

ATHLETES – YOUR RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Each stakeholder in the global anti-doping system has roles and responsibilities, which are outlined in the World Anti-Doping Code (Code). The World ParaVolley Anti-Doping Rules reflect these antidoping roles and responsibilities for all stakeholders in ParaVolley sport.

Therefore, Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, and other persons who are subject to anti-doping rules all have rights and responsibilities. They must know, understand and comply with Code Art. 21 (Additional Roles and Responsibilities of Athletes and Other Persons), particularly Art. 21.1 (Roles and Responsibilities of Athletes), Art. 21.2 (Roles and Responsibilities of Athlete Support Personnel) and Art. 21.3 (Roles and Responsibilities of Other Persons Subject to the Code). These provisions are reflected in Art. 20, 21 and 22 of the World ParaVolley Anti-Doping Rules.

Athletes' Rights

Athletes rights exist throughout the Code and International Standards and are also clearly outlined all in one place in the **Athlete's Anti-Doping Rights Act**, published in 2020. In summary, they include:

- Equality of opportunity
- Equitable and Fair Testing programs
- Medical treatment and protection of health rights
- Right to justice
- Right to accountability
- Whistle-blower rights
- Right to education
- Right to data protection
- Right to compensation
- Protected Persons Rights
- Rights during a Sample Collection Session
- Right to B sample analysis
- Other rights and freedoms not affected
- Application and Standing

Athletes' Responsibilities

To avoid doping violations it is essential that athletes are aware of their anti-doping responsibilities. Athlete Support Personnel should also familiarize themselves with these responsibilities in order to better support their athletes. As an athlete, you must:

- Know about and follow the Anti-Doping Rules, policies and practices of World ParaVolley and any other applicable Anti-Doping Rules (e.g. rules of your National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO))

- Be available for testing (sample collection)
- Take responsibility for what you ingest or use – make sure that no prohibited substance enters your body and that no prohibited methods are used
- Tell medical professionals of your obligation not to use prohibited substances or methods as per the WADA Prohibited List, and that any advice or treatment you receive as an athlete from them should not violate the Anti-Doping Rules
- Tell World ParaVolley and your NADO if you have committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation within the last 10 years
- Co-operate with World ParaVolley and other Anti-Doping organizations (WADA, ITA, NADOs), particularly in relation to any doping investigations when asked to do so; this includes disclosing the identity of your support personnel upon request from an Anti-Doping Organization
- Not work with coaches, trainers, physicians or other Athlete Support Personnel who are ineligible on account of an ADRV, or who have been criminally convicted or disciplined in relation to doping.

References:

WADA – Athletes Responsibilities Checklist
UKAD