



SUOMEN RUGBYLIITTO

FINNISH RUGBY FEDERATION

1. General

The Finnish Rugby Association. (SRL) is committed to anti-doping work in all its activities in accordance with the guidelines and regulations on anti-doping work and testing issued by World Rugby (WR), the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture (OKM), the Finnish Anti-Doping Commission (SUEK) and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Finnish Rugby Association. undertakes to comply with the Finnish anti-doping rules.

2. Reference to World Rugby regulation 21

World Rugby's Act 21 complies with the World Anti-Doping Code and thus the Finnish Rugby Federation undertakes to comply with them. A few sections of this anti-doping program (action in case of suspected doping, penalties) only provide a summary of these acts. The full text of the regulations can be found, for example, on WR's website ([täältä](#)).

3. Education

The SRL regularly organizes anti-doping training for all national teams operating under the federation (men's 15s and 7s national teams, women's 15s and 7s national teams). The training event is organized together with the Finnish Anti-Doping Commission. Training events will be organized in conjunction with national team camps, in which all national team representatives, national team coaches and team managers are required to participate.

Representatives of club teams operating under the auspices of the association (coaches, club managers) are encouraged to participate in anti-doping training organized by the association. In addition, the Federation will endeavor to provide anti-doping training to all official WR Educator trainers in the Federation so that they can share anti-doping information in WR Coaching Level 1 and 2 courses.

SRL appoints a person responsible for anti-doping training, whose task is to coordinate the anti-doping training events of the Federation with the Finnish Anti-Doping Commission and to liaise with the team leaders of the national teams and the persons in charge of the club teams to organize anti-doping training.

4. Information

SRL informs national team team managers and rugby club officials under the anti-doping news, mainly by e-mail and telephone. The association creates or uses existing mailing lists for national teams, clubs and players so that anti-doping announcements reach as many people working in Finnish rugby as possible. The association also distributes the publication "Prohibited Substances and Methods in Sports" distributed by SUEK to clubs. The Finnish Anti-Doping Commission and the Anti-Doping Officer of World Rugby are generally contacted by e-mail and telephone. In addition, a representative of SRL participates in federal events organized by SUEK. Current information on anti-doping activities is regularly added to the association's website (www.finland.rugby).

5. Persons in charge

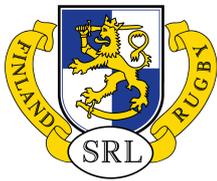
The association appoints an anti-doping officer, whose task is to coordinate the anti-doping training organized by the association together with SUEK and inform about the national team leaders, the rugby clubs under the SRL and the international sports federation WR. The application for an Anti-Doping Officer is open to anyone interested in the task and the Board of the SRL will formally appoint the person selected for the task at a Board meeting.

6. Doping control and testing

SRL informs its member clubs that SUEK has the right to conduct doping tests for athletes in all tournaments and series organized and supervised by the association, as well as outside them, for example in practice. Athletes will indicate their commitment to the applicable anti-doping code at the time of purchase of the SRL license.

SRL will provide SUEK with the following information on all national team groups and selections immediately and without separate request:

- for athletes: names, dates of birth, contact details
- for domestic and foreign camps: lists of participants, accommodation and training sites, camp schedules
- competition information



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- information on other possible national team gatherings and meetings
- information on the athletes in the International Federation's registered testing pool

7. Exemption

The treatment of an athlete's illness may require the use of a Prohibited Substance or Method. Athletes covered by SUEK's sport-specific leveling (Rugby: Men's and Women's 15-Player Championship Series and 7-Player Championship Tournaments) must apply for exemption in advance in accordance with the International Exemption Standard and SUEK's guidelines. SUEK's exemption decision applies to national-level athletes and national-level competitions in Finland. The International Sports Federation is responsible for the different freedoms of athletes at the international level and participating in international sporting events. If an international-level athlete has a waiver granted by SUEK, he or she must determine whether the International Federation accepts the waiver granted by SUEK.

For athletes outside the sport-specific level determination, SUEK will verify a posteriori (after a possible doping test) that there is a medical justification for the use of substances on the Prohibited List.

8. Action in case of suspected doping

In the event of a suspected doping, SUEK will notify the athlete and request an explanation from the athlete. SUEK will also notify the SRL Anti-Doping Officer. The suspected doping violation is dealt with by the Supervisory Board appointed by SUEK. The Board of Supervisors will deal with the case and make a written recommendation to the SRL on the sanction. The Board of the SRL will decide on the final sanction at its meeting.

A suspected doping case will only be considered as information between the SRL and the suspected player until a final decision has been made by the SRL Board. Following the decision, the SRL must publicly inform about the doping violation and its consequences. The information is provided by the SRL's Anti-Doping Officer.

9. Penalties

Sanctions for doping violations are imposed in accordance with the Finnish Anti-Doping Code.

If two or more players on the same team commit a doping offense in a championship match (women's or men's), the SRL Board will deal with the matter and decide on the penalties separately. If there is evidence of serious, controlled and systematic use of doping within a team or the team has otherwise failed to meet its anti-doping obligations, the team may be disqualified from the current season series and will not be allowed to participate in next year's competition series. In addition, the personal doping penalties already mentioned for players will take effect.

10. Performance evaluation

The Board of the SRL reviews annually and, if necessary, updates its anti-doping program. The Board is evaluating the implementation of anti-doping activities. In addition, after each doping suspicion and violation, the government will evaluate the action in that case.