



Bylaws on the Retrieval of Consent to Doping Control from Parents and/or by the Legal Guardians for Athletes who are Minors

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§ 1. Scope of the Bylaws

These bylaws are adopted in accordance with the Anti-Doping Rules given by The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF)¹, so as to ensure that such rules are in line with the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC) and the «International Standard for Testing and Investigations» (ISTI).

The purpose of these bylaws is to ensure that all *National-Level Athletes* and *International-Level Athletes* are subject to rules and procedures for doping control as a prerequisite for their participation in sport at the national and international level.

§ 2. Definitions

For the purpose of these bylaws, these terms shall be understood as:

Consent: Signed declaration from the parents and/or legal guardians of the *Minor*, in which they consent to subjecting the *Minor* to the anti-doping rules, including the obligation to provide doping samples.

International-Level Athlete: Athletes who compete in sport at the international level, as defined by each International Federation, consistent with the ISTI.

Minor: A natural person who has not reached the age of 18 years.

National-Level Athlete: Athletes who compete in sport at the national level, as defined by each National Anti-Doping Organization, consistent with the ISTI. In Norway, *National-Level Athletes* are defined by ADNO and are inter alia athletes who compete at the highest level of competition of the sport in question, and nationals who regularly or often compete at an international level, but who are not *International-Level Athletes*.

¹ On 5. September 2022, the Presidency of NIF made a supplementary comment to the minutes from the meeting of the Board of NIF on 4. September 2022, where the Presidency confirmed the authority of ADNO to establish requirements for advance *Consent* to doping testing from parents and/or legal guardians, as a prerequisite for the participation in top-level sports [national-level and international-level sports], and requirements for the involvement of organizational units in the retrieval of such *Consents* for athletes who are *Minors* under their jurisdiction. The Presidency further confirmed that the organizational units are bound by supplementary rules established by ADNO under its responsibility, including the retrieval of *Consents*. NIF has the authority to sanction violation of such supplementary rules.

Organizational Unit: Organizations affiliated to NIF, including National Sport Federations, Sports Districts, Special Districts/Regions, Sports Councils and Sports Clubs.

Sports Activities: Sport events, training and any other sporting activities organised by or in cooperation with NIF or an *Organizational Unit* affiliated to NIF.

Top-Level Athlete Pool: National-Level Athletes and International-Level Athletes.

§ 3. Obligations of the *Organizational Units*

The *Organizational Unit* must ensure that a valid *Consent* is retrieved for all *Minors* in the *Top-Level Athlete Pool* from time to time. The obligation falls on the *Organizational Unit* who first enters the athlete onto the *Top-Level Athlete Pool*. Said *Organizational Unit* shall furthermore ensure that a copy of the *Consent* is sent without delay to ADNO and where appropriate the relevant National Sports Federation.

The *Consent* must be available no later than the moment the athlete enters the *Top-Level Athlete Pool*. For athletes already in the *Top-Level Athlete Pool*, *Consent* must be retrieved no later than when these bylaws enters into force.

The *Organizational Unit* must ensure that the athlete does not participate in *Sports Activities* at the national or international level before the *Consent* is retrieved.

National Sports Federations must ensure that a valid *Consent* is available for all athletes who are *Minors* and in the *Top-Level Athlete Pool* within their own sport.

§ 4. Obligations of ADNO

ADNO must ensure that a valid *Consent* is available for all athletes who are *Minors* and included in the Registered Testing Pool. If ADNO retrieves a *Consent*, ADNO must ensure that a copy of the *Consent* is sent without delay to relevant National Sports Federations.

The *Consent* must be available no later than the moment the athlete enters the Registered Testing Pool.

ADNO has a responsibility for ensuring, when possible, that the Doping Control Officer has necessary information available to conduct a sample collection session with an athlete who is a *Minor*. This includes confirming in advance that the necessary *Consent* for testing any participating *Minor* is available.

§ 5. Withdrawal

The parents and/or legal guardians of the athlete can withdraw *Consent* without stating a reason for doing so. If a *Consent* is withdrawn, it must be done in writing to both ADNO and the *Organizational Unit* who has retrieved the *Consent*. In such cases, the athlete who is a *Minor* can no longer take part in *Sports Activities* at national or international level.

§ 6. Requirement to Use the Standard Consent Form.

When retrieving the *Consent*, the standard *Consent* form prepared by ADNO must be used.

§ 7. Processing of Personal Information

ADNO and any *Organizational Unit* under NIF, who have received *Consents*, are responsible for storing and deleting the retrieved *Consent* in accordance with applicable rules for processing personal data.

ADNO's retention time for such *Consents* will be 12 months from the date the athlete reaches the age of 18, or in case a sample is retrieved from the *Minor* 10 years as of the date of the collection of last sample while the athlete was a *Minor*. If proceedings have been initiated in respect of a sample provided while the athlete was a *Minor*, the *Consent* will furthermore be retained until those proceedings (including any appeal) is finally concluded. *Organizational Units* are required to delete the *Consent* no later than 12 months after the athlete has reached the age of 18 years.

§ 8. Sanctions

Organizational Units who do not comply with these bylaws may be subject to sanctions by NIF in accordance with Article 12 of the National Anti-Doping Rules.

If ADNO uncovers violations of these bylaws, the matter shall be reported to NIF for follow-up and possible sanctioning. Copy of the report shall be sent to relevant *Organizational Units* in NIF.