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## *ANTI-DOPING*

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# ANTI-DOPING OBJECTIVES

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# 1. ANTI-DOPING OBJECTIVES



The primary objective of anti-doping efforts is to safeguard the integrity of Olympic sport, ensuring that competitions remain fair, transparent, and credible.

Central to this mission is protecting athletes' fundamental right to compete in a doping-free environment, promoting health, fairness, and equality across all levels of competition.

Equally important is educating athletes about the Anti-Doping Programme, raising awareness of their responsibilities, and actively fostering a culture of clean sport through guidance, resources, and communication.

Together, these objectives work to uphold the values of sportsmanship while empowering athletes to compete safely and fairly.

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# IOC ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME

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## 2. IOC ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME



### 2.1. IOC ANTI-DOPING RULES

The IOC is the Testing Authority for the Games and oversees the Anti-Doping Programme, which is governed by the IOC Anti-Doping Rules (IOC ADR), but implemented by the International Testing Agency (ITA). The full rules can be accessed [here](#).

The IOC ADR will apply throughout the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG), from the opening of the Youth Olympic Village on October 27<sup>th</sup> until the Closing Ceremony on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Athletes may be tested at any time or location during this period, without prior notice. Both urine and blood samples may be collected as part of the testing process.

Compliance with the IOC ADR is mandatory for all participants and is a condition of eligibility to compete in the Youth Olympic Games of Dakar 2026.

## 2. IOC ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME



### 2.2. DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL TESTING AGENCY (ITA)

The IOC has delegated the implementation of the anti-doping programme to the International Testing Agency (ITA).

The ITA is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that manages anti-doping programmes on behalf of international sports bodies. It operates autonomously from sport and political influence, ensuring impartial, expert-led testing and compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC).

Empowered by the IOC, the ITA leads the anti-doping programme, oversees its implementation, and ensures that it is both independent and transparent. All activities are carried out in accordance with the IOC Anti-Doping Rules (IOC ADR), the WADC, and its accompanying standards and technical documents.

Under the leadership of the ITA, the Dakar 2026 Anti-Doping programme will safeguard the integrity of sport while protecting the health and rights of all athletes.

|                                    |                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Testing Authority (TA)             | IOC (delegated to ITA)          |
| Sample Collection Authority (SCA)  | Dakar 2026 Organising Committee |
| Results Management Authority (RMA) | IOC (delegated to ITA)          |

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# DAKAR 2026 ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME

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# 3. DAKAR 2026 ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME



## 3.1. TESTING

The number and timing of tests, the types of analyses, and the athletes to be tested are determined according to the Risk Assessment and Test Distribution Plan (TDP) developed by the ITA.

The Dakar 2026 Anti-Doping programme will include the following:

- Testing at any location and at any time, without prior notice, from the opening of the Youth Olympic Village (October 27<sup>th</sup>) until the Closing Ceremony (November 13<sup>th</sup>).
- Collection of urine and/or blood samples.
- Doping control at any location, including, but not limited to, Doping Control Stations (DCS) at competition and training venues, and the Youth Olympic Village (YOV).
- Sharing relevant information with partners, including the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), International Federations (IFs), National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) / Regional Anti-Doping Organisations (RADOs), and law enforcement agencies.

Further information regarding the Dakar 2026 Anti-Doping programme and Games-time operations will be provided in the Anti-Doping Guide, which will be published by Dakar 2026 by the end of April.

# 3. DAKAR 2026 ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME



## 3.2. DOPING CONTROL STATIONS (DCS)

Dakar 2026 will operate four Doping Control Stations (DCS) for the YOG, with the following athlete transfer times to the nearest DCS:

| CLUSTER     | COMPETITION VENUE             | TIME IN MINUTES | CLOSEST DCS  |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| DAKAR       | Complexe Iba Mar Diop (CID)   | 0               | At the venue |
|             | Complexe Tour de l'Oeuf (CTO) | 0               | At the venue |
|             | Corniche Ouest (COR)          | 10              | CTO          |
| DIAMNIANDIO | Dakar Expo Centre (DEX)       | 10              | YOV          |
|             | Dakar Arena (DAR)             | 10              | YOV          |
|             | Equestrian Centre (CED)       | 17              | YOV          |
|             | Abdoulaye Wade Stadium (SAW)  | 5               | YOV          |
| SALY        | Saly Beach West (SBW)         | 0               | At the venue |

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## 3.3. THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS (TUE)

In certain situations, athletes may need to use a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method, as listed in the [2026 Prohibited List](#), for legitimate health reasons.

Athletes must demonstrate that the substance or method is medically necessary. A Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) will only be granted if the medical documentation meets the strict requirements of the International Standard for TUEs. A TUE authorises the use of the substance or method while competing, without triggering an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) or sanctions.

The IOC Anti-Doping Rules (IOC ADR) outline a specific process for athletes to request and receive authorisation for prescribed treatment. Applications are reviewed by a panel of physicians, the International TUE Committee (ITUEC), appointed by the ITA.

All relevant information on TUEs for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games is available on the ITA website at [Therapeutic Use Exemptions \(TUEs\) – International Olympic Committee Events](#).

For further guidance, athletes can consult the ITA Athlete Hub:

- [Therapeutic Use Exemptions \(TUEs\) – International Testing Agency](#)
- [Therapeutic Use Exemption \(TUE\) Quick Guide – International Testing Agency](#)

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# EDUCATION & ATHLETES' WELFARE

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# 4. EDUCATION & ATHLETES' WELFARE



The IOC, through the ITA as its delegated partner, will manage the education programme for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, both leading up to and during the event.

## 4.1. PRE-GAMES

As signatories of the World Anti-Doping Code, all NOCs must ensure that athletes and Entourage members/ASP receive anti-doping education before the Youth Olympic Games, in line with the [International Standard for Education](#) (ISE, Article 7.5.2). This education should be delivered in cooperation with the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO). If no NADO exists, the NOC assumes responsibility for providing education (ISE, Article 7.5.1).

To support these pre-Games education efforts, the ITA will:

- Publish an NOC Clean Sport Education Guide for Dakar 2026, along with a supporting slide deck, in English and French.
- Direct athletes to [WADA ADEL for Talented Athletes competing at Major Events \(TAME\)](#), available in 24 languages and linked in the Athlete365 e-learning “Mastering Your Sporting Journey”.
- Provide [a Guide to Doping Control for Athletes who are Minors](#), including tips for Entourage members, available in 12 languages.
- Conduct a short survey to identify any gaps in pre-Games education and provide additional resources as needed.

All materials, along with an education checklist, will be shared via the NOCnet platform and sent directly to NOCs and NADOs in April 2026.

# 4. EDUCATION & ATHLETES' WELFARE



## 4.2. DURING GAMES-TIME

During the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the ITA and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) will collaborate to raise awareness and deliver clean sport education to athletes and their entourage. This is part of the wider Athlete Education Programme, a key pillar of the Youth Olympic Games.

Clean sport education activities will be hosted by ITA Education Ambassadors, with further engagement from WADA Athlete Council Members and other Olympians, who serve as role models at the Athlete365 House in the Youth Olympic Village (YOV).

**All athletes and entourage members are strongly encouraged to:**

- Participate in fun and interactive clean sport education activities.
- Ask questions about anti-doping.
- Join the Clean Sport team to promote competition without doping.

# A GUIDE TO DOPING CONTROL FOR ATHLETES WHO ARE MINORS

When an athlete who is a **minor (under 18)** is selected for doping control, the process is similar to that for adult athletes, but modifications are made to ensure their safety and well-being.

## KEY MODIFICATIONS

TWO SAMPLE COLLECTION PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED WHEN A MINOR IS TESTED.

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### TIPS FOR THE ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

**Support the athlete** in understanding their rights and responsibilities throughout the process.

**Observe the process** to ensure it is being followed correctly.

Remember that the **athlete will make all decisions** regarding your involvement.

Play a key role in framing the narrative around testing—**encourage a positive perspective**, such as: "Testing is recognition of your hard work and success."

## 01 NOTIFICATION

The athlete will be asked if they would like a **representative** present during the doping control process. While this is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended.

If the athlete chooses to have a representative, the Doping Control Officer (DCO) and second Sample Collection Personnel (SCP) will accompany the athlete to locate them. **The notification will then be completed in the representative's presence.**

If the athlete declines a representative, the notification will proceed as usual, but **the athlete can request one at any time.**

## 02 CHAPERONING

An athlete must remain in direct sight of the DCO or SCP at all times. Additionally, for a minor athlete a **second adult** (either their representative or a second SCP) **will always be present** until the doping control process is complete.

## 03 SAMPLE COLLECTION

At the athlete's request, their **representative may be present in the bathroom during sample provision**, although this is rare.

A **second observer**, who is a member of the SCP team, **will observe the DCO during the process**. This second observer will not see the athlete while they provide their sample. Their role is to observe the DCO.

If requested by the athlete, their **representative can act as an additional second observer.**



## 04 DOPING CONTROL FORM COMPLETION

The athlete and the athlete's representative **must check the accuracy of the information recorded** on the Doping Control Form and sign it.

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