

Record Number Of Doping Tests At Incheon 2014 Asian Games

The South Korean Organizing Committee has revealed that there will be 1,920 doping tests at this month's [Incheon 2014 Asian Games](#), which will be a record number for the continental multisport event.

It was disclosed by the Committee that 1,621 of the total will be in-competition tests and 299 will be random, out-of-competition tests and it was added that all record breakers and medalists will also be subjected to tests. These figures surpass the count of tests at previous editions of the Asian Games, with Guangzhou 2010 holding the previous record of 1,500 tests. Park Joo-hee, head of the Incheon 2014 doping control team, said most of the tests will be done on medalists and added but even those who get knocked out of their events early won't be able to let their guard down.

The Incheon 2014 Asian Games will also see a "no needle" policy that was first enforced by the International Olympic Committee at [London 2012 Olympics](#). This policy bars athletes from possessing syringes that could be used for [doping](#). A total of 582 drug testers would be present at the 45 sports venues and two Athletes' Villages in Incheon and Chungju and all samples would be analyzed within 24 hours of reaching the doping control centre at the Korea Institute of Science and Technology. Officials from the World Anti-Doping Agency are also expected to pay a visit to the event for promoting anti-doping policies.

Michael Hwang of Singapore was recently appointed as President of the ad hoc division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) created for the Asian Games in Incheon. A graduate of Oxford University, Hwang is presently practicing as an arbitrator and barrister. Six Court of Arbitration for Sport arbitrators (South Korean Dong Su, Australian Bruce Collins, Catherine Davani from Papua New Guinea, China's Chi Liu, Vietnam's Thi My Dung Nguyen, and Vinayak Pradhan from Malaysia) have also been selected from the tribunal. The office in Incheon will be headed by the Lausanne-based CAS secretary general, Matthieu Reeb. It will be based at the Oakwood Premier Hotel. A panel composed of either one or three arbitrators will be appointed by Hwang if it has to hear any disputes and a hearing will be rapidly convened. The ad hoc division would hear disputes including selection issues, drugs cases, and judging controversies it is expected to announce its decisions within 24 hours.

At the Incheon 2014 Asian Games, the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has granted special approval to allow 14 athletes (Jamie Atkinson, Waqas Barkat, Aizaz Khan, Roy Lamsam, Mariko Aota Hill and Ishitaa Gidwani, and four rugby players: Anthony Haynes, Keith Robertson, Lindsay Varty, and captain Jamie Hood along with cyclists Meng Zhaojuan and Diao Xiaojuan, dressage rider Aram Gregory and footballer Xu Deshuai) from Hong Kong who didn't had valid Special Administrative Region passports. A total of 13,000 athletes and officials are expected to take part in the Games. The Incheon 2014 Asian Games will take place from September 19 to October 4.