UK DEAF SPORT BACKS UK ANTI-DOPING’S CALL FOR ADDITIONAL ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

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UK Deaf Sport are supporting UK Anti-Doping’s ‘Clean in Quarantine’ campaign as part of Clean Sport Week 2020.

The campaign, now in its fourth year, is being supported by a range of National Governing Bodies (NGBs), sports organisations and UK sports stars, who are taking part in several online activities focusing on anti-doping education throughout the week, 18-24 May 2020.

Based on research conducted by UK Anti-Doping (UKAD), Clean Sport Week is encouraging those in sport to celebrate clean sport and continue expanding their anti-doping knowledge. Furthermore, UKAD is calling for athletes to adopt practices into their day-to-day lives that will reduce the risk of violating anti-doping rules.

More information about clean sport can be found here on [our anti-doping page](https://ukdeafsport.org.uk/anti-doping/), and all athletes and coaches are welcome to contact us at any time for advice or guidance.

**Valerie Copenhagen, Executive Director of UK Deaf Sport**, said:

“Promoting clean sport in deaf sport is a vital area to UK Deaf Sport. We will continue to raise the level of awareness and continue to support and educate our deaf athletes, volunteers and coaches. Here at UK Deaf Sport we believe every deaf athlete has the right to have a positive experience competing and that they are also competing on an equal level alongside their peers.”

**Jacqui Traynor, General Secretary of UK Deaf Sport,** said:

“UK Deaf Sport believe in empowering all deaf athletes and coaches with the information they need to be able to understand their rights and responsibilities so as to uphold Clean Sport in deaf sport. To this end we are committed to ensuring we support our members so that we can all safeguard athlete’s health as well as encourage a fair playing field.”

Through a number of online events, the ‘Clean in Quarantine’ campaign for Clean Sport Week, will promote UKAD’s online education programmes including Coach Clean, which is now available free [online](https://www.ukad.org.uk/clean-sport-week-2020).

The campaign will also see social media videos from several UK athletes and coaches featured on UKAD’s channels as they back ‘Clean in Quarantine’ while social distancing during the ongoing Covid-19 lockdown across the UK.

Nicole Sapstead, UKAD’s Chief Executive, said: “The Covid-19 crisis has impacted sport on many levels, but our Clean in Quarantine campaign is highlighting ways that athletes and coaches can maintain their commitment to clean sport during lockdown.

“UKAD’s free education resources are vital tools in maintaining integrity and public confidence in sport when it returns. We’re calling on athletes and coaches to access the information they need to protect themselves and clean sport.

“We’ve seen on social media how well athletes and coaches have adapted to life in lockdown. Making a few changes to incorporate anti-doping practices into their daily routine is equally achievable.”

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# Notes to Editors:

Clean in Quarantine

Clean Sport Week is a partnership campaign between UK Anti-Doping (UKAD), National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and the wider British sporting family, which provides a platform to celebrate clean sport.

From promoting UKAD’s Coach Clean course and other free online education programmes, to sharing videos featuring elite athletes and coaches, and hosting an anti-doping webinar, the ‘Clean in Quarantine’ campaign is focusing on online events and activities amidst the Covid-19 lockdown.

[Click here](https://www.ukad.org.uk/clean-sport-week-2020) to register for the free anti-doping education programmes and for more details on the campaign. Join in the conversation on social media using #CleanInQuarantine.

UK Anti-Doping

UK Anti-Doping is responsible for ensuring sports bodies in the UK are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code through implementation and management of the UK’s National Anti-Doping Policy.

UK Anti-Doping’s functions include an education and information programme, athlete testing across more than 40 Olympic, Paralympic and professional sports, intelligence management and exclusive results management authority for the determination of anti-doping rule violations.

For more information on what we do, please click [here](http://www.ukad.org.uk/what-we-do/).

UK Anti-Doping’s 2018-2022 Strategy
UK Anti-Doping launched its four-year Strategic Plan in 2018 focused on protecting the right to enjoy doping-free sport through four key strategic objectives. These objectives are:

* Catching those who cheat
* Providing information and education
* Working with sports
* Influence anti-doping decision-making

To read the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, please click [here](https://www.ukad.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-04/UK%20Strategic%20Plan%202018%20-2022.pdf).

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