Protecting Clean Athletes at the Youth Olympic Games

Welcome to the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires!

You are fortunate to have the extraordinary experience to meet other athletes from around the world at these Games.

The purpose of this note is to remind you of your rights as well as your responsibility to help ensure that these Games are clean. Your responsibilities are contained in the World Anti-Doping Code and the IOC Anti-Doping Rules relating to the Games and are summarised below. You should consult your team officials and team medical officers for further details.

In essence, however, you should be aware of the following:

1. Clean Games mean no doping.

2. It is your personal responsibility to ensure that there is no prohibited substance in your body and that you do not use any prohibited method.

3. You may be subject to testing at any time during the Games, before or after competition.

4. If you have committed an anti-doping rule violation, you will, in particular, be automatically disqualified from your competition, including the loss of any medal, and you may face further disciplinary measures from your national or international federation.

Your team officials are in possession of the relevant anti-doping rules and other necessary information. We strongly recommend that you ask them to explain to you the anti-doping rules and the consequences of any breach of those rules and also that you visit and participate in the activities of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) booth.

The IOC is exercising great efforts to protect clean athletes, and we hope that you will truly enjoy these Games.

The International Olympic Committee
Athlete Rights & Responsibilities

As an athlete you have the right to:

- Nominate a representative of your choice to accompany you to doping control. All athletes under 18 should be accompanied
- An interpreter (if required)
- Request for additional information about the doping control procedure
- Note any concerns with the doping control process on the doping control form
- Request a delay in reporting to the Doping Control Station (DCS) with the consent of, and always in full view of, the Doping Control Officer (DCO) or Chaperone. The following may be considered as valid reasons:
  - To attend a victory ceremony
  - To compete in further events
  - To finish a training session
  - To receive necessary medical attention
  - To locate a representative and/or interpreter
  - To fulfill media commitments
  - To warm down
  - To obtain food
  - Other exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the DCO, which can be justified, and which shall be documented.
- Request part ‘B’ of your sample be analysed in case of a positive result
- A fair hearing in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code

As an athlete you have the responsibility to:

- Be aware of, and comply with, the World Anti-Doping Code and IOC Anti-Doping Rules
- Be aware of which substances are prohibited in your sport
- Comply with any requirements of a Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) if you have one
- Provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information in ADAMS if you are included in a registered testing pool by your National Anti-Doping Organisation or International Federation
- Report to the Doping Control facility immediately or after a delay for a valid reason
- Control your sample until it is sealed in the sample collection kit
- Ensure the sealed sample collection kit is secure and identified; and,
- Ensure all completed documentation is accurate

Further information:
IOC Anti-Doping Rules for Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games
WADA Athlete Reference Guide