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## **RYA ANTI-DOPING RULES**

**Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015**

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## **Article 1: Introduction and Commencement**

- 1.1 The Royal Yachting Association (“the **RYA**”) is the governing body for the sport of sailing in the United Kingdom.
- 1.2 The RYA is a member national authority of and subject to the jurisdiction of the International Sailing Federation (“**ISAF**”)<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.3 At the ISAF Annual Conference held in Palma Majorca in November 2014, ISAF accepted the revised (2015) World Anti-Doping Code (the “**WADA Code**”) and, in conformance with ISAF’s responsibilities under the **WADA Code** and in furtherance of ISAF’s continuing efforts to eradicate doping in the sport of sailing, adopted a revised Regulation 21 - ISAF Anti-Doping Code (the “**ISAF Code**”).
- 1.4 The **ISAF Code** applies to persons who compete in the sport of sailing at an international level (as defined by ISAF) and to persons who compete in the sport at a national level (as defined by each National Anti-Doping Organization).
- 1.5 The National Anti-Doping Organization for the United Kingdom is the UK Anti-Doping Organisation (“**UKAD**”). ISAF and UKAD require the RYA to adopt Code-compliant anti-doping rules for application to the sport at a national level.
- 1.6 In conformance with the RYA’s responsibilities to ISAF and UKAD, the RYA has adopted **The RYA Anti-Doping Rules** as set out herein.
- 1.7 These **RYA Anti-Doping Rules** supersede and replace the RYA Anti-Doping Rules (Issued 01.01.2009) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

## **Article 2: Adoption of ISAF Anti-Doping Code and The UK Anti-Doping Rules**

- 2.1 In compliance with RYA’s obligations under Regulation 21.16 of the **ISAF Code**, these **RYA Anti-Doping Rules** adopt and incorporate the **ISAF Code**, including but not limited to all amendments to the ISAF Code and all international standards incorporated in the ISAF Code.
- 2.2 In compliance with the RYA’s commitment to UKAD these **RYA Anti-Doping Rules** adopt and incorporate **The UK Anti-Doping Rules** including any amendments or supplements to the same.
- 2.3 In case of conflict between the **ISAF Code** and **The UK Anti-Doping Rules** the **ISAF Code** shall prevail.
- 2.4 The supplemental provisions set out in Article 3 of these **RYA Anti-Doping Rules** are adopted in order to achieve the effective implementation and interpretation of the **ISAF Code** and **The UK Anti-Doping Code**.
- 2.4 Any changes to the **ISAF Code** will be announced and posted on the ISAF website ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)).
- 2.5 Any changes to the UK Anti-Doping Code will be announced and posted on the UKAD website ([www.ukad.org.uk](http://www.ukad.org.uk)).
- 2.6 Any changes to these **RYA Anti-Doping Rules** (including but not limited to changes made to the **ISAF Code** or the **UK Anti-Doping Code** in accordance with Articles 2.3

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<sup>1</sup> From December 2015 ISAF is known as World Sailing

and 2.4) will be announced and posted on the RYA website ([www.rya.org.uk/racing/antidopingrules.asp](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/antidopingrules.asp))

- 2.7 Matters pending or occurring prior 1 January 2015 shall be subject to the transitional provisions set out in Regulation 21.20.7 of the **ISAF Code** or Rule 1.6.1 of **The UK Anti-Doping Code**.

## **Article 3: RYA Supplemental Provisions**

### **3.1 Scope and Application**

The scope and application of **The UK Anti-Doping Rules** is set out in Article 1 of **The UK Anti-Doping Rules** which makes reference to the defined terms “**Athletes**” and “**Athlete Support Personnel**”. An **Athlete** is defined in the Appendix to **The UK Anti-Doping Code** as “any Person who competes at any level in the sport under the jurisdiction of the NGB”. (A person is defined as a natural person or an organisations or other entity).

The RYA has elected that a Person shall only be treated as “under the jurisdiction of the RYA” and hence be treated as an **Athlete** where the Person:

- has agreed, by contract, by participation agreement, as a condition of receipt of funding, or otherwise, to comply with these **RYA Anti-Doping Rules**; and/or
- is a member of the Word Class Programme; and/or
- competes in an Event for which the RYA is the organising authority as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (i.e. the rules as published from time to time by the RYA entitled Racing Rules of Sailing); and/or
- competes in an Event held in the United Kingdom which is either an Open Event or an Event which acts as a qualifier or part of the selection criteria for an Open Event; and/or
- competes in an Event where the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions state that the RYA shall have jurisdiction for anti-doping purposes.

For these purposes, an “**Open Event**” includes: (1) any Event in which persons who are not members of the club or association organising the race are entitled to participate; and (2) any Event held by a class association.

(It is noted that **The UK Anti-Doping Rules** include Anti-Doping Rule Violations which relate to persons who are neither **Athletes** nor **Athlete Support Personnel**.)

### **3.2 Jurisdiction of the National Anti-Doping Panel**

References in the **ISAF Code** to the disciplinary panel or hearing panel of the MNA shall be construed, for purposes of these **RYA Anti-Doping Rules**, as references to the first instance tribunal or appeal tribunal of the National Anti-Doping Panel (“**NADP**”).

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