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# Factsheet – International Standard for Education

## Introduction

The World Anti-Doping Code is supported by eight International Standards, which aim to ensure consistency among anti-doping organisations internationally. In January 2021, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) introduced a new **International Standard for Education** which established mandatory minimum standards for all anti-doping education programs worldwide. Sport Integrity Australia, the Australian Olympic Committee, Paralympics Australia and International Federations all have obligations in regards to educating Australian athletes, which impact Sporting Organisations.

## Key Points

- The International Standard of Education (the Standard) recognises that the vast majority of athletes wish to compete clean, have no intention to use prohibited substances or methods and have the right to a level playing field.
- A key underpinning principle of the Standard is that an athlete's first experience with anti-doping should be through education rather than sample collection, and that support personnel should receive equal or greater education than their athlete cohorts.
- As part of the Standard, all anti-doping organisations must establish an Education Pool. The Education Pool is a list of high-priority groups of athletes and support personnel who require mandatory education. At a bare minimum, the Standard outlines that the Education Pool must include athletes in Registered Testing Pools and athletes returning from sanction.
- To develop Australia's Education Pool, Sport Integrity Australia has outlined groups that require education for each sport. These are outlined in each Sporting Organisation's Education Plan.
- The Education Pool includes all mandatory groups outlined in the Standard, as well as those where testing is most likely to occur, or where our intelligence holdings recommend education is required.
- The Standard states that anti-doping organisations should also consider groups such as children, teachers, university teachers, university students, media, sponsors and sport administrators. Where appropriate, a sport's Education plan includes these groups as recommended education participants.
- Having a Sport Integrity Australia approved Education Plan in place is one of Sport Integrity Australia's Sporting Organisation compliance measures under the legislative requirements.
- Sporting Organisations should be aware that their International Federation (IF), National Olympic Committee and/or National Paralympic Committee are likely to set mandatory education requirements for all participants prior to major international events. Sport Integrity Australia will work with each sport and IF to ensure these requirements are met.
- The full International Standard for Education can be downloaded from: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/the-code/2021-international-standard-for-education>