

## **ANTI-DOPING**

### **CARIBBEAN GAMES ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME**

The Anti-Doping programme for the inaugural Caribbean Games is a collaborative effort between the Caribbean Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADO) and Agence Française de Lutte contre la Dopage (AFLD). Our goal is to ensure that all athletes competing at the inaugural edition of the Games do so in a clean and fair environment.

For more information about Caribbean RADO, click here: <https://caribbeanrado.com/>

For more information about AFLD, click here: <https://www.afld.fr/>

### **WHAT IS DOPING?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K80KbWrsEvE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4ANH7hip48>

For more general resources visit:

<https://caribbeanrado.com/world-anti-doping-code-and-guidelines/>

<https://ressources.afld.fr/outils-prevention-education/>

### **WHO WILL BE TESTED?**

Athletes who compete in sport under the jurisdiction of an Anti-Doping Organisation (ADO), that is an International Federation (IF), National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) or Major Event Organisation (MEO) are eligible. Athletes participating in the Caribbean Games may be tested, in competition, based on their finishing position, or by being targeted for a particular reason. Athletes can also be tested at any time, in and out of competition.

### **ATHLETES RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To be aware of and comply with all anti-doping policies and rules adopted pursuant to the World Anti-Doping Code (the Code)
- To be available for sample collection
- To be responsible in for what you ingest and use to avoid violation of anti-doping policies and rules pursuant to the Code
- Inform medical personnel of their obligations not to use prohibited substances and methods when receiving medical treatment to avoid violation of anti-doping policies and rules pursuant to the Code
- Cooperate with Caribbean Regional Anti-Doping Organization (Caribbean RADO), their National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO), International Federation (IF) and other recognized Code-compliant international anti-doping programmes.

## **ATHLETE TUE PROCESS FOR CARIBBEAN GAMES**

### **WHAT IS A THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION (TUE)?**

Athletes may have illnesses or conditions that require them to take medications or undergo medical procedures. If the medication or method an athlete is required to use to treat an illness or condition is prohibited as per the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) Prohibited List ([https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/2022list\\_final\\_en.pdf](https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/2022list_final_en.pdf)), a TUE may give that athlete the authorization to use that substance or method while competing; without invoking an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) and relevant sanction. Applications for TUEs for Caribbean Games 2022 are evaluated by a panel of physicians called the TUE Committee (TUEC).

NADO TUEs granted by the Caribbean RADO for Caribbean Games are valid for the duration of the Games.

NOTE: TUE applications should be applied for at least 30 days in advance of the start of the Caribbean Games. May 29 2022 is the last day an athlete should submit a completed TUE application for Caribbean Games 2022.

### **WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTING A TUE?**

All of the four following criteria must be met in order to obtain a TUE:-

1. The athlete has a clear diagnosed medical condition, which requires treatment using a prohibited substance or method;
2. The therapeutic use of the substance will not, on the balance of probabilities, produce significant enhancement of performance beyond the athlete's normal state of health;
3. The prohibited substance or method is an indicated treatment for the medical condition, and there is no reasonable permitted therapeutic alternative;
4. The necessity to use that substance or method is not the consequence of the prior use (without a TUE), of a substance or method which was prohibited at the time of use.

(For more details, please refer to the WADA International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ISTUE) Article 4.2 <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/world-anti-doping-program/international-standard-therapeutic-use-exemptions-istue#resource-download> )

### **HOW TO APPLY TO CARIBBEAN RADO FOR A TUE?**

Caribbean RADO encourages athletes to submit TUE applications via ADAMS, together with the required medical file. If you do not have an ADAMS account, and need to apply for a TUE, please contact us at: [tue@caribbeanrado.com](mailto:tue@caribbeanrado.com).

Otherwise, please download the Caribbean RADO's printed or electronic TUE Application Form from the Games, complete and sign the form, then send it, together with the required medical file, to [tue@caribbeanrado.com](mailto:tue@caribbeanrado.com). Your TUE application must be submitted in a legible format using capital letters or typing.

The medical file must include:

- A comprehensive medical history, including documentation from the original diagnosing physician(s), where possible;
- The results of all examinations, laboratory investigations and imaging studies relevant to the application; and,
- All costs associated with the application is the responsibility of the athlete.
- TUE applications for Caribbean Games 2022 will be free of cost.

Any TUE application that is neither complete nor legible will be returned for re-submission.

To assist you and your doctor in providing the correct medical documentation, we suggest consulting the WADA Checklists for TUE applications and Medical Information to Support the Decisions of TUECs for guidance during the TUE application process (see links below); and, for specific information on common medical conditions, treatments, substances, etc.

<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/science-medicine/therapeutic-use-exemptions>

[https://www.wada-ama.org/en/search?q=Medical%20information%20to%20support%20the%20decision%20of%20the%20TUEC&filters%5Bcontent\\_type%5D%5B0%5D=%22resource%22&page=1](https://www.wada-ama.org/en/search?q=Medical%20information%20to%20support%20the%20decision%20of%20the%20TUEC&filters%5Bcontent_type%5D%5B0%5D=%22resource%22&page=1))

Keep a complete copy of the TUE application form and all medical information submitted in support of your application, and proof that it has been sent.

#### **WHEN WILL I RECEIVE A DECISION ON MY TUE APPLICATION OR REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION?**

Caribbean RADO's TUE Committee must render a decision as soon as possible, and usually within **twenty-one (21)** days from the date of receipt of the complete TUE application, including the required medical information.

#### **WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A TUE?**

Where the Athlete already has a TUE granted by the Athlete's NADO or IF it will be recognized for Caribbean Games.

#### **CAN I GET A RETROACTIVE TUE?**

You may apply retroactively for a TUE during Caribbean Games 2022 if:

- You require(d) emergency or urgent treatment of a medical condition.
- There was insufficient time, opportunity or other exceptional circumstances that prevented you from submitting the TUE application, or having it evaluated, before getting tested.
- As per our anti-doping rules you were not permitted or required to apply in advance for a TUE.
- You tested positive after using a substance Out-of-Competition that was only prohibited In-Competition (for example glucocorticoids).

In rare and exceptional circumstances and notwithstanding any other provision in the International Standard for TUEs, you may apply for and be granted retroactive approval for the therapeutic use of a prohibited substance or method if, considering the purpose of the Code, it would be manifestly unfair not to grant a retroactive TUE.

This unique retroactive TUE will only be granted with the prior approval of WADA (and WADA may in its absolute discretion agree with or reject the Caribbean RADO's decision).

In case an application for a retroactive TUE is necessary following sample collection, you are strongly advised to have a medical file prepared and ready to submit for evaluation.

**Important note:** Using a prohibited substance or method without a TUE could result in an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For additional information and questions in relation to Caribbean RADO's personal information practices please contact [info@caribbeanrado.com](mailto:info@caribbeanrado.com).

If you are unclear about which organization is responsible for your TUE application, the recognition process for an existing TUE, or any other question with regard to TUEs for Caribbean Games, please contact: [tue@caribbeanrado.com](mailto:tue@caribbeanrado.com).