

Richard Driscoll Awarded MBE For Anti-Doping Services

Richard Driscoll, a leading British Doping Control Officer (DCO), has been awarded a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honors List for services to anti-doping in sport.

The Doping Control Officer has worked in the same capacity for the last 25 years. A passionate advocate for clean sport, Richard strives to motivate his doping control colleagues for attaining a uniformly high level of service delivery across a wide range of sports. Richard also works as a Doping Control Advisor to [UK Anti-Doping](#) (UKAD) and leads on the recruitment, training and ongoing development of a workforce of 181 DCOs and Chaperones.

Richard, internationally recognized for his work at major sporting events, including the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, played a crucial role in the anti-doping program for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games as Head Doping Control Station Manager. He supervised and helped train 60 Doping Control Station Managers, 240 DCOs and over 600 Chaperones. Richard has contributed to the anti-doping programs in over 30 countries, including supporting the development of new National Anti-[Doping](#) Organizations in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, the Maldives, Brunei, Indonesia, and Kazakhstan.

On receiving the news of the prestigious honor, Richard remarked he is thrilled and humbled to receive this honor. The DCO said he thoroughly enjoys working in the field of anti-doping and have had the privilege of working at some great events and with some fantastic people who are all committed to clean sport.

UK Anti-Doping Chief Executive Nicole Sapstead remarked we are absolutely delighted that Richard has received such a special honor and that his dedication and commitment to clean sport has been recognized at the highest level. Sapstead remarked Richard is highly valued by UKAD and is an exemplary ambassador for anti-doping, fair play and professionalism.

The UK Anti-Doping Chief Executive said his exceptional understanding of the doping control process, coupled with his humility and a quiet charm, puts colleagues and athletes at ease and he is able to diffuse tension should it arise and also commented his vital contribution enables the delivery of uniformly high standards of testing across the UK's program. She also said Richard often works with staff that is either paid a nominal amount or work as volunteers and he shows a particular skill and charisma in regularly motivating people and instilling a desire to raise standards. Nicole Sapstead said Richard indeed himself volunteers a vast amount of extra time because he is so dedicated and determined to provide a professional service for athletes and to evolve doping control procedures and he makes an inspirational contribution in doing so to the fight for clean sport.

In another development, UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) has delivered the 'Win Clean' anti-doping education program at the 2016 Henley Royal Regatta from 28 to 30 June. UKAD's Director of Business Services Philip Bunt said UKAD believes that ensuring athletes, and athlete support personnel, are well informed and have the opportunity to make the right choices, is a fundamental part of protecting clean competition and preventing [doping in sport](#).