

**WADA ATHLETE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
26 -27 September 2014
Incheon, South Korea**

**The WADA Athlete Committee is the unified voice of clean athletes worldwide,
encouraging integrity and fairness for sport and athletes.**

The WADA Athlete Committee met on 26-27 September 2014 in Incheon, Korea. The meeting ran concurrently to the XVII Asian Games and was hosted by the Olympic Council of Asia.

In attendance:

Beckie Scott (Chair), Claudia Bokel, Tania Calles, Felipe Contepomi, Francis Dadoo, Ken Egan, Matthew Dunn, Tony Estanguet, Andréanne Morin, Nina Kemppel, Kaveh Mehrabi, Koji Murofushi, Adam Pengilly, Katarzyna Rogowiec, Ben Sandford

WADA Representatives:

Rob Koehler, Julie Masse, Stacy Spletzer-Jegen

As has been customary at previous Athlete Committee meetings, members provided insight on their respective areas and experiences, and discussed WADA's main priorities and updates.

Activity Summary:

Beckie Scott was invited to present the athletes perspective on clean sport at the recent International Triathlon Union's World Triathlon Grand Finale in Edmonton Canada.

Felipe Contepomi is actively engaged in supporting the Argentinian government in developing their NADO. Meetings are on-going and he will continue to report to the Athlete Committee on future developments.

Tony Estanguet is planning an Athlete Forum in France in January 2015. He will be incorporating the Anti-Doping message including many of the tools readily available from WADA.

Ben Sandford took part in WADA's Education Committee in order to showcase the athletes' insight. This will be an on-going exchange that will continue to create future synergies between the two committees.

Ben Sandford was also one of five people to take part in the Independent Observer (IO) Program during the Asian Games. Adding the athletes' insight is an important aspect to this program. Ben suggested the committee be briefed on the recommendations from past IO reports, many of which are athlete centered.

Kaveh Mehrabi joined WADA's Outreach Program during the Asian Games. His involvement not only added an Athlete Ambassador to the program, but also was a direct link to Iran and all Farsi speaking countries from the region. He was dismayed to see the lack of Anti-Doping knowledge from many of the athletes taking the Play True quiz.

The Incheon meeting comprised significant debate on a wide range of issues and resulted in a number of important suggestions put forward, including:

- Whereabouts Program:
 - Members requested that WADA consider simplifying the Whereabouts program around major games;
 - Explore ways to incorporate a Global Positioning System (GPS) into the program.
- Supplements:
 - Members discussed the gym culture where youth and young adults are using more and more supplements as well as other products. Although widely considered a societal problem, not an Anti-Doping one, members called on public authorities to tackle this problem as it is now also affecting both recreational and elite sport.
 - Given supplements are omnipresent in the life of athletes; it was felt that the Anti-Doping community should support athletes in making safe choices. Members expressed their desire to organize a specific discussion group to explore approaches that could be presented to the Anti-Doping community to help support and protect clean athletes. It was suggested that this idea be presented to WADA Management for consideration and further guidance, knowing that much work had already been done in the area of supplements.
- Members encouraged WADA to make available an international “tip line” to report cheating. It is felt that WADA is best placed in regards to ensuring anonymity and follow up.
- The Committee expressed its concern with the Kenyan government’s lack of action in the allegations of widespread doping among elite Kenyan athletes. Committee members were aware that a report had been prepared by a special Kenyan task force but that it had not yet been published. The Anti-Doping community had offered assistance to Kenya to set up their national Anti-Doping agency but there is still no progress on that front.
- *ADAMS 2016*: the Committee confirmed their desire to be involved in the development process of the new and improved ADAMS; two members are to be named on an ADAMS reference group.
- Further to the outcomes of the previous meeting, the Committee called for an enhanced communication network to be developed between different organizations’ athlete committees. A preliminary list of Committees was shared and members will now be responsible for reaching out on a regular basis. It was agreed that an improved network would help better disperse information and athlete views between different committees and organizations from across sport and the Anti-Doping community at-large.
- Following the discussion about mandatory Education as of 1 January 2015, members expressed that they would like to ensure further progress by identifying ways and means that ADOs can better reach athletes and positively incentivise Education. One idea touted was a discussion group to be formed consisting of some of the athletes, with links to WADA’s Education Committee.

Presentations:

- Captain Husain of the OCA greeted the Athlete Committee members to Incheon.
- WADA Director General, David Howman updated members on WADA’s activities and current affairs (via teleconference).
- WADA Director of Education and NADO/RADO Relations, Rob Koehler presented an update on Education initiatives and other projects such as ADAMS 2016, Implementation of the 2015 Code and provided a brief presentation on the Technical Document on Sport Specific Analysis. On this last topic, a more in-depth presentation via teleconference will be organized for members in October.

- The Korean National Anti-Doping Agency represented by Mr. Park Byung-Jin, Secretary General and Lee Kyu-Hwann, Director of Doping Control, presented their organizations' activities and programs.
- The Athlete Committee members visited and participated in activities at the Asian Games Outreach Center in the Athletes Village on the second day of the meeting. This also included taking part in WADA's first ever social media campaign taking questions from the general public #asktheathlete

Summary of Key Recommendations:

1. Members requested that WADA consider simplifying the Whereabouts program around major games;
2. Explore ways to incorporate a Global Positioning System (GPS) into the program;
3. Organize a specific discussion group to explore approaches that could be presented to the Anti-Doping community to help support and protect clean athletes around supplements;
4. Make available an international "tip line" to report cheating;
5. The Committee confirmed their desire to be involved in the development process of the new and improved ADAMS; two members are to be named on an ADAMS reference group
6. Begin communication with established athlete committees world-wide in order to better disseminate information about anti-doping, increase our reach to athletes, and also - in a reciprocal manner, gain knowledge and feedback from those athletes and athlete committees.
7. Create a discussion group focused on supporting mandatory education with links to WADA's Education Committee.

Next meetings:

The Committee will meet "virtually" the week preceding WADA's Executive Committee and Foundation Board meetings on Wednesday 12 November at 10:00 am (EST). This meeting allows the Committee to be fully briefed on the agenda and to comment on aspects that interest them in order for their athlete representatives to take the matter forward.

The next Athlete Committee meeting will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, 24 - 25 March 2015 in parallel with the WADA ADO Symposium.