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# IOF Statement on recent Anti-doping Developments in Russia

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The IOF would like to communicate the following statement to our member federations in light of this issue which is at the forefront of global sports at the moment. This statement is being provided to all of the IOF member federations, IOF Commissions and IOF Council. We will not, at this point in time, be issuing a public statement. If you would like support in any contacts with the media or other external bodies, please feel free to refer questions to IOF CEO Tom Hollowell or IOF President Brian Porteous.

We have spent time analysing the situation and relating the Independent Person (IP), or “McLaren” report, as well as the various guidance statements from WADA and the IOC, to our situation and anti-doping work. We have discussed potential actions and have determined a way forward in principle. We note however that new information is made available daily and we continue to watch and evaluate each new piece of information and its relevance to the IOF and the sport of orienteering.

## IOF Anti-doping work related to Russia

We would like to provide the following clarifications and background information about the IOFs Anti-doping work as it relates specifically to Russia:

- The IOF carries out anti-doping testing both in-competition and out-of-competition. This testing has included Russian athletes in FootO, MTBO and SkiO and no Russian athlete has tested positive during any testing carried out by the IOF.
- As of 2015 the IOF testing plan also includes Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) evaluations. ABP are established for athletes in the IOF Registered Testing Pool (RTP). These athletes are required to notify the IOF and other Anti-doping authorities of their whereabouts for testing. In 2015, the IOF RTP consisted of 9 athletes, with one being Russian. In 2016 the RTP has been extended to 13 athletes with 3 being Russian. None of the athletes in the RTP has been registered as having either a whereabouts failure, nor an adverse finding in their ABP.
- The IOF has not during the past years utilized the services of the Russian Anti-doping organisation RUSADA or the laboratories in Moscow or Sochi which have been the targets of the independent investigations. IOF Testing which has been carried out on Russian (and all other athletes) has been carried out through WADA compliant organisations and laboratories.
- The IOF Anti-doping test plan is based upon so-called intelligent testing, i.e. testing is planned and targeted based upon information gathered and known. This method will continue to be used and we will continue to be vigilant in assessing information received from many sources as the test plan evolves.

Based upon the above, we can find no evidence that individual orienteering athletes from Russia should be excluded from participating in IOF events in regards to past, actual or suspected anti-doping violations.

## IOF analysis of the WADA recommendations

When the IP/McLaren report was published, WADA issued a statement asking for actions by several parties, among them International Federations (IF). We reviewed this statement specifically in regards to the current and upcoming WMTBOC and WOC/WTOC events, i.e. to determine whether the participation of the Russian teams at these events should be considered. The WADA statement asks the following:

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The WADA Executive Committee's key recommendations based on the McLaren Investigation Report are set out below. The necessary decisions should be taken by the relevant organizations based on their own rules and regulations.

1. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) to consider, under their respective Charters, to decline entries, for Rio 2016, of all athletes submitted by the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC) and the Russian Paralympic Committee.
2. The International Federations (IFs) from sports implicated in the McLaren Report to consider their responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) as far as their Russian National Federations (NFs) are concerned.
3. Russian government officials to be denied access to international competitions, including Rio 2016.
4. The Russian National Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) to remain non-compliant under the Code and its staffing and independence to be further reviewed by WADA.
5. The accreditation process of the WADA-accredited laboratory in Moscow (Moscow laboratory) to be stopped.
6. The FIFA Ethics Committee to look into allegations concerning football and the role played by a member of its Executive Committee, Minister Vitaly Mutko.
7. Professor McLaren and his team to complete their mandate provided WADA can secure the funding that would be required.

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Our analysis was that the IOF may be affected by recommendations 2 and 3. We have read the full McLaren report and we can find no direct or otherwise relevant reference to orienteering. We therefore feel that recommendation 2 is not relevant to the IOF and can find no justification for acting upon it specifically. We also do not feel that recommendation 3 is relevant to Team Officials who would normally attend our events together with the Russian teams. If a person with a high-ranking position within the Russian Sports Ministry were to apply for accreditation we may need to act but we do not find this likely. We have and will continue to review the status of Russian officials who request accreditation to our events via IOF Eventor.

So in summary our view is that the McLaren report and the WADA recommendations do not require any additional action on our part considering the upcoming WMTBOC and WOC/WTOC competitions, and that the Russian teams should be allowed participation. We will however continue to be vigilant via intelligent testing and follow-up of any issues which may arise.

## IOF analysis of the IOC recommendations

The IOC Executive Committee statement issued Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> was related primarily to the Rio 2016 games which the IOF is not a part of. However, in their recommendations, the IOC also requested Winter Olympic IFs to review whether they have major events planned to be carried out in Russia and consider whether these should be moved to an alternate location. The IOF is of course not a Winter Olympic Federation but as a recognized federation, we have made an initial consideration whether we should cancel or move the upcoming World Ski Orienteering Championships scheduled for Krasnoyarsk, Russia in March 2017. The IOF has also liaised with partner organisations, f ex FISU and CISM to align actions appropriately.

Based upon the information collected above we can find no indications that the event should be cancelled or moved at this point in time. However, this will be reviewed in full at the upcoming IOF Council Meeting at the end of August.

Of course certain actions will need to be taken in the planning and execution of the event, for example any anti-doping testing related to the event will need to be carried out by WADA compliant organisations and laboratories from outside of Russia.

## Summary

In summary, we feel that we have mechanisms in place to maintain the IOFs reputation as a clean sport. However, we will continue to assess and act upon any new information which has relevance to the IOF.

Please feel free to contact the IOF Office in case of any further questions regarding this issue.

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