



## **The Roles and Responsibilities of National Associations**

As a condition of their membership, National Associations (NAs) have accepted and are bound to the ITTF [Anti-Doping Rules](#), and that their own rules, policies and programs in the scope of their anti-doping activities are compliant to the World Anti-Doping Code. This includes, for example:

- Ensuring that the [Prohibited List](#) in force is available to its own members and constituents,
- Knowing the ITTF and their [National Anti-Doping Organization \(NADO\)](#)'s definitions of International-Level Players and National-level players, respectively,
- Knowing the possibility to be present at a B sample analysis, and to attend hearings,
- Checking and applying provisions in relation to status during ineligibility,
- Where results management of national-level cases are under their responsibilities, establishing disciplinary panels ensuring fair, impartial and timely hearings, and keeping ITTF informed about the status and outcomes of proceedings arising from such cases,
- Informing ITTF where a NADO wishes to conduct testing during ITTF sanctioned event,
- Facilitating ITTF's liaisons with players as required, for example, making diligent effort to keep ITTF informed about players' whereabouts, and helping with language issues,
- Applying provisions as set forth in Article 18 of ITTF [Anti-Doping Rules](#).

In addition, upon organizing an ITTF event, NAs are responsible for the costs of testing where required by ITTF according to the applicable ITTF Directives and the tripartite Doping Control Agreement (DCA) between ITTF, a Sample Collection Agency (SCA) and the Organizing Committee.

In order to facilitate the implementation of the above and allow the ITTF Anti-Doping Manager to provide support and assistance, each NA shall appoint a single person with a good command of English, acting as the official ITTF liaison for all anti-doping matters. As stakeholders to their national anti-doping system, NAs shall also comply with their NADOs' own policies and program. Thus, for the sake of good coordination it is recommended that the ITTF liaison shall be the same individual as the one operating regular liaison with the NADO.

The liaison person details can be provided on-line through the active directory. Each ITTF Member Association will receive a link to do so.