

REMINDER: WHEREABOUTS RESPONSIBILITIES

Dear Athletes,

As national, state and local governments start lifting restrictions related to COVID-19, and you begin to return to regular training activities and facilities, we write to remind you of your responsibility to ensure that your Whereabouts Filing is accurate and complete at all times to support no advanced notice Out-Of-Competition Testing.

The AIU has observed inadequacies with respect to Whereabouts Filings from International Registered Testing Pool (RTP) athletes thereby increasing the frequency of Unsuccessful Attempts and **Whereabouts Failures** (Filing Failures and Missed Tests).

With your whereabouts information/updates, please remember to:

- Remove any competitions that have been cancelled
- Update your training and regular activities schedule
- Provide at least an accurate primary overnight location and daily 60-minute window for each day in the quarter
- Provide sufficient detail in your Whereabouts Filing so that you can be located for Testing on a no advanced notice basis at any time
- If you live in a secured residence, you should include in your Whereabouts Filing clear instructions on how you can be located for Testing on a no advanced notice basis and if necessary alert any security staff/concierge to the possible arrival of the Doping Control Officers (DCOs)
- Update your Whereabouts Filing **as soon as your circumstances change**, including at least a specific 60-minute time slot and a new overnight accommodation address for the duration of your stay in any new location. **Any updates that are not sufficiently detailed may be considered as an apparent Filing Failure.**

Consequences for failing to comply.

You are reminded that a **Whereabouts Failure** will be recorded against you if:

- You have failed to make a Whereabouts Filing by the required deadline (**Filing Failure**)
- You have made a Whereabouts Filing on time, but it is incomplete, inaccurate or insufficient to locate you for Testing (for example, the training address is missing, your primary residence address is too vague, the competition schedule is missing or incomplete, there is no address of any temporary accommodation during a competition) (**Filing Failure**).

- You fail to update your Whereabouts Filing as soon as your circumstances change (**Filing Failure**)
- You are unavailable for Testing because the information on your Whereabouts Filing is insufficient for a DCO to access your specified address or to locate you for Testing outside of your 60-minute time slot (**Filing Failure**).
- You are unavailable for Testing because a DCO is unable to access your specified address or to locate you at the address specified during your 60-minute time slot (**Missed Test**).

Under World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules, any combination of **three** Whereabouts Failures (Filing Failures and/or Missed Tests) within a period of 12 months constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation, for which the applicable mandatory sanction is **two-years ineligibility**. The three Whereabouts Failures may be made up of a combination of Whereabouts Failures declared by a National Anti-Doping Organisation and the AIU.

To know more about Whereabouts Requirements please [click here](#).

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About the Athletics Integrity Unit

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) is the independent body created by the World Athletics that manages all integrity issues – both doping and non-doping – for the sport of athletics. The remit of the AIU includes anti-doping, the pursuit of individuals engaged in age or competition results manipulation, investigating fraudulent behaviour with regards to transfers of allegiance, and detecting other misconduct including bribery and breaches of betting rules. It is the AIU's role to drive cheats out of our sport, and to do everything within its power to support honest athletes around the world who dedicate their lives to reaching their sporting goals through dedication and hard work.


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