



INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH & SKELETON FEDERATION

PyeongChang 2018 Pre-Games Anti-Doping Taskforce

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) supported by the AIOWF (Association of International Olympic Wintersports Federations) and National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) have put together a PyeongChang 2018 Pre-Games Anti-Doping Taskforce.

This Taskforce is headed by the Secretariat of DFSU (Doping Free Sport Unit) of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).

Communication and exchanges happened over the past months between the Taskforce and our Federation constantly to implement the recommendations given by the PyeongChang 2018 Pre-Games Anti-Doping Taskforce. The Taskforce's recommendations focus on the following aspects:

- Minimum number of tests for at-risk athletes and athlete groups to be conducted between 25 August 2017 and 31 January 2018, with the number of tests divided between the period of 25 August 2017 and 30 September 2017 and 1 October 2017 and 31 January 2018.
- Recommendations focused on the Top 20 athletes competing in individual sports/disciplines.
- Additional recommendations were provided for team sports (i.e. Ice-hockey, Bobsleigh, Curling).

Between April and October 2017 more than 550 tests have been conducted on Bobsleigh and Skeleton athletes worldwide.

Test planning takes into account whether athletes are in periods of training, competition or downtime. The testing figures are based on in-competition and out-of-competition tests - blood and urine tests are counted as one test only. Athletes have no forward notice of tests.

Following the McLaren Report II published in December 2016 the IBSF had a special focus on the Russian Bobsleigh and Skeleton athletes since then. The IBSF worked closely with WADA and RUSADA, which is approved by WADA to conduct tests, to coordinate a proper testing of these athletes.

The past months have been quite intense for all International Winter Sports Federation. The IBSF wants to thank its colleagues from AIOWF for their support and continuous exchange of expertise and knowledge as well as the PyeongChang 2018 Pre-Games Anti-Doping Taskforce, all NADOs, the WADA and the IOC for its cooperation.

Finally, the IBSF wants to reiterate its position of a zero-tolerance towards Doping. The protection of the clean athletes will remain a key-priority.

The full details of tests conducted in Olympic Winter sport by sport and by NOC can be found on the [IOC website](#). IBSF will furthermore publish monthly update reports on the testing efforts on [ibsf.org](#) within the [Anti-Doping section](#).