

# **UK Anti-Doping Testing Programme**

**January-March 2026 (Q4)**

## Testing Programme Summary

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Between 1 January and 31 March 2026, 2,382 tests<sup>1</sup> were conducted under the UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) Testing Programme.

Combined with the testing activity between 1 April and 31 December 2025, a total of 8,942 tests were conducted under the UKAD Testing Programme in the financial year 2025/26.

Of the 2,382 tests in Quarter 4, 214 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 4:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>In-Competition</b>	<b>Out-of-Competition</b>	<b>Q4 Total</b>
Aquatics	5	46	51
Athletics	17	121	138
Badminton	3		3
Boxing	49	52	101
Canoe		29	29
Cricket		55	55
Curling		9	9
Cycling	18	104	122
Football (FA)	213	592	805
Football (FAW)	10		10
Football (IFA)	14	2	16
Football (SFA)	7	25	32
Gymnastics	4	13	17
Ice Hockey	14	5	19
Ice Skating		10	10
Judo		13	13
Lacrosse		16	16
Modern Pentathlon		4	4

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>In-Competition</b>	<b>Out-of-Competition</b>	<b>Q4 Total</b>
Netball	5	6	11
Para-Powerlifting	6	8	14
Rowing	6	58	64
Rugby League	27	116	143
Rugby Sevens		4	4
Rugby Union (RFU)	61	153	214
Rugby Union (SRU)	19	46	65
Rugby Union (WRU)	11	70	81
Snowsport		33	33
Sport Climbing		3	3
Squash		5	5
Taekwondo		4	4
Tennis		11	11
Triathlon		21	21
Volleyball		2	2
Weightlifting	10	16	26
Wheelchair Basketball	4	11	15
Wrestling		2	2
<b>Sub-total (UK NGBs)</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>2,168</b>
International	75	139	214
<b>Q4 Total</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>2,382</b>
<b>Q1-Q4 Total</b>	<b>2,433</b>	<b>6,509</b>	<b>8,942</b>

## 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 4, four AAFs were reported<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> 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

## Whereabouts Failures

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In Quarter 4, UKAD recorded 18 confirmed Whereabouts Failures.

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

## Anti-Doping Rule Violations

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In Quarter 4, five ADRVs were reported.

<b>Sport (NGB)</b>	<b>Date of Violation</b>	<b>Type of Violation</b>	<b>Sanction</b>
Rugby Union (WRU)	28/09/2023	Prohibition against participation during a period of Ineligibility	Additional nine-month ban
Lacrosse (EL)	09/05/2025	Presence & Use	Three-year ban
Rugby Union (WRU)	06/01/2024	Presence & Use	Two-year ban
Lacrosse (EL)	28/02/2025	Presence & Use	Five-year ban
Professional Boxing (BBBOC)	21/06/2025	Presence & Use	Two-year ban

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

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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).