

ANNEXURE B: COVID-19 ATHLETE INFORMATION

As per the National Government of South Africa and Ministry of Health Regulations and Directives (Government Gazette, Volume 660, dated 11th June 2020, No. 43434), certain sport codes and disciplines have been permitted to proceed. As a result of the resumption of sport, drug-testing will resume.

ATHLETE SELECTION FOR DRUG-TESTING

Please note that you have been selected for drug-testing. You can confirm this by checking the authorisation letter from the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport (SAIDS), as well as the DCO/BCO accreditation card which confirms that he/she is an accredited DCO/BCO.

CONSEQUENCES IF ATHLETE REFUSES TO COMPLY WITH DRUG-TESTING

If you refuse to be tested, or if you do not complete the sample collection process after notification, or if you are not able (or willing) to provide a sample due to a lack of protective measures, your refusal will follow the normal results management process as per the SAIDS Anti-Doping Rules, and which may result in a period of ineligibility of up to four years.

MEASURES IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF THE ATHLETE

In order to ensure the health and safety of Athletes, SAIDS have implemented the following measures:

- a. SCP will only be assigned to a Test Mission if they are vaccinated and will not be assigned to a Test Mission to collect an Athlete's sample if they are ill or display any flu-like symptoms.
- b. A COVID-19 screening questionnaire will be completed by the SCP prior to the commencement of the authorised Test Mission to determine whether the SCP can proceed with the test mission.
- c. SCP will be provided with the following additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):
 - i. Disposable gloves
 - ii. Hand sanitiser¹
 - iii. Disposable wet wipes
 - iv. Disposable face masks
 - v. Disposable isolation gown
 - vi. New and unused pens
 - vii. Garbage bags
 - viii. Handheld thermometer
 - ix. Other PPE may include disposable shower caps and disposable boots
- d. Before any contact is made with the Athlete, the SCP must put on their face mask and wash their hands with sanitiser using the "hand rub technique".
- e. Social/Physical distancing of a minimum of 1.5 meters will be observed throughout the testing procedure.
- f. The Athlete must use his/her own pen to complete all forms and questionnaires or be given the option of using a new pen which will be provided by the SCP. **Pens must not be shared.**
- g. If the test is conducted at an Athlete's home, the SCP will ask the Athlete's permission to disinfect the surface area used to conduct the test or use a disposable tablecloth. If the test is conducted at a

¹ Sanitiser with an alcohol content of 70% must be used

- place other than the Athlete's home, the SCP will disinfect the area used to conduct the test or use a new disposable tablecloth after each test when more than one Athlete is being tested.
- h. The SCP will clean their hands with sanitiser using the "hand rub technique" after cleaning the area and after each drug test if several tests are conducted.
 - i. The SCP will wipe the test kit equipment with the disposable wet wipes and place it in the area to be used to conduct the test.
 - j. The SCP will clean their hands with sanitiser using the "hand rub technique" after cleaning the test equipment.
 - k. The SCP will ask the Athlete to clean their hands either using sanitiser and using the "hand rub technique" or using soap i.e. "hand wash technique".
 - l. The Athlete will be given the option to wear gloves and a disposable face mask.
 - m. The Athlete must rinse their hands with water only (unless they have chosen to wear gloves) prior to providing a sample.
 - n. Before leaving the testing location, the SCP will clean the surface used for sample collection with disinfectant wipes or spray.
 - o. If the Athlete was wearing gloves and/or a disposable face mask, the SCP will ask the Athlete to place those items in the garbage bag brought by the SCP.
 - p. The Athlete will be instructed to clean their hands at the end of the testing procedure.
 - q. The SCP will ensure that all discarded items/waste related to the Test Mission will be placed in the garbage bag brought by the SCP, e.g. plastic from sample collection boxes, disinfectant wipes, gloves, face mask, pen used by the athlete.

WHAT CHANGES HAS SAIDS MADE TO THE DRUG-TESTING PROCEDURE DURING COVID-19?

- a. A minimum of 1.5 meters distance must be maintained between the Athlete, the SCP and any third party which will apply throughout the testing procedure.
- b. Doping Control facilities will need to make provision and accommodate social distancing requirements.
- c. Direct contact is not allowed between SCP, Athletes and any third parties.
- d. SCP will be required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), which will include them wearing gloves and face masks during the testing procedure.
- e. Athletes, and anyone attending the test with the Athlete, must wear PPE which will be provided by the SCP. However, Athletes can choose to wear their own face mask if preferred, but gloves will be issued by the SCP.
- f. Pens are not to be shared during the testing procedure. Athletes should use their own pens. If there isn't one available, the SCP will provide a new unused pen, or alternatively as a last resort, any used pen must be sprayed or wiped with sanitiser by the Athlete.

SAIDS CONTACTS

- a. Should a SCP that tested you, contract COVID-19 within the last three weeks of your test, SAIDS will inform you.
- b. Conversely, if you have been tested and subsequently contract COVID-19, we encourage you to inform SAIDS so that the SCP and the laboratory (through the provision of the sample code number only) can be contacted and informed. The person to contact is **Deslyn Pather** at deslyn@suids.org.za and at cellular number **072 2862204**.
- c. If you have any concerns please contact the **SAIDS General Manager, Fahmy Galant** at fahmy@suids.org.za or at cellular number **082 4998756**.

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION

- a. You will be required to provide additional personal information related to your COVID-19 status. The main purpose of requesting this information is to ensure the health and safety of all Athletes. A copy of this form will be provided to you on the day of the Test Mission which you will be required to complete, sign and date.
- b. Below is a summary of the information that will be requested from you:
 - i. Your COVID-19 status.
 - ii. The COVID-19 status of any person that you are living with.
- c. Any additional personal information provided will be handled in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Agency's International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information (ISPPPI) and in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI) within South Africa. The main purpose of the ISPPPI and the POPI Act is to ensure that organisations and persons involved in Anti-Doping in sport apply appropriate, sufficient and effective privacy protection to personal data that they process, hence the information provided will be treated and handled in a confidential manner, and will only be used for the intended purpose by SAIDS and will not be distributed to any third parties.