



INTERNATIONAL LIFE SAVING FEDERATION

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ANTI-DOPING BULLETIN NO. 2 2025 WORLD GAMES & LWC2026 ANTI-DOPING OBLIGATIONS

Introduction

ILS shares the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) vision of a world where athletes can participate in a doping-free sporting environment.

A key principle of WADA's World Anti-Doping Code International Standard for Education (ISE) is that the first encounter with clean sport and anti-doping should be for athletes to be educated before being tested.

ILS has committed itself and its member federations/organisations to adhere to the WADA standards and seeks to provide a clean, safe, and fair sporting environment.

This Bulletin outlines obligations for National Team participation in the 2025 World Games and for National Team and Interclub and open participants at the Lifesaving World Championships in 2026.

The World Games 2025 Obligations

- As per The World Games (TWG) requirements and the ILS Education Plan, athletes who qualify for TWG 2025 plus team coaches, managers, and medical professionals are required to complete WADA's Anti-Doping Education and Learning (ADEL) course selected by IWGA or other WADA approved courses in order to receive their accreditations and participate in The World Games.

Note 1: TWG will require confirmation that WADA approved Anti-Doping education has been completed and will advise details of what is required and the final date for submission.

Note 2: should any athlete, coach, manager or medical professional fail to submit the required detail by the due date they may be ineligible to participate in TWG 2025.

Note 3: Anti-Doping education is the responsibility of ILS National Lifesaving Federations/Organisations (NLFOs) and that their WADA recognised National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) should be their point of contact for their Anti-Doping matters.

- ILS strongly recommends that all other participants undertake training relevant to their roles at the World Games.

LWC2026 Obligations

- As per the ILS Education Plan athletes, coaches, managers and medical professionals from the top eight ranked Open and Youth National Teams from LWC2024 are required to complete their WADA ADEL education or WADA approved ADEL National Anti- Doping Organisation (NADO) education prior to participation in LWC 2026. It is also recommended that members of all other National Teams undertake this training.

For ease of reference the top eight ranked Open, Youth and IRB National Teams at LWC2024 were:

Placing	Open National Teams	Youth National Teams	IRB National Teams
1	Australia	Australia	New Zealand
2	New Zealand	New Zealand	Australia
3	France	France	Great Britain & Northern Ireland
4	Italy	Spain	Japan
5	Germany	South Africa	Belgium
6	Japan	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	Poland
7	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	Ireland	-
8	Spain	Japan	-

Note 1: ILS will require confirmation that approved Anti-Doping education has been completed and will advise details of what is required and the final date for submission to ILS. This is likely to form part of the “Live Heats” entry process and will include the electronic submission of proof of completion.

Note 2: should any athlete, coach, manager, or medical professional fail to submit the required detail by the advertised due date they may be ineligible to participate in the National Teams LWC 2026.

Note 3: ILS and National Lifesaving Federations/Organisations (NLFOs) will recognise and accept certifications from ILS participants completing education via other WADA recognised international federations.

Note 4: Anti-Doping education is the responsibility of ILS NLFOs and that their WADA recognised NADO should be their point of contact for their Anti-Doping matters.

- For all other participants at the LWC2026 Interclub and Open Championships (including athletes, coaches and managers and medical professionals) completion of NADO or WADA ADEL education prior to their participation is recommended by ILS.

Further Information

ILS provides comprehensive [anti-doping information](#) (including the [ILS Education Plan](#) that is currently being updated) for its members via its website. ILS also has in place [anti-doping rules](#) that are consistent with the WADA standards.

For further information or assistance please contact the ILS Anti-Doping Administrator at: hq@ilsf.org.

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