



# Athlete Whereabouts

At-a-Glance

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# What is Whereabouts?

Whereabouts is information provided by some athletes so Anti-Doping Organizations (ADO) can locate them for testing, particularly out-of-competition testing.

Whereabouts information must be accurate and updated at all times or there may be consequences.



*Testing is an important part of an anti-doping program and usually takes place with no advanced notice to the athlete.*

# Which athletes?

Athletes who need to provide whereabouts information are usually part of a Registered Testing Pool (RTP).

RTP athletes are normally the highest priority athletes for an ADO. This could include; Olympic or Paralympic athletes, athletes ranked highly in their sports, athletes who compete in sports that are of a high national priority or those who compete regularly at the highest level of international competition, such as world championships.

Sometimes other athletes are also asked to provide whereabouts information. For example athletes participating at a major games or athletes included in a domestic or other testing pool of an ADO.



*International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations are responsible for determining which athletes are required to provide whereabouts information. Major Event Organizers, such as the IOC, may have Games-time specific whereabouts requirements for participating athletes.*



**Important:** Athletes must keep their whereabouts information up-to-date at all times. If their plans or schedule changes for any reason, they are responsible for updating their whereabouts information. Not doing so could lead to consequences.

## What information?

RTP athletes who are required to provide whereabouts information to their ADO, need to include:

- Home address, email address and phone number
- An overnight accommodation address
- Regular activities, such as training, work, school or University and their locations plus times they will be there
- Competition schedules including when they are taking place and where
- A 60-minute time slot for each day where they'll be available and accessible for testing

*Athletes who are not part of an RTP but who are asked to provide whereabouts information may have different requirements.*

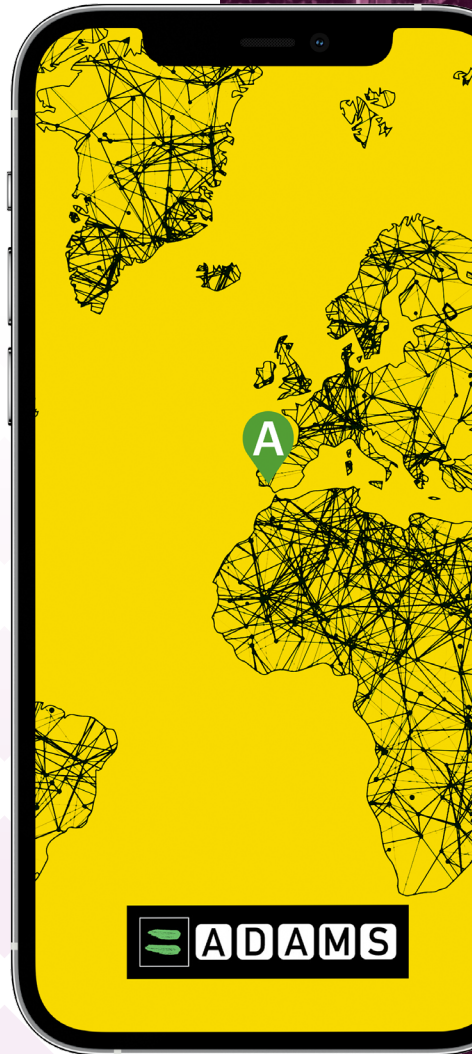
*And remember, athletes can be tested anytime and anywhere - not just in their 60-minute time slot!*



# Submitting and updating whereabouts

Whereabouts information must be up-to-date and accurate at all times!

- Most RTP athletes submit their whereabouts information via WADA's Anti-Doping Administration System (ADAMS).
- A mobile App, '**Athlete Central**' is available for athletes to use to submit and update their whereabouts information.
- RTP athletes have to submit their whereabouts information by a specific date and time for the next 3 months (the next quarter). The time and date is set by the ADO.
- If plans change then whereabouts information must be updated. The easiest way to do this is via **Athlete Central**, ADAMS or by SMS if this is activated in ADAMS. Sometimes ADOs allow updates by email.
- There may be consequences if an athlete is not where they say they are, and they cannot be located for testing. This is known as a missed test.
- There may be consequences if an athlete does not file their whereabouts information on time or provides inaccurate information. This is known as a filling failure.
- Any combination of 3 filling failures or missed tests in a 12-month period may lead to an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV).







## ADAMS

### *What is ADAMS?*



*WADA's Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS), is an online tool that athletes can access anytime and anywhere to submit and update their whereabouts information. ADAMS is available in many languages.*

*ADAMS is free, easy to use, and it takes privacy and security of athlete information seriously.*

# Don't forget!

Whereabouts information is a **crucial part** of any testing program helping to protect clean sport.

- **Athletes** are responsible for their whereabouts information.
- **Athletes cannot blame** their representative or agent for inaccurately filing or forgetting to update their whereabouts information.
- Athletes included in an RTP, must provide whereabouts information **every 3 months** so they can be located for testing.
- Athletes included in an RTP, need to **remember**, there may be consequences for failing to provide accurate whereabouts information.
- **Three Whereabouts Failures** in 12 months is one of the 11 Anti-Doping Rule Violations which athletes can be sanctioned for.



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