



SUBSTANCES OF ABUSE

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SUBSTANCES OF ABUSE UNDER 2021 WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE

Under article 4.2.3 of the 2021 WADA Code and World Skate Anti-Doping Rules some substances on the 2021 Prohibited List have been recognised as “SUBSTANCES OF ABUSE” because they are frequently abused in society outside sport.

These substances are:

- Cocaine (S6a - Non specified stimulant)
- Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA / ecstasy (S.6b - Specified Stimulants)
- Diamorphine Heroin (S7 - Narcotics)
- Tetrahydrocannabinol THC (S8 - Cannabinoids)

As per code article 10.2.4.1, where the Anti-Doping Rule Violation involves a Substance of Abuse and “the athlete can establish that any ingestion of Use occurred **Out-of-COMPETITION** and was unrelated to sport performance, then the period of ineligibility shall be three (3) months. In addition, the period of ineligibility may be reduced to one (1) month if the athlete satisfactorily completes a Substance of Abuse treatment program approved by the anti-doping Organisation with Results Management Authority.

The in-competition period is defined as 11.59pm on the day before the competition the athlete is scheduled to compete until the end of the competition and all samples have been collected.

During the review process the athlete will be asked when the substance of abuse was used, how much was used and how it entered the body e.g., orally, smoked, injected etc. The concentration of the substance of abuse in the sample will then be used to assess the likelihood the substance was ingested out of competition.

At the moment the substances of abuse listed above are the only substances in the “substances of abuse” category. The WADA expert group may add other substances in future. You will be informed when and if this happens

Please see WADA 2021 Prohibited List by clicking [here](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards



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