



Report on IDO anti-doping activities in year 2013

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In 2013 IDO have started the first anti-doping activities prior to the World Games in Cali (Columbia) and DanceSport Games in Kaohsiung (Chinese Taipei), both covered by anti-doping regulation.

We performed the first anti-doping seminar for trainers and dancers during IDO European HipHop Championship 2013 in Amsterdam (Netherlands) to present the basic information and rules on this topic. We prepared educational leaflets and gave assistance on therapeutic use exemption (TUE) to participants on the Games.

We repeated the anti-doping seminar during IDO World Show dance Championships 2013 in Riesa (Germany).

Background

The use of drugs to enhance performance is considered unethical by most international sports organizations and especially the International Olympic Committee (IOC). World anti-doping agency (WADA) was founded by the IOC as an independent international organization. WADA was created to promote, coordinate and monitor the fight against doping in sport around the world.

On the other side many governments cannot be legally bound by a non-governmental document such as the World Anti-Doping Code (Code). Accordingly, governments prepared the Copenhagen Declaration on Anti-Doping in Sport in 2003, a political document through which they formally recognize and implement the Code through an international treaty. The Copenhagen Declaration was finalized in 2003. Governments subsequently adopted an international convention under the auspices of UNESCO in 2007 to allow formal acceptance of WADA and the Code. UNESCO Member States are now ratifying it individually according to their respective constitutional jurisdictions.

In this way the world uniformity in a certain sport during competitions on international level is assured.

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For all professional leagues and sports organizations recognized by International Olympic Committee the implementation of the anti-doping policy is nowadays a condition of IOC



membership. But what is the situation for sport organizations outside the Olympic movement (like IDO) in relation to the Code?

We must understand that the IDO members must comply with the Code when they take part in competitions under the jurisdiction of organizations that have implemented it, like it was during the World Games or Dance Sports Game. On the other hand all national and international sports federations have the obligation to guarantee fair play in sports and guarantee the fairness of competitions. Among the competition rules most of them developed regulations in which the use of doping is forbidden, independently of IOC membership! Use of doping in sport is fraud. No serious sports federation can effort such practices.

For most IDO members doping is not an issue while they are focused only on dancing as art not on dancing as sport. That's way we believe the IDO`s principal task is to continue with the information and education program to spread the core ideas and values.

Proposed activities 2014/2015:

- information and education program
- implementing the anti-doping policy into IDO statutes
- set up an IDO anti-doping commission
- developing the draft Code
- developing a work- and implementation program