



**WADA Athlete Committee Meeting
28 February – 1 March 2018
Montreal, Canada**

Meeting Outcomes

The World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA's) Athlete Committee (AC) convened their first meeting of 2018 in Montreal, Canada. The following represents the key outcomes of the meeting.

1. The Committee stressed the importance of follow up actions as a result of information contained in the McLaren report and accompanying LIMS data. The AC strongly encourages all International Federations to manage and resolve cases based on this information in an expedited and transparent manner. In addition, they AC encourages WADA to maintain close oversight of this process, and if required, exercise its right to appeal or to move cases forward in the first instance.
2. The Committee has issued a call for an independent and transparent review of the handling of the Russian doping crisis.
3. The Committee also reinforced its call for the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) to improve the independence and quality of its arbitrators.
4. The Committee fully supports the enhanced Compliance Monitoring program that combines both a comprehensive compliance questionnaire for all signatories, as well as follow up targeted audits.
5. The Committee welcomed the new International Standard for Code Compliance for Signatories coming into force on 1 April 2018 that will ensure all signatories are held accountable for any non-compliance in a similar way athletes are held accountable for anti-doping rule violations. The Committee further recommended that an 'Athlete Guide to the Standard' be developed and issued by WADA. In addition, a factsheet should be developed for the general public to ensure they understand the consequences of non-compliance by signatories.
6. Additionally, the Committee strongly encourage Russia to fulfill the Roadmap to compliance by:
 - i. Accepting the facts as presented in the McLaren Report.
 - ii. Providing access to the stored samples in the Moscow Laboratory, including the LIMS data.
5. The Committee welcomed the inclusion of a member of the WADA Athlete Committee to the Code Review Team, which will provide a channel for athletes' input in the Code review process. Solicitation of feedback has begun.



6. The Committee provided the WADA Athlete Committee representative on the WADA governance working group with specific direction related to both athlete inclusion and representation.
7. The Committee discussed and welcomed the development of an International Standard for Education.
8. The Committee reviewed and revised the first draft of the Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights, as it prepares for its presentation at the WADA Global Athlete Forum scheduled for 3-5 June 2018 in Calgary, Alberta. The Committee fully supported the work being done on the Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights. It was agreed that the Charter will be a significant step forward for athletes, and as a result the final Charter should be integrated into the revised World Anti-Doping Code.
9. The Committee was provided an ADAMS update and were encouraged by the advancements planned. It was agreed that ADAMS will be presented at the 2018 WADA Global Athlete Forum.
10. The Committee reviewed and provided feedback and input to the draft agenda and suggested speakers/presenters for the WADA Global Athlete Forum, 3-2 June 2018 in Calgary, Canada.