

Requirement of testing pools

Registered Testing Pool (RTP)

The **Registered Testing Pool (RTP)** is the pool of **highest-priority athletes** established separately at the **national level** by the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) and at the **international level** by the athlete's International Federation.

Athletes included in a RTP are subject to **both in-competition** and **out-of-competition** testing as part of their ADO's test distribution plan and are therefore required to provide Whereabouts information as provided in Code Art. 5.5 (Athletes Whereabouts Information) and the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

The International Table Soccer Federation updates the composition of the RTP on a regular basis. Athletes are included in the RTP based on a set of criteria defined by the ADO.

Inclusion in the RTP is done via the International Table Soccer Federation Inclusion Letter – this document contains all the key information, deadlines and athletes' responsibilities as it relates to **athletes' RTP obligations**.

Whereabouts Requirements

RTP athletes must regularly **provide Whereabouts and contact information** in ADAMS, WADA's online anti-doping administration and management system. This information helps ADOs with testing jurisdiction over the athlete **to plan out-of-competition testing**.

The **Whereabouts requirements** include but are not limited to:

- An up-to-date **mailing address** and **phone number**
- One daily specific **60-minute time slot between 5am and 11pm** when the athlete is available and accessible for testing
- **Athlete's overnight accommodation** for each day

- Information about training and regular activities that are part of the **athlete's regular routine** (training at the gym, regular physio sessions, school, work, etc.)
- Competition, training and travel **schedule**
- Any additional relevant information that helps the Doping Control Officer **locate the athlete** (e.g., buzzer number or directions to a remote location)

Filing Failure

Submitting late, inaccurate or incomplete Whereabouts information may result in a Filing Failure.

An athlete may receive a Missed Test if they are not available for testing during the 60-minute timeslot indicated in ADAMS. Three Whereabouts Failures (any combination of a Filing Failure and a Missed Test) occurring within a 12-month period will lead to an Anti-Doping Rule Violation and a potential 2 year ban from sport.

It is also important to note that under the Principle of Strict Liability, the athlete remains responsible for the information submitted, even if they have delegated this task to a member of their support team.

WHEREABOUT TIPS

- **Set a calendar** reminder of the key dates/deadlines to submit quarterly Whereabouts information
- Set an alarm for the start of the **60-minute time slot**
- Be as **specific** as possible when submitting your Whereabouts information
- When in doubt, **ask for help** via the International Federation or the ADAMS Help Centre
- Make use of the **Athlete Central app** to submit your Whereabouts information on a mobile device

Retirement and Return to Competition

All athletes who decide to retire from competition **must inform their ADO** by completing the relevant **forms or paperwork**. All International-level athletes must liaise with their International Federation directly.

If the athlete then **wishes to return** to competition, this athlete **cannot compete** in international or national events **until** they have made themselves available for **testing by giving six months prior** written notice to the relevant ADO (Code Art. 5.6: Retired Athletes Returning to Competition).