



Anti-Doping Policy

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1. Introduction

Whether by accident or on purpose, doping is against the rules of the sport. Riders have the right to compete in sport knowing that they, and their competitors are clean.

All motorsport is dangerous and known to carry a greater risk of harm occurring to participants, & others involved in an event, than some other sports. The use of prohibited substances, by either riders, their entourage or officials/volunteers, can further increase the risk of harm as judgement and reasoning may become impaired.

Woodbridge & District Motor Cycle Club Limited, hereafter referred to as 'WDMCC', supports the promotion of clean sport through implementation of the ACU anti-doping rules. WDMCC wish for all persons attending events to do in so as safely as possible.

Doping is the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations which are:

- the presence of a prohibited substanceor markers in a rider's bodily specimen;
- the use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method.

- the possession of prohibited substances and methods.

All officials, competitors and competitor support personnel must abide by the ACU anti-doping rules which are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code.

This policy outlines the actions that WDMCC will take at events held within the Eastern Centre within the disciplines of Motocross, Enduro and Trials. The ACU takes responsibility for anti-doping testing at British Motocross Championship events. Anti-Doping Control Officers for the ACU may also attend any ACU permitted event to carry out random testing.

WDMCC may either conduct random screenings or in response to a concern of possible substance use being raised / identified.

WDMCC reserves the right to make its own decisions regarding any screening for substances and consequential actions. These may include a rider being refused entry to future WDMCC hosted events for a specified period of time.

Decisions made are club based only. Sanctions, such as revoking licenses, will not be imposed by the ACU unless their Anti-Doping Control Officers are undertaking the testing.

2. Policy Statement

- We all have a responsibility to promote clean sport.
- All suspicions or allegations of doping, whether intentionally or accidentally will be taken seriously and responded to fairly and appropriately.

3. Scope

This policy is applicable to all participants involved in ACU permitted events or activities held by WDMCC, with the exception of the British Motocross Championship. It is also applicable to all officials and volunteers involved with the running of events and activities.

4. Definitions

- “Athlete”, in the broad context, means any Person who participates at any level in any sport under the authority of any signatory, government or other sports organisation accepting the Code. All riders are recognised as athletes as they are registered with, and have a licence from, the ACU.
Within this policy they will be referred to as ‘Rider’;
- “Club” means Woodbridge & District Motor Cycle Club (WDMCC) and its members;

- “Medical teams” – means the CQC registered provider that WDMCC have contracted for event medical cover;
- “Officials” – means any person who is involved in the event in a designated role, and has signed on;
- “Participant” - means any Rider or Rider Support Person;
- “Person” - means a natural Person or an organisation or other entity.
- “Prohibited Substances” – this means the list of prohibited drugs agreed and published by WADA
- “Rider’s entourage” – international and national guidance refers to an “Athlete Support Person” being any team manager, team support staff, agent, official, parent or any other Person working with, treating or assisting an Athlete participating in or preparing for sports competition.
WDMCC refers to this group of persons as the ‘rider’s entourage’ and this includes their mechanics.
- “Screening” – means the activity that will be implemented by WDMCC in the event of possible substance use. It will involve a 6 in 1 saliva drug testing kit to screen for cocaine, cannabis, opiates, Methamphetamine, Benzodiazepine and Amphetamine.
- “Volunteers” – means any person supporting an event, as requested by WDMCC, other than those in a designated officials role.

All words in the singular also include the plural.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

Riders are responsible for their actions; including what they eat and drink. This is known as the principle of ‘strict liability’. In the event of a screening being considered riders will be responsible for informing WDMCC of any medications they may have taken (prescribed or non-prescribed) that could contain the substances being screened.

The rider’s entourage will take responsibility for their own actions and promote clean sport principles through reporting any concerns to the Secretary of the meeting. For riders under 18 yrs, parents/guardians can support the young person in providing information about any prescribed medication.

All club officials and volunteers will take responsibility for their own actions and for reporting any concerns regarding possible substance use amongst riders, and/or their entourage to the Secretary of the meeting. They will also report any concerns relating to any officials or volunteers.

The Secretary of the meeting will be responsible for

- Informing riders and their support persons of WDMCC's anti-doping policy prior to events;
- In consultation with the medical team and WDMCC committee, make suitable arrangements for screening. This may include purchasing of test kits and ensuring a stock of in date kits is available for each event;
- In partnership with the medical team onsite & the Clerk of the Course, will be responsible for deciding whether any screening for substances should take place.
- If a screening is non-negative, confirming the immediate consequential actions to the rider and their support persons.
- Report non-negative screenings to the WDMCC Committee.

WDMCC Committee will be responsible for decisions regarding any further actions considered appropriate.

WDMCC Directors will monitor the implementation of this policy and ensure reviews take place either by the agreed date or if revised ACU guidance necessitates a review.

6. Responding to concerns or allegations

6.1 Rider's and /or their entourage

In the event of a concern or allegation being made about either a rider or a rider's entourage the following process will be implemented:

- a) Secretary of meeting to record details of rider and / or entourage with an overview of concerns received;
- b) Secretary of meeting to decide with the medical team and the Clerk of the Course whether a substance screening should take place;
- c) Rider and their entourage to be informed that screening will take place;
- d) Medical team to undertake screening and report outcome to Secretary of the meeting;
- e) Secretary of the meeting will update the Clerk of the Course & inform the rider / entourage, as appropriate, of the outcome of the screening.
- f) If the screening is non-negative the rider and their entourage will be withdrawn from the event and asked to leave the site;
- g) Secretary of the meeting will record outcome of the screening and actions taken.
- h) Non-negative screening results will be reported to the WDMCC committee.
- i) The WDMCC committee will review non-negative screening results and decide whether further sanctions / actions are appropriate in the circumstances. The Club Secretary will notify the rider and their entourage of the outcome of the committee's decision.

If a participant refuses a screening, the rider will be withdrawn from the meeting and they, and their entourage, asked to leave the site.

If the first screening is inconclusive a second will be undertaken.

If a non-negative result is disputed by the participant a second screening may be undertaken but they will be charged for this at the purchase price.

A participant cannot dispute the decision made at the event by the Secretary of the meeting.

A participant may appeal a decision made by the WDMCC committee by notifying the Club Secretary by email wdmcc.clubsec@gmail.com of the reasons for their appeal. The Directors of WDMCC will consider the appeal and inform the participant whether the decision is upheld or revoked.

6.2 Officials or Volunteers

In the event of a concern or allegation being made about an official or volunteer, the following process will be implemented:

- a) Secretary of meeting to record details of official / volunteer with an overview of concerns received;
- b) Secretary of meeting to decide with the medical team and the Clerk of the Course whether a substance screening should take place;
- c) Official / volunteer to be informed that screening will take place;
- d) Medical team to undertake screening and report outcome to Secretary of the meeting;
- e) Secretary of the meeting will update the Clerk of the Course & inform the official / volunteer of the outcome of the screening.
- f) If the screening is non-negative the official will be withdrawn from their role and asked to leave the site. Likewise, the volunteer will be asked to leave the site;
- g) Secretary of the meeting will record outcome of the screening and actions taken.
- h) Non-negative screening results will be reported to the WDMCC committee.
- i) The WDMCC committee will review non-negative screening results and decide whether further sanctions / actions are appropriate in the circumstances. The Club Secretary will notify the official / volunteer of the outcome of the committee's decision.

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Further Information

ACU National Sporting Code 4th Ed. Revision 13 (January 2024)

<https://www.acu.org.uk/Uploaded/1/Documents/2024%20Paperwork/Handbook/Updated/National-Sporting-Code-2024-Final.pdf>

FIM Anti-Doping Code <https://www.fim-moto.com/en/documents/view/fim-anti-doping-code-2024-edition>

ACU Anti-Doping <https://www.acu.org.uk/information/acu-anti-doping.aspx>

WADA: [https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/world-anti-doping-code#:text=The%20World%20Anti%2DDoping%20Code%20\(Code\)%20is%20the%20core,public%20authorities%20around%20the%20world](https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/world-anti-doping-code#:text=The%20World%20Anti%2DDoping%20Code%20(Code)%20is%20the%20core,public%20authorities%20around%20the%20world)

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