

## **UK Deaf Sport's Clean Sport Statement**

### **Introduction**

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD's) Fundamental Rationale for the World Anti-Doping Code and ICSD's Anti-Doping Rules states:

*"Anti-doping programs are founded on the intrinsic value of sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport": the ethical pursuit of human excellence through the dedicated perfection of each Athlete's natural talents. Anti-doping programs seek to protect the health of Athletes and to provide the opportunity for Athletes to pursue human excellence without the use of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods.*

*Anti-doping programs seek to maintain the integrity of sport in terms of respect for rules, other competitors, fair competition, a level playing field, and the value of clean sport to the world. The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind. It is the essence of the Olympism and is reflected in the values we find in and through sport".*

ICSD further state in the [ICSD ANTI-DOPING RULES](#):

*"ICSD, being the Code Signatory, is under the obligation to support the activity of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in promoting and encouraging the culture of clean sport. With this goal, ICSD signed the World Anti-Doping Code Acceptance on 26 February 2006.*

*As a condition of recognition by ICSD:*

- *All ICSD members shall comply with ICSD's Anti-Doping Rules*
- *All ICSD members undertake to elaborate the Anti-Doping Code based on the principles of ICSD's Anti-Doping Rules, or in a written declaration to adopt ICSD's Anti-Doping Rules.*

*The Deaflympics, World Deaf Youth Games and all other sports events sanctioned by the ICSD, including World Deaf Championships, are subject to the ICSD Anti-Doping Rules".*

### **UK Deaf Sport Statement of Commitment**

UK Deaf Sport believes the use of doping substances or doping methods to enhance sports performance is fundamentally wrong and is detrimental to the overall spirit of deaf sport. Drug misuse can harm athlete health and severely damage the ethics, integrity, and value of sport as a whole.

UK Deaf Sport condemns the misuse of drugs in sport and confirms the adoption of the [ICSD Anti-Doping Rules](#).

To give effect to the [ICSD Anti-Doping Policy](#) and the [UK's Anti-Doping Policy](#), UK Deaf Sport as the Great Britain Federation for deaf sport in the UK, will work to put into place an anti-doping programme that is designed to prevent the misuse of drugs in sport and to penalise those who are guilty of contravening the [UK Deaf Sport Anti-Doping Policy](#) .



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UK Deaf Sport will work with [UK Anti-Doping](#) and the National Deaf Sports Organisations in the UK to achieve effective anti-doping policies and procedures.

The UK Deaf Sport anti-doping policy will ensure that deaf athletes and those who support them understand:

- Athletes are expected to play, train and compete in line with the spirit of sport, including the anti-doping rules.
- Coaches and athlete support personnel are expected to perform their role in line with the spirit of sport, including the anti-doping rules.
- To have internationally consistent anti-doping policies, laws and/or regulations, athletes are required to undergo doping tests and to be sanctioned when they violate doping regulations.
- That the anti-doping sport policies, laws and regulations protect the athlete's rights.
- UK Deaf Sport is committed to Clean Sport and undertakes to work with ICSD and UK Anti-Doping wherever possible and appropriate to deliver anti-doping education.
- Employees and individuals associated with UK Deaf Sport will not condone, assist or in any way support the use of prohibited substances and methods (unless permitted by a Therapeutic Use Exemption).
- Employees and individuals associated with UK Deaf Sport are expected to contact UK Anti-Doping should they become aware of an athlete or NGB member using or considering the usage of a prohibited substance or prohibited method.
- How to access information providing the list of prohibited and restricted substances.
- The doping control procedures and the sanctions for doping infractions and that UK Deaf Sport will uphold any sanctions placed upon an athlete by UK Anti-Doping or other associated body in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code.
- That UK Deaf Sport is accountable to [UK Anti-Doping](#); A national organisation independent of the national sports organisations, and with full integrity in the anti-doping field, who have responsibility for ensuring the enforcement of the anti-doping sport policies, laws and/or regulations.

The [UK Deaf Sport Anti-Doping Policy](#) will adhere to the obligations laid down by [UK Anti-Doping](#) and will incorporate the [ICSD Anti-Doping Rules](#) and the [UK's Anti-Doping Policy Rules](#) for sport.

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