

## **DRUG POLICY**

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

ALA recognises the need for a Drug Policy in relation to the conduct of the Australian Teams and Multi-Event Championship (ALAC). Furthermore ALA recommends that affiliated Associations develop a Drug Policy as part of their overall Risk Management strategy.

### **2 POLICY**

#### **2.1 ALA:**

- (a) is totally opposed to the use of any banned substances for the purpose of obtaining an advantage in competition;
- b) is totally opposed to the use of illegal recreational drugs; and
- c) recognises the role of Australian Anti Sport Drug Agency (ASADA) in the development of policies pertaining to drugs in sport.

### **3 COMPETITION**

#### **3.1 ALA:**

- (a) acknowledges that ASADA is unlikely to conduct drug testing of athletes competing at the ALAC.
- (b) requires each affiliated State/Territory Association to hold a medical certificate(s) (signed by a medical practitioner) for each athlete(s) competing at the ALAC taking prescribed medication contained in the list of ASADA banned substances located on the Website at [www.asda.org.au](http://www.asda.org.au)
- (c) shall receive a written declaration signed by the Administration Director/Executive Officer/Secretary of each affiliated Association stating that they hold a signed medical certificate for any athlete(s) competing at the ALAC taking prescribed medication contained in the list of ASADA banned substances.

The declaration must contain:

- (d) name of the athlete(s), and
  - prescribed drug(s) taken by that athlete as contained in the list of ASADA banned substances.

The Declaration is to be handed to the ALA Competition & Standards Director at the ATC/MEC Team Managers' meeting.

### **4. ACTION ON RETURN OF A POSITIVE TEST RESULT**

#### **4.1** If ALA is made aware of an athlete, selected to compete at the ALAC, returning a positive drug

result to a test carried out by, or under the authority of ASADA, ALA will:

- (a) ban the athlete from competing at the ALAC unless a declaration is held by the relevant affiliated Association stating that the athlete is taking prescribed medication, which is contained in the list of ASADA, banned substance.

#### **4.2** If ALA is made aware of a registered athlete returning a positive drug result to a test carried out

by, or under the authority of ASADA, ALA will:

- (a) notify in writing the relevant affiliated Association.