

WORLD PARAVOLLEY

Anti-Doping Commission Annual Report 2025



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SUMMARY

The 2025 year included a full programme of World ParaVolley international competitions, including the ParaVolley Pan America, Asia Oceania, Africa and Europe Zonal Championships, followed by the 2025 World Cup for Sitting ParaVolley in Fort Wayne, USA. The year also included the Beach ParaVolley World Championships in Mersin, Türkiye, providing an opportunity to continue anti-doping activities across both World ParaVolley disciplines.

The anti-doping programme included 45 samples collected in Sitting ParaVolley, comprising 31 in-competition and 14 out-of-competition urine samples, together with additional analysis for ERAs and GHRFs. World ParaVolley met or exceeded the applicable TDSSA Minimum Levels of Analysis for ERAs and GHRFs.

The Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee reviewed seven TUE applications from six athletes during the year. Five applications were approved and two were denied due to insufficient medical documentation. Two additional TUE-related requests fell outside World ParaVolley's jurisdiction and were referred to the appropriate organisations.

Anti-doping education continued to be an integral part of World ParaVolley's competition requirements, with athletes required to provide evidence of recent anti-doping education prior to participation. World ParaVolley also maintained its Code Compliance status throughout 2025 and continued to develop its anti-doping policies, procedures and monitoring activities.

TESTING STATISTICS

In 2025, World ParaVolley recorded 45 samples collected for the discipline of Sitting ParaVolley.

Of these, 31 were in-competition urine samples and 14 were out-of-competition urine samples. No blood samples for Athlete Biological Passport purposes or dried blood spot samples were collected during the reporting period.

The testing programme also included additional analysis for ESA/ERA and GHRFs. A total of 3 ESA/ERA analyses were recorded, comprising two in-competition and one out-of-competition analysis. In addition, 4 GHRF analyses were recorded, comprising 3 in-competition and 1 out-of-competition analysis. No GH analyses were recorded.

The breakdown of testing was therefore:

- *31 Basic urine samples – in competition*
- *14 Basic urine samples – out of competition*
- *0 Blood samples*
- *0 Blood Passport samples*
- *0 Dried blood spot samples*
- *3 ESA/ERA analyses*
- *4 GHRF analyses*
- *0 GH analyses*

Of the 45 samples collected, approximately 69% were collected in competition and 31% out of competition.

TDSSA

The World ParaVolley TDSSA Minimum Level of Analysis (MLA) for Sitting Volleyball in 2025 was 5% for ERAs, GH and GHRFs. World ParaVolley conducted 44 tests during the year, of which 32% were out-of-competition. ERA analyses were conducted on 3 tests (6.8%), while GHRF analyses were conducted on 6 tests (13.6%), meaning that World ParaVolley exceeded the 5% MLA for both categories. No GH analyses were conducted. As the 5% MLA for GH was optional for Sitting ParaVolley in 2025, this did not constitute a mandatory shortfall. Overall, World ParaVolley met or exceeded the applicable TDSSA analysis levels for ERAs and GHRFs in 2025.

ANTI-DOPING VIOLATIONS

There were no anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) cases recorded within World ParaVolley during 2025. No sanctions were imposed during the reporting period.

TUE

The TUE Committee reviewed seven TUE applications during 2025, submitted by six athletes. The applications were categorized as follows:

- *5 TUE applications approved*
- *2 TUE applications denied due to insufficient medical documentation*

The applications related to the ParaVolley Pan America Zonal Championships, ParaVolley Asia Oceania Zonal Championships, and the 2025 World Cup for Sitting ParaVolley.

In addition, WPV received 2 TUE-related requests that fell outside WPV's jurisdiction, as they concerned non-WPV-sanctioned events. These requests were not processed by WPV and were referred to the appropriate organisations.

The TUE Committee monitored decision timelines throughout the year. Approved applications were notified within an average of 21.4 days, with notifications issued between 19 and 23 days after confirmation of receipt.

EDUCATION

The World ParaVolley anti-doping education programme continued to be implemented in 2025 in accordance with the World ParaVolley Anti-Doping Education Framework and Plan and applicable WADA requirements. Participation in World ParaVolley-sanctioned competitions requires athletes to provide evidence of recent anti-doping education prior to the event, in accordance with World ParaVolley policy. This requirement was applied in particular to the 2025 World Cup for Sitting ParaVolley, with participating athletes required to provide proof of completion of an appropriate anti-doping education programme. Education continued to be delivered primarily through recognised WADA ADEL and National Anti-Doping Organisation programmes, supplemented by World ParaVolley-specific information and communications. The World ParaVolley anti-doping webpages and educational resources were maintained and updated throughout the year.

WADA CODE COMPLIANCE

World ParaVolley maintained its Code Compliance status throughout 2025 and continued to implement its anti-doping programme in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and applicable International Standards. Ongoing compliance activities included the review and maintenance of anti-doping policies, procedures and information, as well as updates to the World ParaVolley anti-doping website, Prohibited List information, TUE requirements and information concerning periods of ineligibility. Monitoring procedures for the anti-doping education programme were also continued in accordance with WADA requirements.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The World ParaVolley Anti-Doping Commission continued to operate with a combination of volunteer staff and Commission members during 2025. The volunteer roles were as follows:

- *Team Leader: Dr Jun Ming Zhang, GBR*
- *Education Manager: Vacant; responsibilities managed by the Team Leader*
- *TUE Manager: Ward Janssen, BEL*
- *Testing and Results Manager: Vacant; responsibilities managed by the Team Leader*
- *Legal Advisor: Mr Graham Arthur, GBR*
- *Whereabouts Manager: Dr Nadege Veintimilla, SUI*
- *Intelligence Manager: Mr Ian Skinner, GBR*

The TUEC comprised six active members with expertise in:

- *Sports Medicine*
- *Neurology*
- *Physical Rehabilitation*
- *Pain Management.*

Our TUE Manager, Ward Janssen, attended the 2025 WADA Annual Symposium in person.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

In 2026, World ParaVolley will continue to strengthen its anti-doping education programme, including monitoring participation and identifying opportunities to improve access to education for Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel.

A key priority will be to address vacant positions within the anti-doping programme. World ParaVolley will continue its efforts to recruit suitable candidates and explore appropriate arrangements to ensure continuity and sufficient capacity across its anti-doping functions.

World ParaVolley will also seek to improve the efficiency and timeliness of the TUE process by strengthening coordination within the TUEC, enhancing collaboration among its members, and expanding the Committee's pool of qualified physicians.