UK Anti-Doping And EIS To Work Together

UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) is working in partnership with the English Institute of Sport (EIS) for delivering mandatory anti-doping education to staff.

All front-line technical and operational staff are expected to undertake the Online Advisor Course of UK Anti-Doping to become an Accredited UKAD Advisor. In addition to this, all staff across the organization, whether employed or contracted, are asked to sign-up to an EIS Anti-Doping Code of Conduct. This collaboration will represent a positive step forward to ensure that Athlete Support Personnel (ASP) understand their enhanced role and responsibilities under the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code that came into force on 1 January 2015.

EIS National Director Nigel Walker said EIS has always been fully committed to clean sport and this new online training for our staff and contractors is of the utmost importance to ensure that everyone knows what their duties are so we can deliver the very best support to our elite athletes.

UK Anti-Doping Interim Chief Executive Nicole Sapstead added we are delighted that EIS has decided to introduce this training for their staff and contractors. Nicole added it demonstrates a robust commitment towards clean sport and a realization that everyone has an important role to play in protecting themselves and the athletes they support.

Under the 2015 Code, Athlete Support Personnel are required to be knowledgeable and comply fully with all anti-doping policies and use their influence in a positive way. They are expected to provide assistance for developing ethical standards, strong values, and foster anti-doping attitudes.

The English Institute of Sport works to improve sporting performance by delivery of science, medicine, technology, and engineering. The EIS delivers over 4,000 hours of support a week to over 1,700 athletes from over 30 sports and represents a significant percentage of the ASP across the high performance system.

Last month, UK Anti-Doping signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Crime Agency (NCA). This was done to set out clear guidelines for sharing
information in the fight against the supply and trafficking of doping-related substances and activities in sport.

This development improved ability of UK Anti-Doping to prevent, deter, detect, and enforce any anti-doping rule violation in all sports under the World Anti-Doping Code. Information is to be shared with UK Anti-Doping by the NCA when it relates to the detection, deterrence, enforcement or prevention of an anti-doping rule violation while UK Anti-Doping will share information with the NCA when it relates to the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of serious organized crime, or the reduction of crime.

UK Anti-Doping Interim Chief Executive Nicole Sapstead had remarked we are delighted to formalize our already strong partnership with the NCA, strengthening our ability to tackle the supply chain of doping-related substances and intensify our activities in the global fight against doping in sport. Nicole added intelligence and investigations is an integral component of the revised 2015 World Anti-Doping Code and clean athletes should rest assured that UKAD is doing all it can to prevent doping activities and protect sport in the United Kingdom.