

A male table tennis player is shown in profile, facing right. He is wearing a red polo shirt and a light blue cap. He holds a table tennis paddle in his right hand, raised towards a ball in the air. His left hand is open and positioned to receive the ball. The background is a dark blue gradient with light blue geometric shapes and lines.

# ITA PARTNERSHIP 2020 ACTIVITY REPORT

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# 2020 OVERVIEW

- ✓ The **International Testing Agency** maintained and implemented an intel-led and risk-based anti-doping programme on behalf of the **International Table Tennis Federation** during 2020.
- ✓ During 2020, **98 test attempts** were coordinated In- and Out-of-Competition collecting **96 Urine** and **1 hGH** samples as part of the ITTF's testing programme.
- ✓ Of the **54 Out of Competition test attempts** coordinated by the ITA, **4%** were **unsuccessful**. The average across other International Federations whose programme is delegated to the ITA was 10.2% in 2020.
- ✓ The ITA coordinated In-Competition testing at **7 ITTF events** during 2020 collecting **44 Urine** samples.





# 2020 OVERVIEW

- ✓ The **COVID-19 pandemic** has had a significant impact on the sporting world including the ITTF anti-doping programme. This resulted in a significant **decrease in testing activities** on behalf of ITTF during 2020 due to the cancellation of ITTF events, governments restricting movements of doping control personnel during national lockdowns and amendments to the ITA-ITTF collaboration agreement in 2020.





# 2020 OVERVIEW

- ✓ In order to continue to protect the **integrity of sport** and the **health of Athletes** & Doping Control Personnel, the International Testing Agency implemented **enhanced measures** as part of its **doping control procedures** to ensure testing could continue and minimise the risk to all those involved in the doping control during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ The ITA enhanced its **collaboration** with **NADOs & RADOs** to ensure testing was coordinated within

the countries COVID-19 restrictions and optimise the delivery of ITTF's TDP throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.



# 2020 OVERVIEW

- ✓ Alongside the delivery of ITTF's anti-doping programme, the ITA has launched several **world leading initiatives** to benefit Federations that have delegated their anti-doping programme to the ITA. The ITA has implemented a centralised and highly secured **whistleblowing platform** called **Reveal** in 2020. We encourage ITTF to sign up to it as it will allow the Table Tennis community to submit any intelligence information directly to the ITA, confidentially, which will be reviewed by ITA Intelligence and Investigations team.
- ✓ 2020 also saw the introduction of the **ITA's**

**International Doping Control Officer** training program. The iDCO program aims to provide athletes around the world with the guarantee that wherever they are tested, by any Anti-Doping Organisation, the doping controls they are subject to are conducted safely by highly trained professionals in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and **international best practice**. The **ITA-certified DCOs** will be trained to deliver world leading In- and Out- of Competition doping control procedures which will continue to improve quality of doping control experienced by athletes and ITTF globally as the program develops.



# 2020 OVERVIEW

- ✓ The ITA has also established a dedicated **Centralised Long-Term Storage Facility**. This facility is managed directly by the ITA and will enable International Federations, such as ITTF, to implement a sample retention and further analysis policy in a highly secure and cost-efficient manner.
- ✓ The **International Testing Agency's** main focus for 2021, on behalf of ITTF, is the delivery of intel-led and risk-based Pre-Games testing programme in the build up to Tokyo 2020 in line with the **Pre-**

## Games Expert Recommendations.

- ✓ We would like to thank the International Table Tennis Federation for their continued collaboration with the ITA, despite an extremely challenging year, and we hope this continues as we fight to **protect Clean Sport** on behalf of ITTF.



# COMPLIANCE



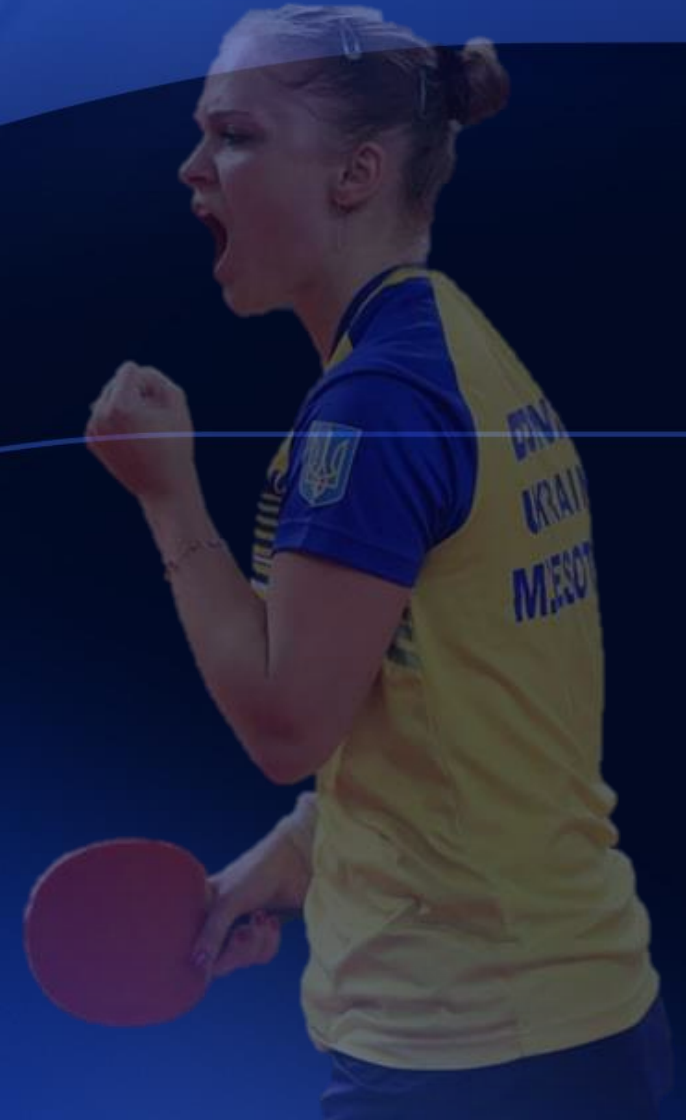


# COMPLIANCE

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The ITA supported ITTF in the review process and adoption of the 2021 ITTF Anti-Doping Rules in compliance with the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code.

After a thorough review process carried by the ITA in consultation with ITTF, the draft ITTF Anti-Doping Rules were submitted to WADA and the final text was approved by WADA and adopted by ITTF on 28 September 2020.



# RISK ASSESSMENT & TEST DISTRIBUTION PLAN

## RISK ASSESSMENT

In collaboration with the ITTF, ITA elaborated a Risk Assessment aligned with WADA's ISTI. This service includes:

- ✓ the collection of a large spectrum of data that influence the risk of doping in Table Tennis
- ✓ the integration of this material in a structured methodology that assess the Physiological / Country / Individual Risks
- ✓ the analysis and combination of all the relevant parameters to provide the prerequisites for an effective and proportionate Test Distribution Plan

Please refer to the 'ITTF Risk Assessment update' document which was sent in January 2020.

## TEST DISTRIBUTION PLAN

Based on the outcomes of the Risk Assessment, ITA in consultation with ITTF, developed a tailor-made TDP that prioritizes appropriately between: Disciplines (physiological risk), Athletes (country, performance & testing history risks), periods during the season, types of testing, types of sample collected and types of samples analysis according to the TDSSA. This TDP was also updated regularly as and when additional and relevant information was provided such as APMU recommendations and intelligence.



# TESTING



# LIST OF ITTF EVENTS



				URINE	ESAs	GHRFs	hGH	ABP
ITTF World Team Qualification Event	Gondomar	POR	22/01 - 26/01/20	6	0	0	0	0
African Singles and Mixed Doubles Olympic Qualification Tournament	Tunis	TUN	27/02 - 29/02/20	4	0	0	0	0
ITTF World Tour Platinum Qatar Open	Doha	QAT	03/03 - 08/03/20	4	0	0	0	0
North American Singles & Mixed Doubles Qualification Tournament	Kitchener	CAN	07/03 - 08/03/20	4	0	4	0	0
Dishang 2020 ITTF Women's World Cup	Weihai	CHN	08/11 - 10/11/20	7	0	0	0	0
Dishang 2020 ITTF Men's World Cup	Weihai	CHN	13/11 - 15/11/20	7	0	0	0	0
Bank of Communications 2020 ITTF Finals	Zhengzhou	CHN	19/11 - 22/11/20	12	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

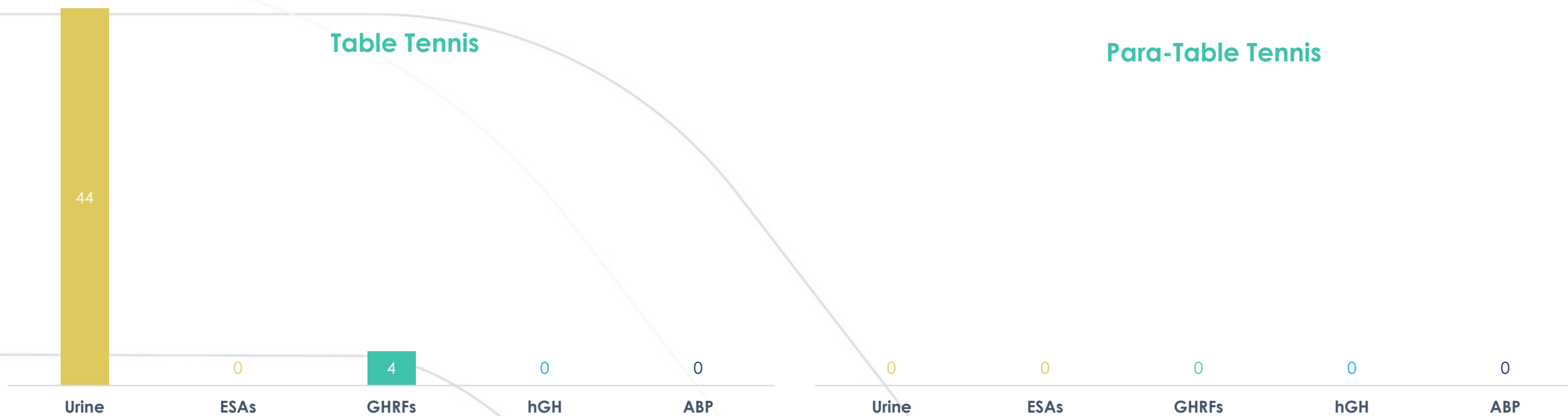
# IN-COMPETITION TESTING

JAN-DEC 2020



## Table Tennis

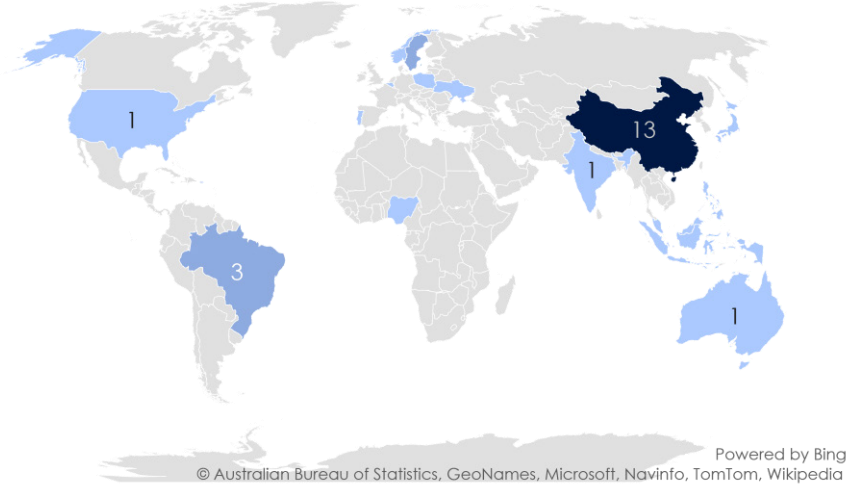
## Para-Table Tennis



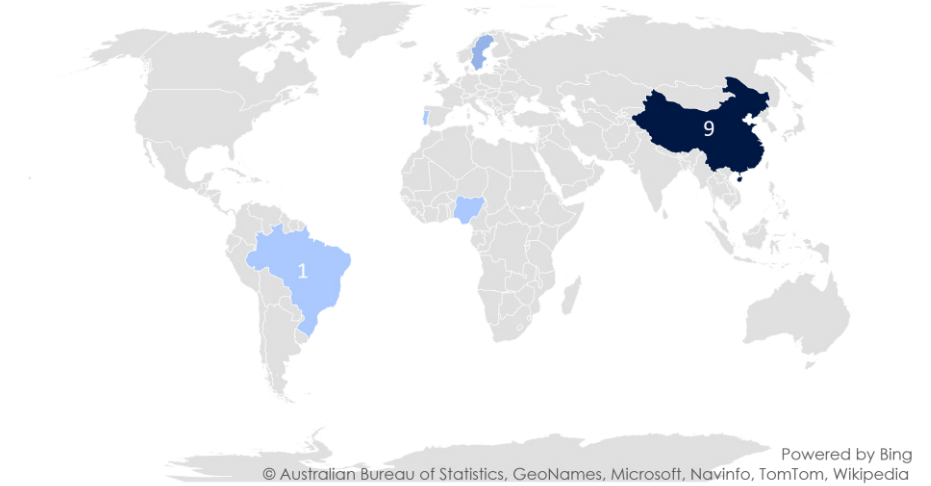
# RTP/TP: COUNTRY HEATMAP



January - August 2020



August - December 2020



**18 MALE ATHLETES**

**16 RTP ATHLETES**



**18 FEMALE ATHLETES**

**20 TP ATHLETES**



**8 MALE ATHLETES**

**14 RTP ATHLETES**



**9 FEMALE ATHLETES**

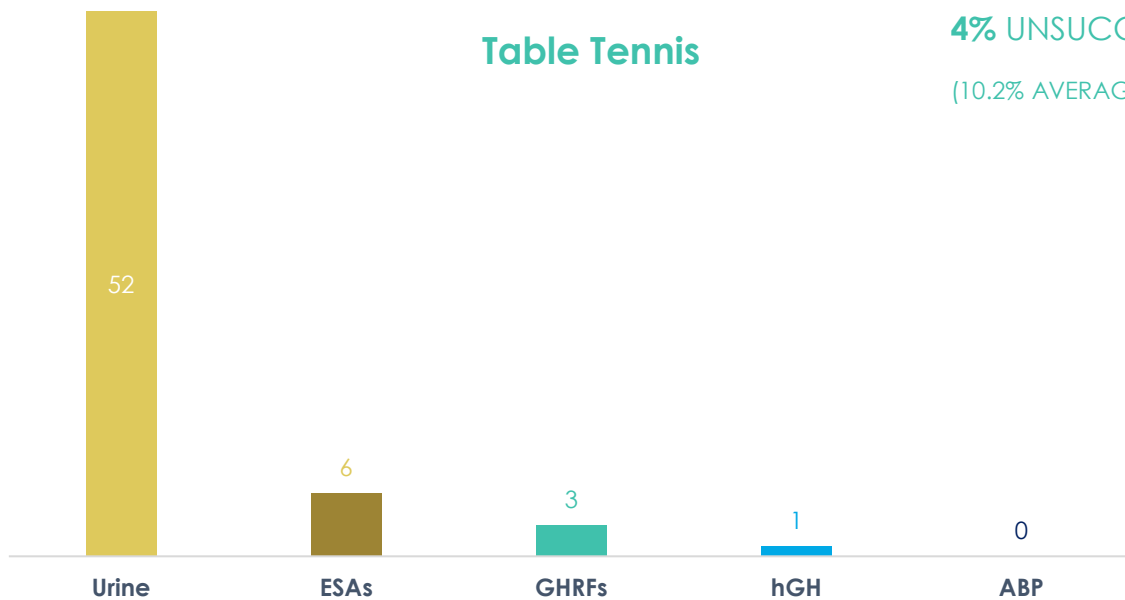
**3 TP ATHLETES**

# OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTING

JAN-DEC 2020



## Table Tennis



52 SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS,  
2 UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS  
=  
4% UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS  
(10.2% AVERAGE ACROSS ALL SPORTS)

## Para-Table Tennis



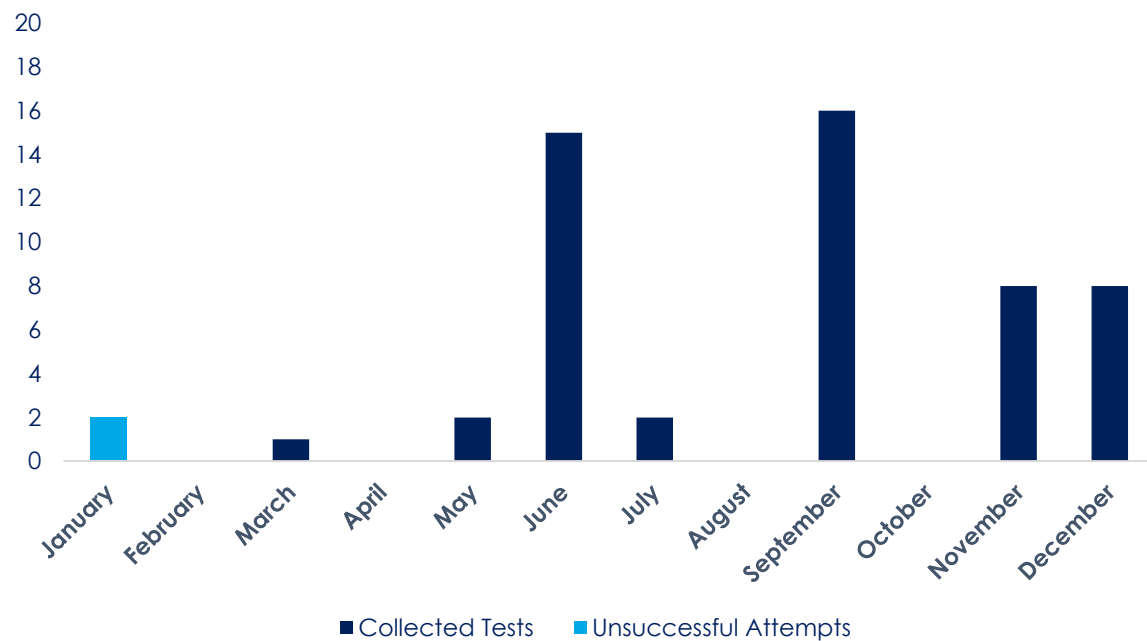


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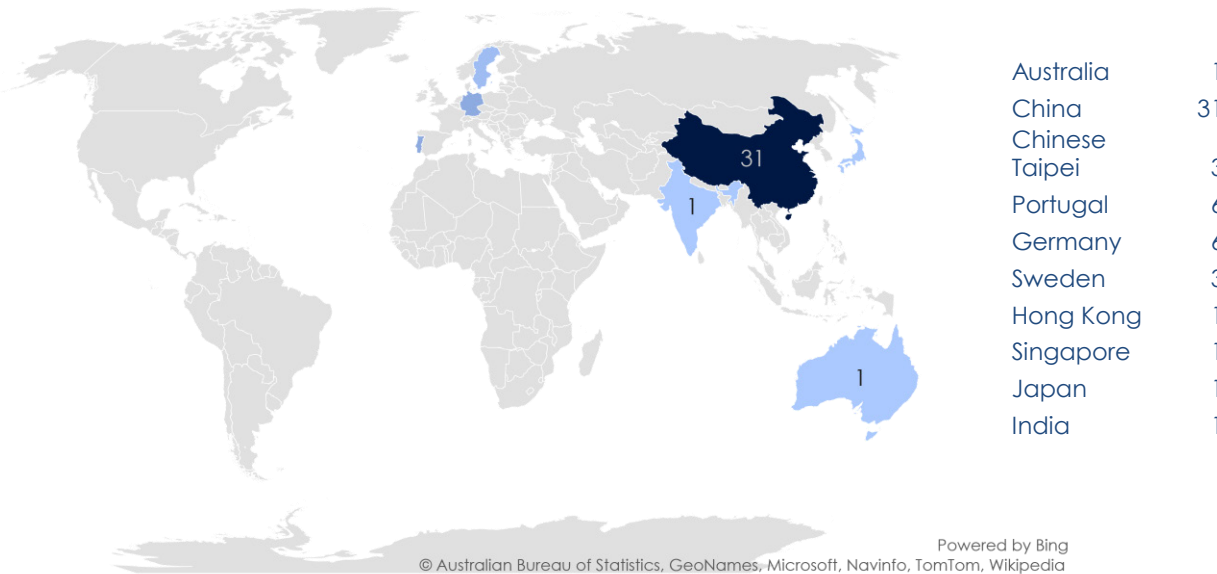
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### Test Attempts per Month



### OOO Testing Geography

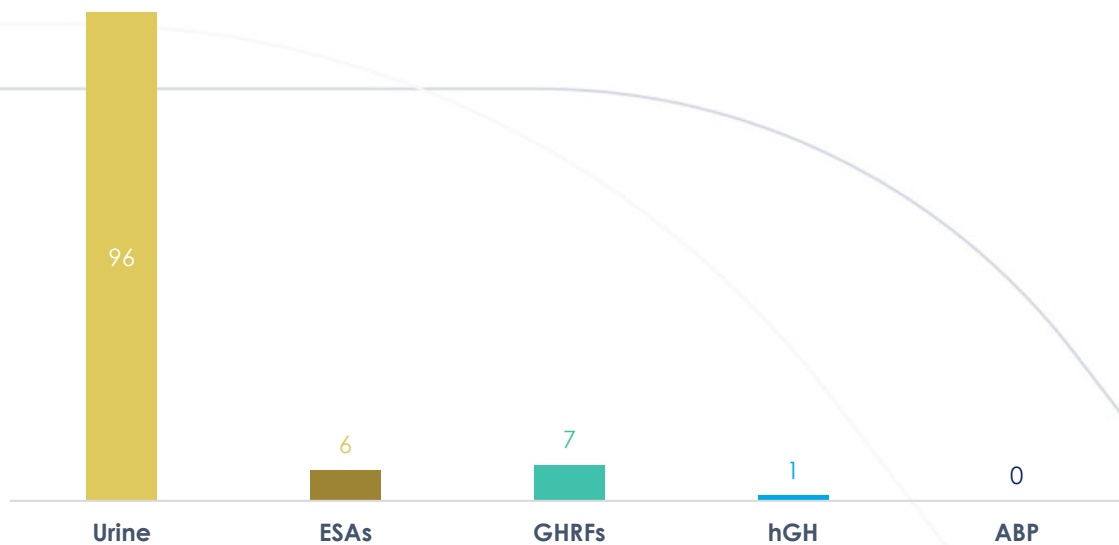


# TOTAL PROGRAM

IC & OOC SAMPLE COLLECTION, JAN-DEC 2020



## Table Tennis



## Para-Table Tennis



**NOTES:** Please refer to **page 33** in the annex for a detailed list of **laboratories** that analysed the samples and to **page 34** for the list of **Sample Collection Authorities** that collected the samples.



**25 MALE ATHLETES TESTED**



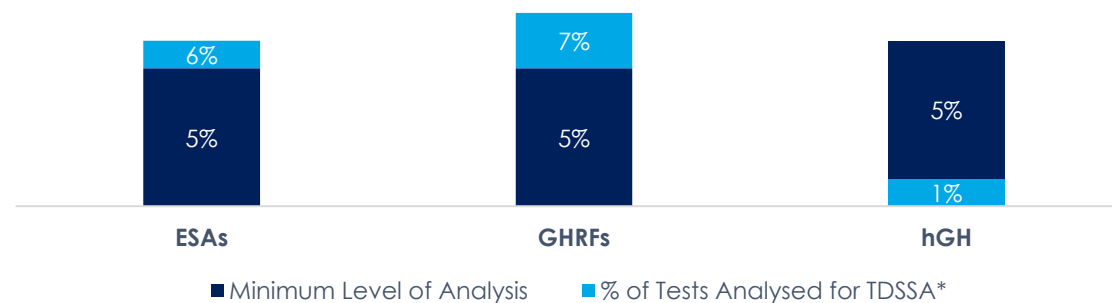
**25 FEMALE ATHLETES TESTED**

# TOTAL PROGRAMME

## TDSSA ANALYSIS LEVELS



### Table Tennis



The TDSSA has been met for all Table Tennis disciplines during 2020. The TDSSA permits ADOs flexibility for Sport / Disciplines with a 5% MLA, therefore, compliance with the TDSSA requirements for sport or disciplines with an MLA of 5% is optional.

# ATHLETE BIOLOGICAL PASSPORT

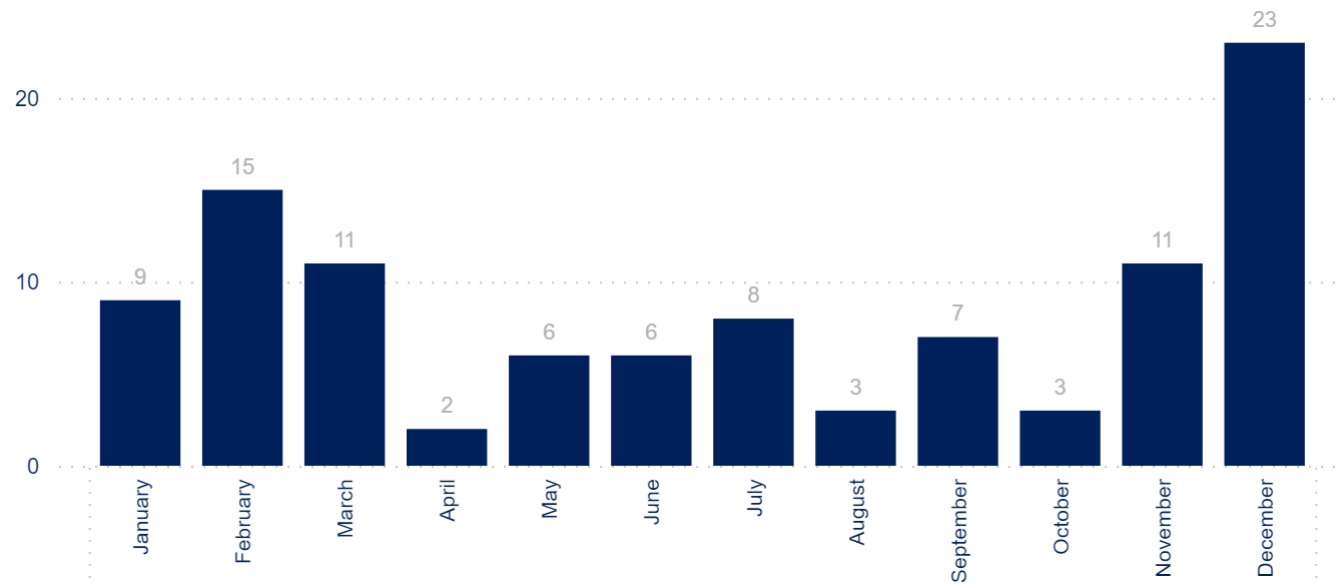




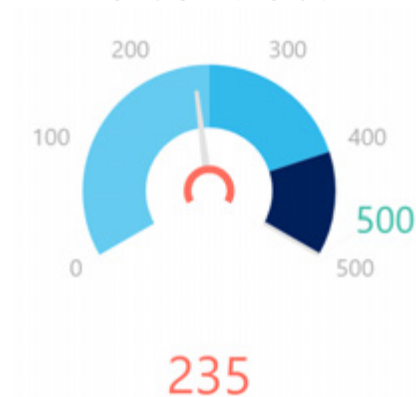
# ATHLETE BIOLOGICAL PASSPORT



## 2020 APMU Reports



## Total ABP Notifications vs Contract



## APMU: Tokyo

Steroidal Module		Hematological Module		APMU Review	
<i>Steroid notifications</i>	235	<i>Hematological notifications</i>	0	<i>Total Notifications</i>	235
<i>from them ATPFs</i>	84	<i>from them ATPFs</i>	0		
<i>% ATPF</i>	36%	<i>% ATPF</i>	0%		
<i>APMU reports</i>	104	<i>APMU reports</i>	0	<i>Total APMU Reports</i>	104
<i>Likely doping</i>	0	<i>Likely doping</i>	0		

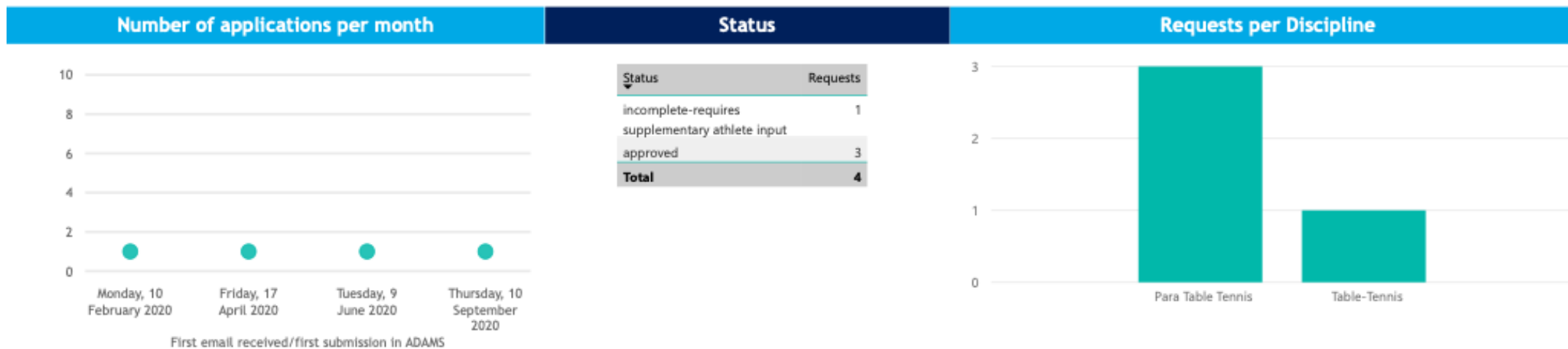
## 30 Samples (29% of total) with 32 Follow-up Actions:

Confirmation Procedure 4 13%	Long Term Storage 1 3%	DNA Analysis (Blank) 0%
IRMS Analysis 1 3%	ESA Analysis (Blank) 0%	Further Testing 26 81%

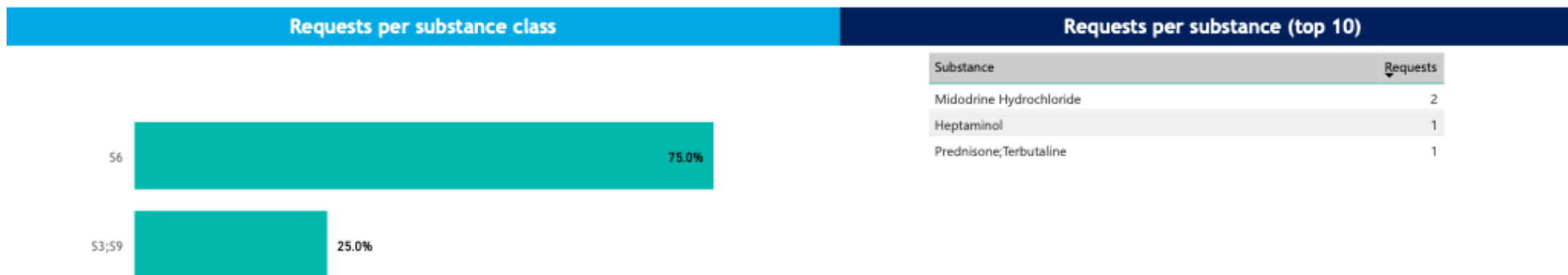


# THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS

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Cases are considered as "not needed" in the following situations: (1) The substance is not in the prohibited list (2) The route of administration for the substance is not prohibited (3) The dosage for the substance is not above the threshold



S1. Anabolic agents ; S3. Beta-2 agonists ; S4. Hormone and metabolic modulators ; S5. Diurectis and masking agents ; S6. Stimulants ; S7. Narcotics  
 S8. Cannabinoids ; S9. Glucocorticoids ; M1. Manipulation of blood and blood components ; M2. Chemical and physical manipulation



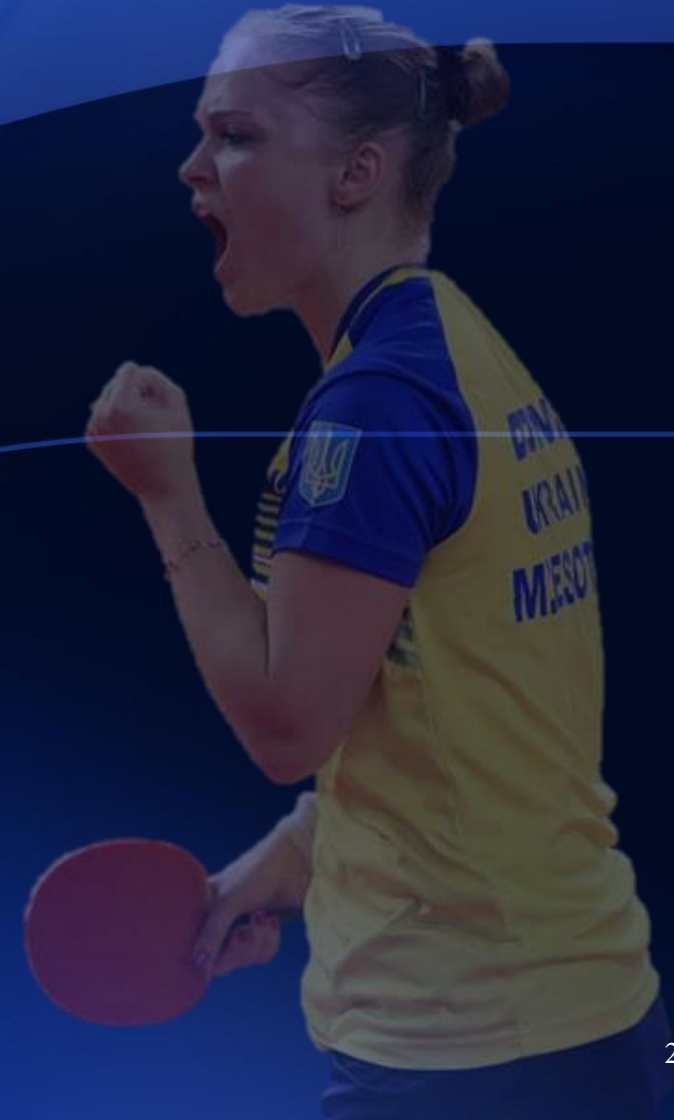
**ANTI-DOPING  
RULE VIOLATIONS**



# ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

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- ✓ The only potential Anti-Doping Rule Violation ("ADRV") under the Testing Authority and Results Management Authority of the ITTF in 2020 concerned an In-Competition doping control which revealed the presence of heptaminol (stimulant).
- ✓ A retroactive Therapeutic Use Exemption ("TUE") was granted by the ITA TUE Committee since the stimulant had been administered to the Athlete in the scope of an urgent medical treatment.
- ✓ The case was not brought forward as an ADRV and the matter was resolved in compliance with the ITTF ADR.



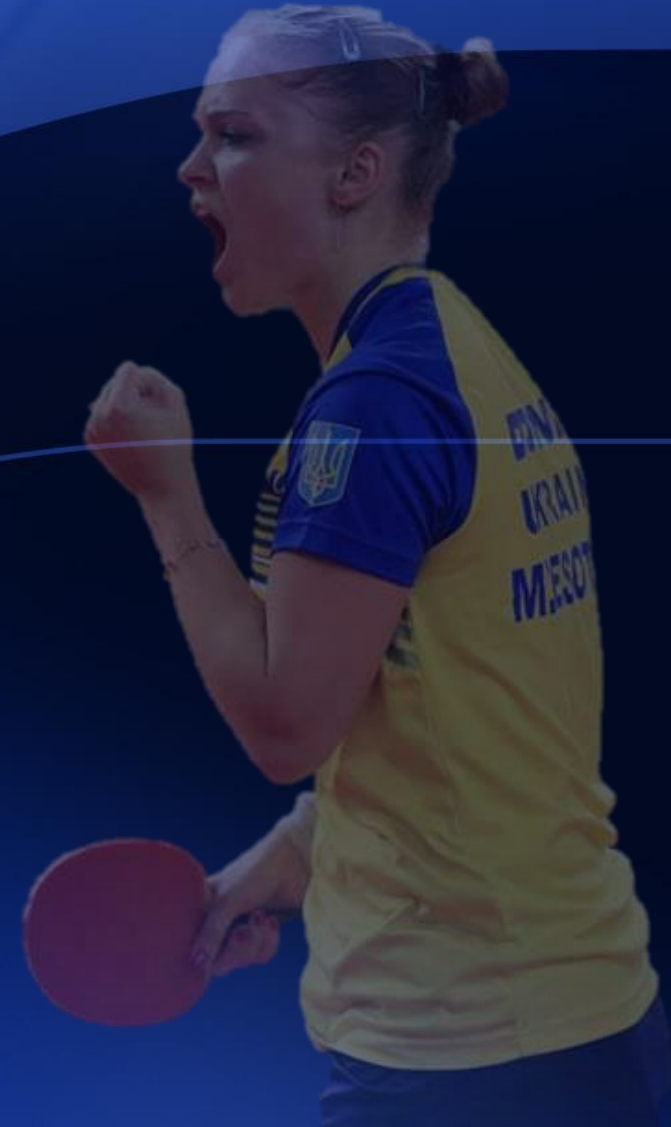


# WHEREABOUTS FAILURES



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- ✓ Three potential Missed Tests (namely Unsuccessful Attempts to test Out-of-Competition during the dedicated 60-minute time slot for such purpose) were investigated by the ITA on three ITTF Athletes in 2020.
- ✓ Two cases were ultimately recorded against the Athletes as they did not demonstrate that they were not liable for the Unsuccessful Attempts. The other case was not brought forward as a recorded Missed Test since the Doping Control Officer was able to collect a sample right after the 60-minute time slot.
- ✓ Otherwise, ITTF Athletes diligently filed their quarter Whereabouts Filings since no Filing Failure for late submission of Whereabouts Filings occurred.



# EDUCATION



# 2020 LEARNING ACTIVITY



- ✓ Event-based education was converted to an ITTF High Performance and Development Webinar due to the restrictions associated with the global COVID pandemic. The seminar took place on October 29, 2020.
- ✓ Other areas of the ITTF education program are currently not delegated to the International Testing Agency.

# GLOSSARY



<b>AAF</b>	Adverse Analytical Finding
<b>ABP</b>	Athlete Blood Passport
<b>ADRV</b>	Anti-Doping Rule Violation
<b>APMU</b>	Athlete Passport Management Unit
<b>ATF</b>	Atypical Finding
<b>ESA</b>	Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents
<b>GHRF</b>	Growth Hormone Releasing Factors
<b>hGH</b>	Human Growth Hormone
<b>IC</b>	In-Competition Testing
<b>IRMS</b>	Isotope-ratio mass spectrometry
<b>ISTI</b>	WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations
<b>OOC</b>	Out-Of-Competition Testing
<b>RTP</b>	Registered Testing Pool
<b>TDSSA</b>	Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis
<b>TP</b>	Testing Pool
<b>TPVC</b>	Third-Party Variable Costs
<b>TUE</b>	Therapeutic Use Exemption