

WORLD PARAVOLLEY

Anti-Doping Commission Annual Report 2024



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SUMMARY

The 2024 year required much planning due to there being three significant World ParaVolley Events prior to the 2024 Paralympic Games held in Paris – two that were qualifying events for the Games (the ParaVolley Africa Zonal Championship, and the final Paralympic Qualifier World Cup in Dali China) as well as the World Super 6 women's event held just 3 months prior to Paris. This year also provided an opportunity to test athletes for our Beach ParaVolley discipline at the World Cup Beach ParaVolley event in China.

This year also was a year of significant collaboration with NADOs from all nations attending the PLG in order to maximize resources for Out of competition testing across the group of athletes attending the games.

TESTING STATISTICS

34 WPV planned tests were completed in 2024.

Of these, 31 were completed for the sport discipline of sitting volleyball. Ten tests were out-of-competition tests completed on five different teams from our team testing pool, five out-of-competition tests prior to the World Cup and sixteen in-competition tests. The NADO for one team did two additional tests for which WPV became the testing authority and Results management Authority.

For our beach discipline, three tests were conducted at the World cup.

The breakdown of all testing included:

- 28 *Basic urine*
- 6 *Basic urine + GHRF*
- 0 *Basic urine + ESR*

TDSSA

World ParaVolley TDSSA requirement for GHRF was 5%. We met this requirement for 2024. We did not meet the recommended requirement for ESR of 5% (optional not mandatory for our sport).

ANTI-DOPING VIOLATIONS

ADRV sanctions were limited to one this year. An athlete from Croatia tested positive for Carboxy-THC. Results Management was delegated to the CIPH (Croatian NADO). In March 2024, the athlete was given a sanction of six months.

TUE

Our TUE Committee members reviewed 7 TUE applications and all were processed. I have categorized these TUEs into the following categories

- *2 TUE recognition requests approved*
- *3 TUE direct applications approved*
- *1 TUE denied*
- *1 TUE was not required as the washout period had passed*

I want to thank the members of TUE Committee for volunteering their time to carefully consider the TUEs, especially during this year when we have not had a person in the TUE Manager Role.

EDUCATION

The education plan was expanded this year due to WADA compliance requirements that included more detailed monitoring. All nations attending the competitions this year completed anti-doping education prior to the event as per the World ParaVolley Policy. The website was updated twice this year and continues to be reviewed and revised regularly.

WADA CODE COMPLIANCE

All areas of code compliance were addressed and World ParaVolley was deemed Code Compliant in April of 2024 after significant efforts were put towards expanding our policies and procedures in the areas of Education, Privacy, and Results management.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The current retinue of volunteer staff are as follows:

- *Team Leader – Dr Jun Ming Zhang - GBR*
- *Education manager – appointment pending*

- *TUE manager – Ward Janssen - BEL*
- *Testing and Results Manager – vacant; currently managed by team leader*
- *Legal Advisor – Mr Graham Arthur - GBR*
- *Whereabouts Manager - Dr Nadege Veintimilla - SUI*
- *Intelligence Manager – Mr Ian Skinner GBR*

Two of the four zonal representative positions on the Commission have been involved in their respective zones:

- *PVAO – Dr. Jinzhong Ma - CHN*
- *PVPA – vacant*
- *PVE – Dr. Milan Milosevic - CRO*
- *PVA – vacant*

Our TUEC has seven active members, and include specialities of:

- *Sport Medicine*
- *Neurology*
- *Physical Rehabilitation Specialization*
- *Pain specialization.*

Nadege Veintimilla, our Whereabouts Manager attended the 2024 WADA Symposium in person.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Recruitment for vacant positions has been ongoing with one appointment for education Manager pending. Due to a lack of interest for the advertised positions, WPV is looking toward other ways to fill gaps in our service model – discussions have occurred with other service organizations and individuals with a view to collaboration and shared services in 2025.

Additionally, WADA approved a grant for a several year study to be conducted by the University of Kwazulu-Natal titled “The Development of an Anti-doping Education Framework for the World ParaVolley Federation”. This has oversight from Rowena Naidoo from the World ParaVolley Scientific Research Commission.