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## UAERF COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

### REGULATION 17 (ANTI-DOPING)

#### INTRODUCTION

##### **17.1 UAERF Position on Doping**

UAERF is responsible for implementing the game policies, rules and regulations and to ensure safe environment free from doping. Doping in sport has proved serious and dangerous consequences for the player and the sport, UAERF will be taking firm actions towards doping violations, UAERF is committed to providing a doping free rugby environment for all, which is in the spirit of the rugby core values (integrity, respect, solidarity, passion, and discipline).

##### **17.2 UAERF Role**

UAERF is a full member of World Rugby & Asia Rugby, and responsible for the implementation of game regulations within the UAE jurisdiction and in accordance to World Rugby & Asia Rugby Rules & regulations - Anti-Doping Regulations.

#### WITH REFERENCE TO WORLD RUGBY ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS - REGULATION 21

18. World Rugby adopted the new World Anti-Doping Code ("Code") effective 1st January 2015 following an international review of the Code by all Signatories. The Code has been implemented in World Rugby Anti-Doping Regulation 21.

18.1 World Rugby implemented the Doping Control Procedural Guidelines ("The Guidelines") in compliance with the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations and the WADA Prohibited List (as amended from time to time) within World Rugby Regulation 21, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 respectively, these should be followed as far as practicable.

18.2 World Rugby Regulation 21, the Guidelines including Schedule 1, 2 may be amended from time to time; It is the responsibility of all Players, Club Personnel, and other persons under the jurisdiction of UAERF to ensure they are compliant and aware of recent release.



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### **19 Definitions**

All the words and definitions included in the World Rugby Regulation 21 shall have the same meaning in the UAERF Anti-Doping Regulations.

#### **Doping**

The presence of a prohibited substance in an athlete's bodily specimen, or the use or evidence of the use of any substance as classified per WADA Prohibited List or method that has the potential to enhance sports performance and which either poses an unnecessary risk of harm to athletes, or is otherwise contrary to the spirit of the sport.

#### **WADA**

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was established in 1999 as an international independent agency composed and funded equally by the sport movement and governments of the world.

#### **WADA Prohibited List**

A list of all prohibited substances and methods by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) adopted by World Rugby and as updated annually. ([www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)).

#### **NADO**

The National Anti-Doping Organization; contact email: [info@uaenado.ae](mailto:info@uaenado.ae) Tel: +971 (04) 4162675 - Fax +971 (04) 4162677.

#### **TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemptions)**

An exemption that allows an athlete to use, for therapeutic purposes only, an otherwise prohibited substance or method (of administering a substance).

#### **Member\s**

An Affiliate Member who may be directly or indirectly associated to UAERF including but not limited to clubs, schools, rugby academies, players, player support personnel or any other person under the jurisdiction of UAERF.



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### **DTP (Domestic Testing Pool)**

Pool of Selected Players who have been chosen to undergo Anti-Doping Procedures or for any other reason as determined by these Anti-Doping Regulations.

### **Player Whereabouts**

Any information required for the purposes of Anti-Doping Investigations including but not limited to: current place, training location, training timings, contact number, contact email.

### **19.1 Incorporation of World Rugby Regulation 21**

19.1.1 UAERF adopts World Rugby Regulation 21 (including Schedule 1, 2 and appendices as updated from time to time) in its entirety as its own Anti-Doping Regulations with additional UAERF regulations.

19.1.2 World Rugby Regulations 21, the Guidelines and WADA Prohibited List are available on [www.worldrugby.org](http://www.worldrugby.org), [www.uaerugby.ae](http://www.uaerugby.ae) and on request from the UAERF.

19.1.3 In the Circumstance where World Rugby Anti-Doping Regulations conflict with the UAERF Anti-doping Regulations, World Rugby Anti-Doping Regulations will prevail.

### **20 Authority to Regulate**

20.1 The UAERF Anti-Doping Regulations, including World Rugby Regulation 21, shall apply to and bind all Members under the jurisdiction of the UAERF.

20.2 All Players, Personnel and other persons under the jurisdiction of the UAERF, should comply with the UAERF Anti-Doping Regulations along with World Rugby Regulation 21, for eligibility to participate in any UAERF sanctioned event or any rugby activity event as organized or authorized by or held under the authority of the UAERF, all Players, participants or any other Person should be deemed to have agreed to:

A. Abide by the UAERF Anti-Doping Regulations in all parts and in by making themselves available for In-competition and Out-of-competition Doping Control as



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authorized and managed directly or in-directly by the UAERF or its designee at any location, any time with no advance notice.

- B. All Players, Personnel and any other person should be complaint with the UAERF Anti-Doping Regulations, World Rugby Regulation 21, the National Anti-Doping Organization and any other authorised Anti-Doping Organization.
- C. Have agreed and consented to the collection, processing and disclosure and use of their personal information which can include for whereabouts information, sample analysis results and information and all the information provided by the authorized Anti-Doping Designee for the purpose of implementing these Anti-Doping Regulations.

### **20.3 In-competition and Out-of-competition doping control**

- 20.3.1 All Members under the jurisdiction of the UAERF shall be bound by and subject to In-competition and Out-of-competition Doping Control by the UAERF or its designee any time at any location with no advance notice.
- 20.3.2 All Members under the jurisdiction of the UAERF shall be bound by and subject to In-competition and Out-of-competition Doping Control by the UAERF, World Rugby, World Anti-Doping Agency, the National Anti-Doping Organization, and any other authorized Anti-Doping Organization.

### **20.4 UAERF Testing Pool**

- 20.4.1 All members who are associated directly or in-directly to the UAERF are required to provide accurate training information to the UAERF for the purposes of collecting samples by locating domestic players for the No-Advance Notice of the Out-of-Competition testing. The training information provided to the UAERF shall be sent in a format agreed by the UAERF and includes dates, venues and times of training, any changes to the information provided should be reported to the UAERF as soon as it occurs.
- 20.4.2 Any member who is associate directly of in-directly to the UAERF who provides inaccurate\wrong information or their efforts in facilitating the required procedures are not satisfactory to the purposes of these regulations and after receipt of formal written request from the UAERF during the current season shall be subject to UAERF sanctioning.
- 20.4.3 Any Player's no-show will be treated as per regulation 20.4.2.



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20.4.4 In the case of any alleged breaches of these Anti-Doping Regulations, the members shall have the right to appeal decisions made by the UAERF to the UAERF in writing within 7 days of receipt of the written decision, the appeal may only be made in relation to the fact of whether a breach has occurred and not to the sanctioning decision.

20.4.5 All players selected as part of the UAERF Testing Pool shall remain in the list and comply in full to regulation 21 (Player Whereabouts Requirements) until removed from the list by the UAERF for any reason and upon written confirmation from the UAERF to the member.

## 21 Player Whereabouts Requirements

21.1 UAERF will assist World Rugby, WADA, NADO and any other authorized Anti-Doping Organization in facilitating the Player Whereabouts requirements on all players selected as part of the DTP (Domestic Testing Pool) as to the required information set out in World Rugby Regulation 21.5.6.9.

21.2 Any testing failure that occur because of negligence, failure or any other reason by the player subject to testing, shall be considered as breach to these Anti-Doping regulations and will be subject to sanctioning, such whereabouts failures shall only be declared by NADO as the National Anti-Doping Organization.

## 22 Therapeutic Use Exemptions

22.1 Any Player subject to testing seeking a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) as per World Rugby Regulation 21.4.4 should submit their TUE request directly to NADO. TUE requests will be decided by NADO and evaluated as per the International Standard for TUEs.

22.1.2 Players must submit accurate TUE request through the correct TUE forms and guidance notes or on request from the UAERF, World Rugby, WADA, NADO or any other authorized Anti-Doping Organization.

## 23 Investigations

23.1 All Players, Personnel or any other Person who know or suspect a violation to the Anti-Doping rules by any other Player, Personnel or any other Person within the UAERF jurisdiction, have the obligation to report their knowledge or suspicion to the UAERF as soon as possible, failure to report incidents without reasonable justification may





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be treated as misconduct under the UAERF Regulations and may be subject to sanctioning.

23.2 All players, personnel or any other person subject to testing must fully cooperate with the investigations pursuant to UAERF Anti-Doping Regulations, failure or refusal to cooperate without reasonable justification shall be treated as misconduct and sanctioned.

23.2 Independent Private Testing/Screening of Players for prohibited substances as defined by WADA Prohibited List by any Member or by a 3rd party with a Member for whatever reason will not be accepted by the UAERF.

## 24 Disciplinary

24.1 UAERF Disciplinary Regulations apply where a player, personnel or any other person under the jurisdiction of the UAERF, may have committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

24.2 A player, personnel, any other person subject to Anti-Doping Testing who have been confirmed to commit a breach of these regulations shall be subject to provisional suspension by the UAERF pursuant to World Rugby Regulation 21.7.9.

24.3 In the event that the Judicial Officer establishes that an anti-doping rule violation has been committed, the Judicial Committee shall impose sanctions on the Player, or other Person concerned in accordance with World Rugby Regulation 21.10. The Judicial Committee shall also invalidate other Player awards including forfeiture of any medals and prizes.

24.4 A Player's or other Person's costs associated with any proceedings before a Judicial Committee dealing with an anti-doping rule violation shall ordinarily be borne by the Player, or other Person, including travel/accommodation costs of the Player or other Person, his Representatives and his Witnesses, as well as his legal costs.

## 25 Appeals and Hearing Procedures

25.1 Appeals made as a result of provisional suspension as per regulation 24, shall be made through the UAERF Appointed Judicial Committee within 7 days of decision receipt and as per World Rugby Regulation 21.8.2.6 and UAERF Disciplinary Regulations.

25.2 Appeals should be made in writing by the Club's Chairperson or Club's Secretary with evidence and deposit of AED 1,000.



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25.3 UAERF will assemble a Judicial Panel to review the appeal; all decisions made by the Appeal Committee are final and binding.

25.4 In case where appeal is successful, UAERF will refund the AED 1,000 less any cost incurred by the committee.

## 26 General

26.1 Any incurred deviation from these Anti-Doping Regulations will not invalidate the findings, decisions or Adverse Analytical Finding unless such deviation(s) is such as to cast material doubt on any finding, decision or Adverse Analytical Finding.

## 27 Compliance

The UAERF is responsible for ensuring that these regulations are in place and all members are compliant with the UAERF Anti-Doping Regulations.

