



ANTI-DOPING RULES OF THE BAHRAIN ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

(in force from 1 June 2023)

The Bahrain Athletics Association (the **BAA**) has adopted these Anti-Doping Rules (the **Rules**), which will replace the BAA's previous anti-doping rules (in force from 1 January 2019) with effect from 1 June 2023 (the **Effective Date**). Defined terms used in these Rules (denoted by the use of initial capital letters, e.g. 'Athlete Support Personnel') that are not defined in these Rules have the meaning given to them in the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules.

Rule 1 Incorporation into these Rules of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules

- 1.1. The BAA hereby incorporates into these Rules both the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules in force from 1 January 2024 (see [Appendix One](#)) and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules 2022 (see [Appendix 2](#)), so that they have the same effect that they would have if they were set out in full here. These Rules therefore include (without limitation):
 - 1.1.1. the list of Anti-Doping Rule Violations set out at Article 2 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules;
 - 1.1.2. the burden and standards of proof and the methods of establishing facts and presumptions set out at Article 3 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules;
 - 1.1.3. WADA's List of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods, as set out at Article 4 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules;
 - 1.1.4. the provisions for Testing and investigations set out at Article 5 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules;
 - 1.1.5. the provisions for analysis of Doping Control samples at WADA-accredited laboratories set out at Article 6 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules;

- 1.1.6. the Results Management provisions set out at Articles 7 and 8 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules;
 - 1.1.7. the Consequences to be imposed where an Anti-Doping Rule Violation is committed, which are set out at Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules; and
 - 1.1.8. the appeal rights set out at Article 13 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules.
- 1.2. If World Athletics replaces or amends the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules in whole or in part, and/or if the Bahrain NADO replaces or amends the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules 2022 in whole or in part, their new or amended Anti-Doping Rules will be incorporated into these Rules automatically, and will take effect immediately, without the need for any further formality.
 - 1.3. In the event there is any discrepancy between these Rules on the one hand and the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rule or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (as applicable) on the other hand, the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (as applicable) shall prevail.
 - 1.4. These Rules are intended to implement the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards (each as amended from time to time), and shall be interpreted and applied accordingly. The comments annotating various Code provisions are incorporated by reference into these Rules, as if set out in full herein, and shall be used to interpret the Code and these Rules.

Rule 2 Application of these Rules

- 2.1. These Rules shall apply to and shall be binding upon the following persons (in each case, whether or not such person is a citizen of or resident in Bahrain):
 - 2.1.1. the BAA and its council and board members, directors, officers, consultants and advisors, and any of its employees and Delegated Third Parties (and their employees) who are involved in any aspect of Doping Control on behalf of the BAA;
 - 2.1.2. all Athletes (including International-Level Athletes) and Athlete Support Personnel who are members of the BAA and/or of the BAA's members or affiliate organisations or licensees (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues) or who are otherwise under the jurisdiction of the BAA (including Recreational Athletes);
 - 2.1.3. all Athletes (including International-Level Athletes) and Athlete Support Personnel participating in such capacity in Events, Competitions, and other activities organised, convened, authorised, or recognised by the BAA or any of its members or affiliate organisations or licensees (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues), wherever such Events, Competitions, and other activities are held;
 - 2.1.4. any other Athlete (including International-Level Athletes) or Athlete Support Personnel or other Person who, by virtue of an accreditation, licence, contractual

arrangement or otherwise, is subject to the authority of the BAA for purposes of anti-doping;

- 2.1.5. all Athlete Support Persons and other Persons working with, treating or assisting an Athlete who is subject to these Rules; and
 - 2.1.6. any other Person over whom the World Anti-Doping Code gives the BAA authority.
- 2.2. Each of the persons described in Article 2.1 shall be deemed to have agreed, as a condition of their participation in the activities described in Article 2.1:
- 2.2.1. to be bound by and to comply strictly with these Rules;
 - 2.2.2. to submit to the authority of the Athletics Integrity Unit (the **AIU**), the Bahrain NADO, and the BAA (as applicable), to apply and enforce these Rules;
 - 2.2.3. to provide all requested assistance to the AIU, the Bahrain NADO, and the BAA (as applicable) in their application and enforcement of these Rules, including (without limitation) cooperating fully with any investigation, Results Management, and/or proceedings conducted pursuant to these Rules in relation to any potential Anti-Doping Rule Violation(s);
 - 2.2.4. to submit to the jurisdiction of any first instance tribunal convened to hear and determine charges and related issues arising under these Rules;
 - 2.2.5. to submit to the jurisdiction of any appeal tribunal and/or CAS panel convened to hear and determine appeals brought pursuant to these Rules; and
 - 2.2.6. not to bring any proceedings in any court or other forum that are inconsistent with the foregoing submission to the jurisdiction of the first instance tribunal, the appeal tribunal, and/or CAS;

and shall confirm that agreement in writing upon request by the BAA.

- 2.3. A Minor may not participate in the sport of athletics in Bahrain unless a parent or guardian of that Minor has consented to the application of these Rules to that Minor (including in relation to Testing). Such consent shall be inferred from the fact that the Minor has been permitted by their parent or guardian to participate in athletics. The BAA may require confirmation in writing of such consent at any time, as a pre-condition to further participation.
- 2.4. It is the personal responsibility of each Athlete who is subject to these Rules:
- 2.4.1. to acquaint themselves, and to ensure that each Person from whom they take advice is acquainted, with all of the requirements of these Rules, including (without limitation) being aware of what constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation and of the substances and methods that have been included on the Prohibited List;
 - 2.4.2. to comply with these Rules in all respects at all times;
 - 2.4.3. to take responsibility, in the context of anti-doping, for what they ingest and Use;

- 2.4.4. to inform medical personnel of their obligation not to Use Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods, and to ensure that any medical treatment they receive does not infringe these Rules;
 - 2.4.5. to carry out research regarding any products or substances that they intend to Use (prior to such Use) to ensure that Using them will not constitute or result in an Anti-Doping Rule Violation. Such research must, at a minimum, include a reasonable internet search of: (i) the name of the product or substance; (ii) the ingredients/substances listed on the product or substance label; and (iii) other related information revealed through research of points (i) and (ii);
 - 2.4.6. to submit to Sample collection upon demand;
 - 2.4.7. when included in a Registered Testing Pool, to provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information for purposes of Testing in accordance with the requirements of the International Standard for Testing & Investigations;
 - 2.4.8. to disclose to the BAA, the AIU, and the Bahrain NADO any decision that the Athlete committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation within the previous ten years;
 - 2.4.9. to cooperate with any investigations conducted by the BAA, the AIU or the Bahrain NADO under these Rules, the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules, or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (as applicable); and
 - 2.4.10. to disclose the identity of all Athlete Support Personnel with whom they work upon request by the BAA, the AIU, the Bahrain NADO, and/or any other Anti-Doping Organization with authority over the Athlete.
- 2.5. It is the personal responsibility of each Athlete Support Personnel who is subject to these Rules:
- 2.5.1. to acquaint themselves with all of the requirements of these Rules, including (without limitation) being aware of what constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation and the substances and methods that have been included on the Prohibited List;
 - 2.5.2. to comply with these Rules in all respects at all times;
 - 2.5.3. to cooperate with Testing of Athletes;
 - 2.5.4. not to Use or Possess any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method without valid justification;
 - 2.5.5. to use their influence on Athlete values and behaviours to foster anti-doping attitudes;
 - 2.5.6. to disclose to the BAA, the AIU, and the Bahrain NADO any decision that the Athlete Support Personnel committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation within the previous ten years; and

- 2.5.7. to cooperate with any investigations conducted by the BAA, the AIU or the Bahrain NADO under these Rules, the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules, or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (as applicable).
- 2.6. It is the personal responsibility of each other Person who is subject to these Rules:
 - 2.6.1. to acquaint themselves with all of the requirements of these Rules, including (without limitation) being aware of what constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation and the substances and methods that have been included on the Prohibited List;
 - 2.6.2. to comply with these Rules in all respects at all times;
 - 2.6.3. to disclose to the BAA, the AIU, and the Bahrain NADO any decision that the Person committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation within the previous ten years; and
 - 2.6.4. to cooperate with any investigations conducted by the BAA, the AIU or the Bahrain NADO under these Rules, the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules, or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (as applicable).
- 2.7. Each Athlete will continue to be bound by and required to comply with these Rules unless and until they are deemed under the BAA's rules to have retired from the sport so that they are no longer subject to the BAA's authority.
- 2.8. Each Athlete Support Personnel and other Person described in Article 2.1 who is not an Athlete shall continue to be bound by and required to comply with these Rules unless and until they no longer carry out the activity or are bound by the arrangement that brought them within Article 2.1 in the first place.
- 2.9. The BAA, the AIU, and the Bahrain NADO shall continue to have jurisdiction under these Rules over an Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel or other Person described in Article 2.1 after that person has retired, in respect of matters taking place prior to their retirement. If the Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel, or other Person retires while subject to a Results Management process, the Anti-Doping Organization conducting that Results Management process retains jurisdiction to complete that process. If they retire before any Results Management process has begun, the Anti-Doping Organization that had Results Management authority over them before their retirement retains Results Management authority over them in respect of matters taking place prior to their retirement.

Rule 3 Responsibility for the Application and Enforcement of these Rules

- 3.1. The BAA shall:
 - 3.1.1. ensure that all Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, and other Persons described in Article 2.1 are legally bound to comply with the Rules;
 - 3.1.2. cooperate with the AIU and the Bahrain NADO in the development and implementation of effective education programs about the requirements of the

Rules for the Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, and other Persons described in Article 2.1;

- 3.1.3. take all necessary steps to ensure that Athletes under its jurisdiction who are put into the International Registered Testing Pool provide detailed, complete, accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information to the AIU via ADAMS in accordance with the requirements of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules;
 - 3.1.4. take all necessary steps to ensure that Athletes under its jurisdiction who are put into the National Registered Testing Pool provide detailed, complete, accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information to the Bahrain NADO via ADAMS in accordance with the requirements of the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules;
 - 3.1.5. ensure that any information, intelligence, or direct or indirect evidence of a potential Anti-Doping Rule Violation committed by an Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel or other Person under its jurisdiction that comes into its possession is brought to the attention of the AIU and the Bahrain NADO without delay; and
 - 3.1.6. provide such other assistance as the AIU and/or the Bahrain NADO may request to help them to exercise their rights and discharge their responsibilities under (respectively) the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules.
- 3.2. The AIU may enforce the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules (including Testing, investigations, and Results Management) directly and on its own account (and/or through Delegated Third Parties) as against all of the Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons (including the BAA's servants, agents, employees, directors and officers) who are described in Article 2.1.
 - 3.3. The Bahrain NADO may enforce the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (including Testing, investigations, and Results Management) directly and on its own account (and/or through Delegated Third Parties) as against all Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons (including the BAA's servants, agents, employees, directors and officers) who are described in Article 2.1.
 - 3.4. Where the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules require the BAA to take action at the national level against an Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel, or other Person described in Article 2.1 in respect of an alleged Anti-Doping Rule Violation, the BAA shall procure that such action is taken by the Bahrain NADO in accordance with the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules.
 - 3.5. The BAA shall not obstruct, frustrate, delay or hinder the AIU and the Bahrain NADO in their conduct of Anti-Doping Activities under (respectively) the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules. Instead, the BAA shall actively assist and fully cooperate with them in their conduct of those activities, including passing on to them any information the BAA receives that may be relevant to those activities, and/or (where requested by the AIU) the BAA will carry out its own investigation of any potential Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

- 3.6. The jurisdictional and other issues arising when the same conduct engages both the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules shall be resolved in accordance with the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 3.7. The BAA shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure that each of the AIU and the Bahrain NADO is kept fully informed of all Results Management activities by the other under these Rules, in accordance with the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 3.8. The BAA shall take all steps within its power to enforce any final decision taken under the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules, including:
 - 3.8.1. ensuring that all TUEs granted by the Bahrain NADO to Athletes under the BAA's jurisdiction are reported on a timely basis to the AIU and to WADA, and are entered on ADAMS;
 - 3.8.2. recognising and giving full force and effect to any period of provisional suspension or ineligibility imposed, including ensuring that the Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel or other Person affected does not participate in sport during the period of such suspension or ineligibility; and
 - 3.8.3. procuring the return of medals, titles, and awards, and the repayment of prize money, in relation to results that are Disqualified pursuant to Article 9 or Article 10 of those rules.
- 3.9. In addition to the disqualification of results and/or imposition of a period of suspension that may be imposed under the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules when an Anti-Doping Rule Violation is committed, the BAA may take further action as it sees fit against the person(s) who committed that Anti-Doping Rule Violation, including (without limitation) suspending or cancelling any funding provided to such person(s) by the BAA and/or prohibiting the use by such person(s) of any facilities or services provided or organised by the BAA (provided always that such further action does not prejudice in any way the Consequences imposed under the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules).
- 3.10. The BAA shall be responsible for taking action in respect of any breach of these Rules that does not constitute an Anti-Doping Rule Violation. In particular, where an Athlete, Athlete Support Person or other Person to whom these Rules apply:
 - 3.10.1. refuses or fails without compelling justification to comply with any provision of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (as applicable), but such refusal or failure does not constitute an Anti-Doping Rule Violation under those rules; or
 - 3.10.2. engages in offensive conduct towards a Doping Control officer or other Person involved in Doping Control that does not rise to the level of Tampering; or
 - 3.10.3. refuses or fails to cooperate in full with an Anti-Doping Organization investigating a potential Anti-Doping Rule Violation; or
 - 3.10.4. (Athlete Support Personnel only) Uses or Possesses a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method without valid justification;

that shall amount to a breach of these Rules, and the BAA shall initiate disciplinary proceedings against them pursuant to the BAA's own disciplinary procedures to punish such breach. In addition to any other consequences that may be imposed in those proceedings, the BAA shall not permit an Athlete Support Person who is found to have Used or Possessed a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method without valid justification to provide support to Athletes falling under the BAA's jurisdiction.

Rule 4 Supplementary Provisions

- 4.1. These Rules shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the Effective Date. However:
 - 4.1.1. Anti-Doping Rule Violations taking place prior to the Effective Date:
 - 4.1.1.1 shall be recognised and respected in full under these Rules, including any period of Ineligibility imposed and any Disqualification of results applied based on such violations; and
 - 4.1.1.2 shall count as 'first violations' or 'second violations' (as applicable) for purposes of determining the sanctions applicable under Article 10 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (as applicable) for violations taking place after the Effective Date.
 - 4.1.2. Any case that is pending as of the Effective Date, and any case brought after the Effective Date based on an Anti-Doping Rule Violation that occurred prior to the Effective Date, shall be governed by the substantive anti-doping rules in effect at the time the alleged Anti-Doping Rule Violation occurred, and not by the substantive anti-doping rules set out in these Rules (if different), unless the panel hearing the case determines that the principle of *lex mitior* appropriately applies under the circumstances of the case.
 - 4.1.3. Any whereabouts failure (whether a filing failure or a missed test) occurring prior to the Effective Date shall be carried forward and may be relied upon as an element of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation under Article 2.4 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (as applicable) if two other whereabouts failures are committed within twelve months of it.
- 4.2. The BAA reserves the right to Publicly Disclose information relating to alleged Anti-Doping Rule Violations and consequent disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (as applicable), in each case as discussed and agreed with the AIU or the Bahrain NADO (as applicable).
- 4.3. Each of the BAA, the AIU, and the Bahrain NADO may collect, store, process or disclose personal information relating to Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons who are subject to these Rules where necessary or appropriate under the World Anti-Doping Code, the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules, the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules, these Rules, and/or the International Standards (including specifically the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information).

- 4.4. These Rules, and any disputes or proceedings (whether contractual or non-contractual) arising from or in relation to them, are governed by the laws of Bahrain. Subject to any applicable dispute resolution provisions in the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules or the Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules, the courts of Bahrain shall have exclusive jurisdiction in relation to these Rules, decisions made under them, and disputes or proceedings (whether contractual or non-contractual) arising from or in relation to them.
- 4.5. Amendments made by WADA to the World Anti-Doping Code, the Prohibited List and any International Standard will come into effect automatically in the manner set out in the Code, and such amendments will be binding upon all Athletes, Athlete Support Persons and other Persons without further formality. In addition, the BAA reserves the right to amend these Rules from time to time to ensure that they remain effective, and/or to ensure continuing compliance with its obligations as a member federation of World Athletics.
- 4.6. Where a matter arises that is not otherwise provided for in these Rules, the person called upon to resolve the matter shall have discretion to do so in such manner as they see fit, provided that such resolution does not materially undermine the reliability of proceedings under these Rules or otherwise cause material injustice to the Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel, or other Person to whom the Rules are being applied.

Appendix 1: World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules (in force 1 January 2024)

Appendix 2: Bahrain NADO's Anti-Doping Rules (2022)