

# The principle of strict liability

In anti-doping, the **Principle of Strict Liability** applies – if it is in the athlete's body, the athlete is **responsible for it**.

This means that every athlete is **strictly liable** for the substances found in their urine and/or blood sample collected during doping control, regardless of whether the athlete **intentionally or unintentionally** used a prohibited substance or method. Therefore, it is vital that athletes and Athlete Support Personnel know the rules and understand their responsibilities under the **Code**.

Athletes must also know and understand the **Prohibited List** and the risks associated with supplement use. More information on the Prohibited List, medications and supplements is available in the Prohibited List, Medications & Supplements section.

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