

# Allegation of non-compliance of the International Federation of Basque Pelota (FIPV)

## Relevant Consequences and Impact requiring action by stakeholders

**[Please note that the below consequences will come into effect only on 4 October 2024 if the Signatory does not dispute WADA's allegation of non-compliance and/or the Signatory consequences and/or the reinstatement conditions by midnight EDT on 3 October 2024.]**

On 12 September 2024, the World Anti-Doping Agency issued an all-stakeholder communication confirming WADA's Executive Committee's (ExCo's) endorsement of the independent Compliance Review Committee's (CRC's) recommendation to allege FIPV as non-compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code (Code). A formal notice of non-compliance was issued to FIPV on 12 September 2024, which has twenty-one days starting from the formal notice (i.e. until midnight EDT on 3 October 2024) to dispute the allegation of non-compliance and/or the consequences and/or the conditions of reinstatement, failing which the allegation of non-compliance will be deemed admitted, the Signatory consequences and reinstatement conditions will be deemed accepted, and the formal notice will automatically become a final decision that is enforceable with immediate effect in accordance with Code Article 24.1.9.

While WADA will monitor the implementation of the consequences imposed on FIPV, this communication aims to draw your attention to the fact that under Code Article 24.1.9, other Signatories to the Code must recognize and implement these consequences in full. Please refer to the following for more information on the relevant consequences and their potential impact on your organization.

As recommended by the CRC and endorsed by the ExCo on 12 September 2024, the consequences applied to FIPV in accordance with Code Article 24, and Article 10 and Annex B of the [International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories](#) (ISCCS), are the following:

1. FIPV loses its WADA privileges until reinstatement. This includes:
  - a. FIPV's representatives are ineligible to hold any WADA office or any position as a member of any WADA board or committee or other body (including but not limited to membership of WADA's Foundation Board, ExCo, Standing Committees, and any other committee);
  - b. FIPV is ineligible to host any event hosted or organized or co-hosted or co-organized by WADA;
  - c. FIPV's representatives are ineligible to participate in any WADA Independent Observer Program, WADA Outreach Program or other WADA activities; and
  - d. FIPV will not receive any WADA funding (either directly or indirectly) related to the development of specific activities or participation in specific programs.

**Guidance Note:** WADA will monitor and implement this set of consequences.

2. FIPV's representatives will be ineligible to sit as members of the boards or committees or other bodies of any Signatory (or its members) or association of Signatories, until the Signatory is Reinstated.

***Guidance Note:*** *The Association of IOC Recognized International Sports Federations (ARISF) and other relevant Signatories are asked to ensure immediately that any relevant FIPV representatives, as defined in the Code, that are current members of any relevant board, committee or body, are removed from that position for the relevant period. If a Signatory or related association is unsure of how to apply this consequence, please contact us at [compliance@wada-ama.org](mailto:compliance@wada-ama.org).*

3. FIPV's representatives will be excluded from participation in or attendance at regional, continental or international multisport Events organized by Major Event Organizations (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games where applicable), until FIPV is Reinstated.

***Guidance Note:*** *Major Event Organizations that are Signatories to the Code are asked to ensure immediately that any FIPV representatives, as defined in the Code, do not participate in, or attend, their regional, continental or international multi-sport Events.*

*In addition, to the extent that an event organized by a Major Event Organization that is not a Signatory, but is within that Signatory's sphere of responsibility, that Signatory has the obligation to enforce this consequence in respect of that Event.*

*This consequence shall not apply to Representatives whose attendance/participation at a relevant Event is strictly necessary from a sporting and technical perspective in order to deliver the competition(s) at that Event (i.e. the competition(s) could not be delivered without the Representatives' attendance/participation). For the avoidance of doubt, in order to fall within the scope of this provision for a given Event, each such Representative must have one or more declared legitimate and specific functions linked to the technical/sporting delivery of the competition(s) at the Event and the attendance/participation of that Representative at that Event shall be limited to the exercise of the relevant function(s).*

*If a Signatory is unsure of how to apply this consequence, please contact us at [compliance@wada-ama.org](mailto:compliance@wada-ama.org).*

4. FIPV's representatives will be excluded from participation in or attendance at the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (where applicable) and/or any other multi-sports Event, until FIPV is Reinstated.

***Guidance Note:*** *The International Olympic Committee and International Paralympic Committee are asked to ensure that FIPV's representatives are not accredited to participate in or attend any relevant editions of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.*

*To the extent any multi-sport event not already covered by consequence 3 above (including national events) is within a Signatory's sphere of responsibility (even if not organized by that Signatory), the relevant Signatory is asked to ensure immediately that any relevant FIPV representatives, as defined in the Code, do not participate in, or attend, that event.*

*This consequence shall not apply to Representatives whose attendance/participation at a relevant Event is strictly necessary from a sporting and technical perspective in order to deliver the competition(s) at that Event (i.e. the competition(s) could not be delivered without the Representatives' attendance/participation). For the avoidance of doubt, in order to fall within the scope of this provision for a given Event, each such Representative must have one or more declared legitimate and specific functions linked to the technical/sporting delivery of the competition(s) at the Event and the attendance/participation of that Representative at that Event shall be limited to the exercise of the relevant function(s).*

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