

**BYE-LAW 7
ANTI DOPING POLICY**

7. DOPING CONTROL

- 7.1 The Association is opposed to the use of prohibited drugs in the game and will undertake whatever steps are necessary to ensure its members do not partake of any of the banned substances listed in the International Olympic Committees Medical Commission or the world Anti-Doping Agency (the WADA). To this end, participants in the game may be subject to random testing.
- 7.2 The procedure shall have the power to carry out drug testing of those participating in competition games governed by the Association.
- 7.3 The method of testing will be by way of urine samples. While every effort will be made to maintain the player's privacy, the urine sample is required to be taken under supervision.
- 7.4 The banned use of drugs in sport are identified as being under four categories:
- Stimulants, e.g. Amphetamines
 - Narcotic analgesics (pain killers) e.g. morphine
 - Anabolic steroids to increase muscle and aggression
 - Tranquillisers and relaxants, e.g. beta-blockers and alcohol
- 7.5 It is the responsibility of players to check with their doctor if any medication being taken is likely to contain a banned substance. Doctors are normally able to prescribe adequate medication not including prohibited drugs.
- 7.6 Any player must, if required by an official designated for the purpose of drug control, submit to a drugs test. Failure to do so will be taken as if a positive result had been obtained and will be dealt with accordingly.
- 7.7 Similarly, any Club member or Official, who in any way obstructs the procedure regarding the drugs testing, shall result in that club being suspended from participation in the particular competition for a period of one year.
- 7.8 Should any player be found to have provided a urine sample which, on analysis, is found to contain a prohibited drug he/she will be immediately:
- notified in writing to that effect.
 - suspended from any further participation in the game until a hearing before the Behaviour in Sport Committee as per Bye Law 8.4. The player and his/her club representative shall be given the opportunity to be heard at any such hearing.
- 7.9 Should the finding of the hearing be that the player has partaken of prohibited drugs other than as properly prescribed, that participant shall, forthwith, be suspended sine die. There shall be the right of appeal after one year to an Appeals Hearing constituted under the terms of

ByeLaw 8.5.8, who shall have the power to amend the suspension if considered appropriate. The appeal procedure shall be as detailed in Bye-Law 8.5.