

UK Anti-Doping Testing Programme

October-December 2025 (Q3)

Testing Programme Summary

Between 1 October and 31 December 2025, 2,151 tests¹ were conducted under the UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) Testing Programme.

Combined with the testing activity between 1 April and 30 September 2025, a total of 6,560 tests have been conducted under the UKAD Testing Programme so far in the financial year 2025/26.

Of the 2,151 Tests in Quarter 3, 166 were attempted under the jurisdiction of an International Federation or other Anti-Doping Organisation.

The following table provides a breakdown of testing by sport for UK National Governing Bodies (NGBs) in Quarter 3:

| Sport | In-Competition | Out-of-Competition | Q3 Total |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Aquatics | 12 | 30 | 42 |
| Athletics | 4 | 92 | 96 |
| Basketball | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Biathlon | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Bobsleigh & Skeleton | 0 | 19 | 19 |
| Boxing | 60 | 54 | 114 |
| Canoe | 2 | 11 | 13 |
| Cricket | 0 | 21 | 21 |
| Curling | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Cycling | 5 | 66 | 71 |
| Football (FA) | 265 | 609 | 874 |
| Football (IFA) | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Football (SFA) | 10 | 12 | 22 |
| Gymnastics | 2 | 13 | 15 |
| Ice Hockey | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Ice Skating | 0 | 20 | 20 |
| Judo | 3 | 13 | 16 |
| Modern Pentathlon | 0 | 10 | 10 |

¹ For the purposes of this report, UKAD defines a test as any attempt to test a single athlete in a single Sample Collection Session. If multiple samples (blood and/or urine) are collected from an athlete in a single Sample Collection Session, this is only counted as one successful test. If the athlete is not located or unavailable for testing, this is defined as one unsuccessful test attempt, regardless of the number of planned samples to be collected from that athlete.

| Sport | In-Competition | Out-of-Competition | Q3 Total |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Netball | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Para-Powerlifting | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Rowing | 0 | 24 | 24 |
| Rugby League | 23 | 99 | 122 |
| Rugby Sevens | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| Rugby Union (RFU) | 37 | 129 | 166 |
| Rugby Union (SRU) | 26 | 33 | 59 |
| Rugby Union (WRU) | 16 | 69 | 85 |
| Shooting | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Snowsport | 0 | 71 | 71 |
| Sport Climbing | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Squash | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Taekwondo | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Tennis | 6 | 25 | 31 |
| Triathlon | 2 | 25 | 27 |
| Weightlifting | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| Wheelchair Basketball | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Sub-total (UK NGBs) | 490 | 1,495 | 1,985 |
| International | 70 | 96 | 166 |
| Q3 Total | 560 | 1,591 | 2,151 |
| Q1-Q3 Total | 1,855 | 4,705 | 6,560 |

Adverse Analytical Findings

Adverse Analytical Findings (AAFs) are defined in the World Anti-Doping Code as “a report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory that, consistent with the International Standard for Laboratories, establishes in a Sample the presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers or evidence of the use of a Prohibited Method.”

In Quarter 3, five AAFs were reported².

Whereabouts Failures

In Quarter 3, UKAD recorded 10 confirmed Whereabouts Failures.

For further details on Whereabouts, please refer to the ‘Whereabouts and ADAMS’ section of the UKAD Website.

Anti-Doping Rule Violations

In Quarter 3, one ADRV was reported.

| Sport (NGB) | Date of Violation | Type of Violation | Sanction |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Rugby League (RFL) | 13/04/2025 | Presence & Use | Three-month ban |

For further detail on individual cases, please refer to the [UK Anti-Doping website](#).

² This figure may not be identical to the number of Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) for the same period. This is because the detection of an AAF does not automatically lead to an ADRV for several reasons; for example, an athlete may have a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for a Prohibited Substance to address a legitimate medical requirement or may have ingested the substance through a permitted route. Furthermore, there will of course be a period between the reporting of an AAF and a violation ultimately being proved (where applicable).