

Summary of 2015 FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Law Changes

The implementation on 1 January of the revised 2015 [WADA Code](#) has led to some important changes. These are reflected in FISA's revised [FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Laws](#).

You will find below the principal changes:

1. TUEs

The [International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions](#) (ISTUE) has been revised. Any **international level** rower using a prohibited substance or a prohibited method for therapeutic reasons **must have a valid FISA approved TUE**.

This means that a FISA approved TUE is now required for more events than in the past. In addition to all rowers included in FISA's Registered Testing Pool, all rowers who intend to compete in the following international competitions shall be considered international level:

- World Rowing Championships for Senior, Under 23 and Junior (new)
- Continental Rowing Championships, Regional Games and Olympic, Youth Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regattas
- World Rowing Cup Regattas
- World and Continental Championships in rowing ergometer competitions (new)
- Olympic, Youth Olympic and Paralympic Rowing Regattas (in accordance with the relevant rules of the IOC and IPC)

Rowers are advised that a FISA approved TUE may only be valid for national competitions 21 days after approval by FISA, therefore rowers are informed that they should apply for a TUE from their national anti-doping organisation as well as from FISA. Please refer to Article 4.2.2.2 of the [FISA anti-doping bye-laws](#).

2. WADA Prohibited List

The new [2015 Prohibited List](#) came into force on 1 January 2015.

3. Increased Sanctions for Anti-Doping Rule Violations

The revised WADA Code allows for increased sanctions of four years for athletes who have committed an anti-doping rule violation as well as more possibilities for athlete personnel to be sanctioned in the case of an anti-doping rule violation.

For more information, please refer to the new [FISA anti-doping bye-laws](#) or contact Natalie Schmutz at natalie.schmutz@fisa.org