

In November 2005, WADA officially launched ADAMS (Anti-Doping Administration & Management System), the Web-based database management system that coordinates anti-doping activities worldwide.

Under the World Anti-Doping Code (Code), WADA has an obligation to coordinate anti-doping activities and to provide a mechanism to assist stakeholders with their implementation of the Code. ADAMS was developed for this purpose. ADAMS simplifies the daily activities of all stakeholders and athletes involved in the anti-doping system, increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the fight against doping in sport. ADAMS' multi-level access system protects the security and the confidentiality of data.

ADAMS has four primary functions addressing the key activities of anti-doping operations:

» Athlete Whereabouts

The Web-based functionality allows athletes to enter their information from anywhere in the world; those without internet access may designate a representative such as their anti-doping organization (ADO) to enter the information for them. This function also helps authorized stakeholders share whereabouts information, crucial for maximizing the surprise effect and the efficiency of unannounced out-of-competition testing.

» Information Clearing House

The clearing house is where all data is stored, including lab results, Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) authorizations and anti-doping rules violations. It permits the

sharing of information among the relevant organizations and guarantees that anti-doping activities are performed with the highest level of transparency.

» Doping Control Platform

The ADAMS doping control database provided to ADOs is an essential tool for managing a doping control program, both in- and out-of-competition. Stakeholders can use ADAMS to plan, coordinate, and order tests, as well as manage test results. Coordination of doping control programs in the ADAMS system helps to avoid duplication in doping controls.

» TUE Management

ADAMS allows for online management of TUE requests, as well as online notification of those involved in the process.

ADAMS first went online in mid-2005 for the initial pilot phase. The system has since been introduced to and implemented by numerous anti-doping organizations and all WADA accredited laboratories, as well as several major games organizers. More partners are frequently trained and added to the ADAMS system.