

Ref: FOI-437

FAO: [REDACTED]

22 July 2024

Sent via email only:
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 24 June 2024 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). The specific terms of your request are set out below:

Request 1

As per UKAD's regulations it states the protocols for how UKAD manages the Results Management process involving Adverse Passport Findings in Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) cases:

7.5.1 Where an Atypical Passport Finding or other ABP-related case is referred to a single expert from the Expert Panel in accordance with Article 5.5.5, and the opinion of the single expert is 'likely doping', the file will be referred to a group of three experts from the Expert Panel (composed of the single expert appointed in the initial review and two further experts chosen by the APMU from the Expert Panel) for consideration in accordance with ISRM Annex C.

7.5.2 Where all of the three experts from the Expert Panel, having reviewed the ABP Documentation Package, render a joint opinion of 'likely doping' (an "Adverse Passport Finding"), UKAD shall send the Athlete a Notice in accordance with Article 7.8.

1a.i. Between January 1st 2014 and June 16th 2022, how many times have UKAD sent an Athlete "a Notice in accordance with Article 7.8" informing them they have been found to have an Adverse Passport Finding?

1.a.ii. Please breakdown the figure disclosed in question 1.a.i by year.

1.a.iii. Please breakdown the figure disclosed in question 1.a.i by sport.

1b.i. Between June 16th 2022 and present, how many times have UKAD sent an Athlete “a Notice in accordance with Article 7.8” informing them they have been found to have an Adverse Passport Finding?

1.b.ii. Please breakdown the figure disclosed in question 1.b.i by year.

1.b.iii. Please breakdown the figure disclosed in question 1.b.i by sport.

Question 2

As per UKAD’s regulations it states the protocols for how UKAD manages the Results Management process involving Adverse Passport Findings in Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) cases:

7.10 Provisional Suspension

7.10.1 Mandatory Provisional Suspension after an Adverse Analytical Finding or Adverse Passport Finding:

Where a Notice is issued to an Athlete based on an Adverse Analytical Finding or Adverse Passport Finding for a Prohibited Substance that is not a Specified Substance or for Use of a Prohibited Method that is not a Specified Method, then (subject only to Article 7.10.3) a Provisional Suspension will come into effect automatically on the date specified by UKAD in the Notice.

2.a.i. Between January 1st 2014 and June 16th 2022, how many times have UKAD provisionally suspended an athlete for an Adverse Passport Finding?

2.a.ii. Please breakdown the figure disclosed in question 2.a.i by year.

2.a.iii. Please breakdown the figure disclosed in question 2.a.i by sport.

2.b.i. Between June 16th 2022 and present, how many times have UKAD provisionally suspended an athlete for an Adverse Passport Finding?

2.b.ii. Please breakdown the figure disclosed in question 2.b.i by year.

2.b.iii. Please breakdown the figure disclosed in question 2.b.i by sport.

Response

Question 1

2. The response to your Question 1a.i. is zero (0). Between 1 January 2014 and 16 June 16 2022, UKAD did not sent any Notices to any Athletes in accordance with

UK ADR Article 7.8, informing them that they were found to have an Adverse Passport Finding.

3. Consequently, your questions 1.a.ii and 1.a.iii are not applicable as there is no data to be broken down.
4. The response to your Question 1b.i. is zero (0). Between 16 June 2022 and 24 June 2024 (the date of your request), UKAD did not send any Notices to any Athletes in accordance with UK ADR Article 7.8 informing them that they were found to have an Adverse Passport Finding.
5. Consequently, your questions 1.b.ii and 1.b.iii are not applicable as there is no data to be broken down.

Question 2

6. The response to your Question 2a.i. is zero (0). Between 1 January 2014 and 16 June 2022, UKAD did not provisionally suspend any Athletes for an Adverse Passport Finding.
7. Consequently, your questions 2a.ii and 2.a.iii are not applicable as there is no data to be broken down.
8. The response to your Question 2b.i. is zero (0). Between 16 June 2022 and 24 June 2024 (the date of your request), UKAD did not provisionally suspend any Athletes for an Adverse Passport Finding.
9. Consequently, your questions 2b.ii and 2.b.iii are not applicable as there is no data to be broken down.

Conclusion

10. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response and should be addressed via email to foi@ukad.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.
11. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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