testing Pool (RTP) or Testing pool (TP) as part of these top elite Athletes' Anti-Doping responsibilities. For athletes in any testing pool, it means that you must be where you say you are.

Why are Whereabouts important for clean sport?

The Whereabouts Program allows athletes to be tested anywhere and anytime, and prevents dopers from evading to be tested. Because Out-of-competition Doping Controls can be conducted without notice to Athletes, they are one of the most powerful means of deterrence and detection of Doping and are an important step in strengthening Athlete and public confidence in doping-free sport. Anti-doping organizations need information about where athletes are so they can test them. Accurate Whereabouts information is crucial to ensure efficiency of the Anti-Doping programs, which are designed to protect the integrity of sport and to protect clean Athletes.

According to World Para Volley Anti-Doping Regulations all Athletes under the jurisdiction of World ParaVolley shall be subject to In-Competition testing, as well as Out-of-Competition testing at any time or place. World Para Volley collects Team Whereabouts for those Teams and Athletes as defined in the World Para Volley Testing Pool (TP) or individual Whereabouts for athletes as defined in the Registered Testing.Pool (RTP).

What is the World Para Volley Testing Pool/Registered Testing Pool?

The Testing Pool includes National Teams participating regularly in World Para Volley competitions at the highest level. Individual athletes can be selected to be part of a TP or RTP for a number of reasons. World Para Volley will advise your National Member Organization if you belong to a TP or RTP.

Who should complete whereabouts?

For the Testing Pool, National Member Organizations may take responsibility for the submission of complete and accurate whereabouts. We suggest that you transfer these duties to the Team Manager. However the athlete remains responsible for his/her whereabouts. Athletes in the (Team) Testing Pool or Registered Testing Pool should consult the appropriate document below for more detailed information on submitting Whereabouts.

When should whereabouts be completed?

Whereabouts information must be provided by a specific date and time for a 3-month period. Generally they are submitted either quarterly or for a specific 3-month period. You must ensure that all the whereabouts information you provide is accurate and up-to-date at any given time. So you will need to be able have your whereabouts updated after it has been submitted if there are changes.

Failing to provide accurate whereabouts

Should the team (or athlete if in an RTP) fail to be located for testing on the basis of the most up-to-date whereabouts information it has supplied, fail to provide complete, adequate or accurate whereabouts information, or fail to provide whereabouts information on time, Athlete(s) will be investigated for a Filing Failure according to the World ParaVolley Anti-Doping Regulations and WADA International Standard for Testing.

For athletes in a TTP, this can lead to being added to the Registered Testing Pool after two whereabouts failures. For athletes in an RTP who have three whereabouts failures in a rolling 12-month period, this would be an ADRV and a potential two-year ban from sport.

Communication

Please note that all communication regarding Team Whereabouts will be sent to the National Member Organization even when concerning an individual Athlete.

National Federations shall inform their Athletes regarding Team Whereabouts requirements and procedures. It is highly recommended to get acquainted with the system as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact World ParaVolley for assistance at whereabouts@worldparavolley.org.

If you have been notified that you are in a (Team) Testing Pool, please refer to the following document for more detailed information:

[WHEREABOUTS FOR TEAM TESTING POOL ATHLETES](#)

If you have been notified that you are in the World ParaVolley Registered Testing Pool, please refer to the following document for more detailed information :

[WHEREABOUTS FOR REGISTERED TESTING POOL ATHLETES](#)