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1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Angling Trust is committed to clean competitions and condemns the use of performance-enhancing drugs and doping practices in angling. The Angling Trust works with UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) and the International Angling Confederation (CIPS) to ensure the integrity of our competitions and representative teams is protected.

All anglers have the right to compete in doping-free sports (Clean Sport). The use of performance enhancing drugs and other doping behaviour severely damages the legitimacy of angling and undermines the integrity of the sport.

The Angling Trust works with UKAD to ensure that our competition angling complies with the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC) and supports the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) position that doping behaviour severely damages the legitimacy and positive impact of sport on society.

While this policy does not extend to non-competitive recreational or pleasure angling or to competition angling organised by third parties unconnected with and outside the control of Angling Trust, we do not condone the use of any drugs in any aspect of our sport whatsoever.

2. INTERPRETATION

The Angling Trust has adopted the UK Anti-Doping Rules with the following clarifications:

- UKAD's definition of "athlete" includes all anglers (including support personnel) who compete at any level in the sport under the jurisdiction of the NGB.
- With the following exclusions, Angling Trust considers that UKAD rules apply to all entrants and any team managers of the same, in all domestic individual, pair or team angling competitions organised by or on behalf of the Angling Trust and to all representative England and club teams (representing England) participating in international competitions whether in the UK or otherwise.
- Angling Trust does not operate a National Testing Pool.
- Angling Trust requires Therapeutic Use Exemptions to be provided for all England anglers and anglers in teams representing England and will maintain these in accordance with UKAD rules.
- Angling Trust will inform participants in Angling Trust organised domestic competitions of the need for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, but will only collect (and retain in line with UKAD requirements) those TUEs where the competition forms part of a selection process for an England team. Angling Trust will not collect Therapeutic Use Exemptions for other domestic Angling Trust competitions.
- Angling Trust considers that UKAD rules do not apply to non-international level competition

angling organised by other parties who do not fall under the jurisdiction of Angling Trust.

- Angling Trust considers that UKAD rules do not apply to non-elite social competition angling at local club level, unless those clubs have specifically adopted their own adherence to UKAD rules.
- Angling Trust considers that UKAD rules do not apply to non-competitive recreational angling.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

Angling Trust is the national governing body for angling in England. As the NGB, Angling Trust has overall responsibility for representative teams (England teams and club teams representing England) teams, the Talent Pathway and selection processes for England teams, for domestic competitions run by Angling Trust, and for any world, European, home nation or other representative championship hosted by Angling Trust in England.

Anglers representing England and/or the Angling Trust at elite levels or participating in Angling Trust competitions – across all angling disciplines - must adhere to all elements of the UKAD rules we have adopted, including noting substances on the WADA prohibited list and seeking Therapeutic Use Exemptions as required. They shall also be deemed to have made themselves familiar with and hereby, agree to be bound by the UKAD Anti-Doping Rules as well as the Anti-Doping rules of the Angling Trust and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping and any other appropriate body in the application and enforcement of those rules.

An Anti-Doping rule violation shall be considered a breach of the Angling Trust's Codes of Conduct and of the UK Anti-Doping Rules. Any such violation may lead to disciplinary action against those concerned, which if a breach is proven, may result in:

- Sporting sanctions, including de-selection from teams, disqualification from events and/or points deductions;
- Suspension or termination of membership of Angling Trust.

Where an angler in an Angling Trust domestic team event is found to be in breach of this policy and/or UKAD anti-doping rules, that angler's points or weight will not count towards the team total. If this were to result in a team no longer being in a prize winning or promotion position, the team will be expected to return all prizes and awards and will not be promoted.

Where an angler in an Angling Trust domestic individual event is found to be in breach of this policy and/or UKAD anti-doping rules, that angler's points or weight will not count towards the final result. If this were to result in an angler no longer being in a prize winning position, the angler will be expected to return all prizes and awards.

The use, possession and/or trafficking of banned substances, methods or the encouragement or counselling to use banned substances, or methods; and/or taking measures to mask the use of

banned substances or methods by a participant in competitions or matches over which the Angling Trust has jurisdiction is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

The new WADC Code includes 'Attempted Complicity' in which an individual may have attempted involvement or cover up of a violation committed by another person which can carry a sanction of between two years and a lifetime ban. The Angling Trust would also consider this to be a breach of our Code of Conduct, which may result in disciplinary action against the member.

4. CLEAN SPORT COMMITMENT

The Angling Trust commits to support Clean Sport in the UK in the following ways:

- The Angling Trust supports the mission of UKAD and WADA in achieving Clean Sport.
- All Angling Trust "athletes" – that is elite level competition anglers are expected to train and compete in line with the spirit of sport, including being bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules.
- All Angling Trust elite anglers, elite team coaches, and England/representative teams support personnel are expected to perform their role in line with the spirit of sport, including being bound by both the Angling Trust's anti-doping rules and the UKAD anti-doping rules.
- The Angling Trust is committed to supporting the prevention of doping behaviour in the UK in collaboration with other sporting bodies.
- Angling Trust staff, directors, athletes, coaches, and supporting personnel will not condone, assist, or support the use of prohibited substances and methods (unless permitted by a Therapeutic Use Exemption) in any aspects of their role.
- Angling Trust will inform all elite anglers (in the England teams, Talent Pathways and any representative teams) and managers and coaches of the same directly of the latest WADA list of prohibited substances and include a current link to the same on the Angling Trust website.
- Angling Trust shall include, in all International Angler Agreements and similar documents, a requirement from elite anglers (in the England teams, Talent Pathways and any representative teams) and managers and coaches of the same, to agree to this policy and consent to testing. Those agreements require the anglers to cooperate fully with any World Anti-Doping Code compliant anti-doping investigations or proceedings, whether conducted by UK Anti-Doping or any other competent body.
- Angling Trust shall include, in the ticket sale or team entry process, a requirement from all anglers entering Angling Trust competition events to agree to this policy and consent to testing.
- Angling Trust shall require a list of Therapeutic Use Exemptions for any England, Talent Pathway or representative club/team anglers upon selection and prior to participation in any England or representative competition. These lists will be held for 12 months from submission.

- All members of the Angling Trust who join to participate in our England teams, as representative teams on behalf of England, Talent Pathway or domestic angling competitions agree to be bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules for a minimum of 12 months from the commencement of their membership.
- All Angling Trust staff, directors, athletes, coaches, and supporting personnel will be expected to contact UKAD should they become aware of any elite angler using or considering the usage of a prohibited substance or prohibited method. This contact should be done in confidence on the dedicated confidential Report Doping in Sport line and will be protected by the 11th Anti Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) that applies if ‘...someone is threatened or intimidated in order to discourage them from reporting doping activity to authorities, or they are retaliated against for doing so’. The ADRV can carry a lifetime ban from sport.
- Where an alleged breach is reported to Angling Trust, directly or indirectly, the Angling Trust reserves the right to suspend the member’s participation in any England or representative teams and/or entry into Angling Trust domestic events while enquiries are undertaken.
- Where an angler who has represented England wishes to retire from selection for England teams, they must inform the Head of Competitions in writing. As part of that retirement process, the angler accepts that any information held about them relating to their participation in elite angling events will be stored for 10 years and shared with UKAD when requested.

It is the responsibility of every competition angler or for those supporting the competitions, to ensure that they assist the Angling Trust in fulfilling its commitment to supporting Clean Sports and reports anyone in breach of anti-doping rules to the relevant authority. If the individual is not sure who to contact, then the violation or suspected violation should be reported to the Anti-Doping Officer (ADO) or the Line Manager/Event Organisers as soon as is possible so it can be reported to the relevant authority.

Angling Trust ADO – antidoping@anglingtrust.net

For further information, please refer to ‘*Anti-doping in Angling*’ on the Angling Trust web site.

Further details about UKAD, CIPS and WADA can be found at www.ukad.org.uk, www.cips-fips.com and www.wada-ama.org respectively.