



News Release.

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The WDF has revised many of their documents over the last year with a brand new Anti Doping Policy released.

Over the next few years member bodies will be required to adopt the current policy along with its testing requirements.

What this means to the NDFC is significant in the next few years due to the possibility of drug testing at World Cup events.

Due to the affiliation with GAISF (General Assembly of International Sport Federations) a mandatory doping policy was required and become implemented which has now placed the WDF in line with other sports organisations that are subject to various levels of drug testing.

WDF tournaments in Canada will be unaffected by this policy at this time.

Though unconfirmed, there is a possibility that there MAY be drug testing procedures in place at the 2009 World Cup. When we asked the WDF about drug testing at the World Cup their answer was they were unsure at this time, so with this in mind it was decided that the NDFC would consider things as if there will be doping tests conducted.

There will be NDFC representation at the WDF conference in Bridlington England in December where there will be legal experts on hand to answer questions from member bodies, as well, we will have more accurate information pertaining to this subject following that meeting. Details from Bridlington will be distributed in a news release upon our return to Canada.

With drug testing currently a possibility, the NDFC will be developing a document that will be included in the player's agreement prior to representing Canada at the World Cup. This will be in the form of a waiver due to the possibility of in competition testing at the World Cup by the WDF. It should be noted that testing will be done in the presence of a WADA representative and under WADA (World Anti Doping Agency) rules if it takes place. The responsibility will rest with the individual to maintain a "clean" standard. Currently the situation will be that if a player refuses to sign the document (waiver) the NDFC will not endorse their representation to Team Canada. All other sports [athletes] are subject to this type of testing with darts the next in line to attain this recognition. The waiver being prepared will be reviewed by a legal consultant before being adopted by the NDFC.

The current WADA Prohibited Substance List doesn't include Darts in its affected sports but its likely this will change, in the meantime if we compare our sport to Archery, the in competition limits for alcohol is 0.10 g/L. Detection will be conducted by analysis of breath and / or blood. The doping violation threshold (haematological values) is as previously stated. (0.10 g/L). For more information on the full Prohibited Substance List contact the NDFC. secretary@ndfc.ca.

This news release is to advise members that the war on doping is coming and our confidence in Darts maintaining a clean image in Canada or is going to be detrimental to its survivability as a sport.

Visit www.ndfc.ca for more information on darts.

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