



Mornington Peninsula and Frankston City Table Tennis Association Inc (MFTTA)

ANTI-DOPING POLICY

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Purpose and preamble

In 2012 the Victorian Government developed an anti-doping policy which is required to be adopted by all sporting organisations including if they wish to be eligible for State grant support. The Mornington Peninsula and Frankston City Table Tennis Association Inc (hereafter “MFTTA” or the “Association”) has always adhered to strict anti-doping principles through its related policies (e.g. Codes of Behaviour), however the Board of Directors agreed to adopt a policy solely related to anti-doping. This policy demonstrates the strong commitment of the management, staff and volunteers of MFTTA to anti-doping principles. It is noted that this form of policy is intended by the Victorian Government to apply to all organisations responsible for conducting sporting competitions, sports organisations, their affiliates and members in Victoria, and any person or organisation receiving State support for sporting activities.

Policy

The Victorian Government Policy on Anti-Doping which is copyrighted may be found at <https://sport.vic.gov.au/publications-and-resources/integrity-sport/anti-doping> and can be downloaded in pdf or word format. MFTTA herewith adopts that policy in full. A summary of key principles derived from the Victorian Government policy is given below.

In addition to the Victorian Government policy, MFTTA herewith adopts in full the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Anti-Doping Rules which are contained in Chapter 5 of the ITTF Handbook 2019. The Handbook may be sourced from <https://www.ittf.com/anti-doping/general/>. A useful extract from the ITTF Anti-Doping Policy introduction is given below. In the unlikely event of any potential uncertainty between the ITTF and Victorian Government policies in matters of adjudication or implementation then MFTTA will adhere to legal requirements in its local jurisdiction.

Summary of key principles derived from the Victorian Government policy

Introduction

MFTTA and the community expect that all table tennis players will compete fairly and without the use of prohibited drugs or doping. MFTTA has a duty of care and an ethical and moral obligation to ensure that the health and safety of all people associated with the Association (e.g. players, coaches, visitors, spectators etc) is paramount. In addition MFTTA upholds basic principles of fairness and justice so that use of drugs or doping strategies is prohibited and “zero tolerance” is implemented.

This policy is aligned with the Australian Government similar policies and adherence to the World Anti-Doping Code in Australia. The ultimate aim is to eliminate drugs in sport through support of Australia’s national anti-doping framework.

Rules and code of conduct

All MFTTA members must adhere to this policy including consent to Anti-Doping Code compliant doping control testing activities and implementation of any necessary parental/guardian informed consents for members under 18 years of age. MFTTA embodies and promotes the values of sport and athletic achievement obtained via fair and healthy behaviours/practices. As such this includes educating all players as necessary, especially younger players, about the health and ethical issues related to the use of prohibited/banned substances in sport, and about healthy diet and lifestyle. MFTTA players selected for, or required to be available for testing, are to be subject to Anti-Doping Code compliant doping control requirements, including results management protocols. Detailed rules and conduct principles may be found at <https://sport.vic.gov.au/publications-and-resources/integrity-sport/anti-doping>

Extract from the introduction to the ITTF Anti-Doping Policy (source: ITTF Handbook 2019 Chapter 5)

Preface to ITTF Anti-Doping Rules

“At the ITTF Board of Directors meeting held on 2 May 2014 in Tokyo ITTF accepted the revised (2015) World Anti-Doping Code (the "Code") to be implemented with effect from 1 January 2015. These Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented in accordance with ITTF's responsibilities under the Code, and are in furtherance of ITTF's continuing efforts to eradicate doping in the sport of Table Tennis.”

“These Anti-Doping Rules are sport rules governing the conditions under which sport is played. Aimed at enforcing anti-doping principles in a global and harmonised manner, they are distinct in nature from criminal and civil proceedings and are not intended to be subject to, or limited by any national requirements and legal standards applicable to such proceedings. When reviewing the facts and the law of a given case, all courts, arbitral tribunals and other adjudicating bodies should be aware of and respect the distinct nature of these anti-doping rules implementing the Code and the fact that these rules represent the consensus of a broad spectrum of stakeholders around the world as to what is necessary to protect fair sport.”

Fundamental Rationale for the Code and ITTF's Anti-Doping Rules

“Anti-doping programs seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as “the spirit of sport”. It is the essence of Olympism; the pursuit of human excellence through the dedicated perfection of each person’s natural talents; it is how we play true. The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind, and is reflected in values we find in and through sport, including:

- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- Health • Excellence in performance
- Character and education
- Fun and joy
- Teamwork
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for self and other participants
- Courage
- Community and solidarity

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport”.

Further Information

- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA)
<http://www.asada.gov.au>
Email: asada@asada.gov.au
Anti-Doping Hotline: 1300 027 232
- International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Anti-Doping Rules which are contained in Chapter 5 of the ITTF Handbook 2019. The Handbook may be sourced from <https://www.ittf.com/anti-doping/general/>
- Australian Sports Commission
<http://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/ethics/antidoping>

- CleanEdge
'CleanEdge' is a drugs in sport information, education and referral website managed by the Victorian Branch of Sports Medicine Australia and is designed specifically for Victorian community sport. See <http://www.cleannedge.com.au>, or Email: cleannedge@vic.sma.org.au
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
<http://www.sport.vic.gov.au/>
- Sports Medicine Australia (Victorian Branch)
<http://www.smavic.org/> or <http://www.smartplay.com.au/vic>; Email: general@vic.sma.org.au
- Victorian Sports Anti-doping Act 2005
<http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/>
- World Anti-Doping Agency
<http://www.wada-ama.org>

Reviewing this policy

This policy will be reviewed as appropriate and will be updated in accord with Victorian Government updates/reviews. MFTTA invites and undertakes to seek views, comments and suggestions from children, parents, carers, staff and volunteers involved in the Association. Comments and questions may be addressed to the MFTTA Board of Directors (via mptta88@gmail.com) or office bearers. The Board may choose to on-forward comments to the Victorian Government, TTV and TTA or other authorities as appropriate.