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IWRF Member Organizations

Therapeutic Use Exemptions - 2013 IWRF Zone Championships

I am writing to remind all IWRF members of the requirements regarding Therapeutic Use Exemptions.

A Therapeutic Use Exemption, or "TUE", authorizes an athlete to use a prohibited substance or method to treat a legitimate medical condition or illness while continuing to play wheelchair rugby. Athletes with a documented medical condition requiring the use of a prohibited substance or method are required to obtain a TUE before beginning treatment.

All wheelchair rugby athletes participating in international competitions, including IWRF Zone Championships, should apply for TUEs through their National Anti-doping Organization (NADO). All TUEs approved by NADOs for athletes participating in IWRF Zone Championships must be forwarded to IWRF no less than **30 days** in advance of the event. The IWRF TUE Committee will review them and if there are any concerns we will contact the member for further information.

The deadlines to submit approved TUE applications are:

- **IWRF European Championship**
All TUEs to be submitted to IWRF by 10 July 2013
- **IWRF Americas Championship**
All TUEs to be submitted to IWRF by 14 September 2013
- **IWRF Asia-Oceania Championship**
All TUEs to be submitted to IWRF by 16 October 2013

If an acute medical situation that requires a TUE arises after these deadlines, the TUE application should be forwarded directly to IWRF for review and approval.

If an IWRF member organization does not have a NADO, the TUE application should be forwarded to IWRF.

Attached is an information sheet on TUEs for IWRF members and athletes, and a copy of the IWRF TUE Application Form. Please distribute this to your athletes as required.

If you have any questions regarding TUEs or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,



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cc: IWRF TUE Committee
