



# IAAF Medical & Anti-Doping Department

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATHLETICS FEDERATIONS

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As part of the IAAF's on-going commitment to keeping our sport drug free, an Intelligence function has been developed as an integrated part of the Medical & Anti-Doping department.

As an international organisation, concerned with all levels of athletics, the IAAF must retain a truly global perspective that encompasses all areas of the sport, whilst remaining prescient and relevant. Sadly, doping is a going concern across all tiers. As a result, there is a definitive need for an active, effective awareness of the darker elements, and the collection and collation of information to help in the constant struggle to counter them, and help protect the present and future health of our sport, and all who participate in it.

The development of the Intelligence function allows for a more coherent, targeted approach to tackling doping and doping practice, and this function uses information - developed into intelligence – to devise and implement more strategic, directed techniques of detection, as well as harnessing prospects for non-analytical sanctioning. Receiving and managing information from a wide range of sources allows the building of greater knowledge and understanding of doping practice and anti-doping actions. This helps in the optimisation of resources, and the enhancement of an already-robust testing programme, as well as improving the education provided to all athletes. In addition, the development of information-sharing protocols and understandings with both National and International bodies allows this approach to be more effectively directed, and implemented on a worldwide footing.

The IAAF takes great pride in being at the very forefront of the fight against doping, and believes that ***we all have a responsibility in this battle***, and should actively commit to the cause. And the improvement of the intelligence-led approach can only be continued with the involvement of everyone who has the best interests of the sport at heart. The information which underpins this approach is gathered from a wide-range of sources including across sport; those involved are often best aware of who is doing what. Providing an avenue to capture this information was a priority for the IAAF when introducing such an approach.

As a result, it is actively encouraged for anyone who becomes aware, or is suspicious, of doping practice taking place, to report it directly to us. A number of ways for reporting have been put in place so that, if you see or hear of anything related to doping, you can contact us anonymously, and in complete confidence.



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Or, if you would feel happier not speaking or interacting directly with someone, then there is an anonymous online form that can be completed on the IAAF website (at <http://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/contact-us>).