



2023 ENGLAND BOXING ANNUAL OVERVIEW OF CLEAN SPORT ACTIVITIES

There has been increased activity of Clean Sport/Anti-Doping this year, with more activity in the area of the performance department and now with enhanced inhouse staff capacity with the relevant knowledge we are able to support our anti-doping activities to a much better level. This report will explain that activity under the following four headings: Education; Communications; Projects and Testing.

UKAD Assurance Framework

In 2023 England Boxing compliance and the CEO jointly have undertaken a review of the compliance with the UKAD Assurance Framework and ensured all outstanding actions for full compliance were acted upon.

Education

A major overhaul of the website area had been done in 2020/21 and this year as usual it was only needed to review new developments and links to the new Prohibited list and update the EB Clean Sport/Anti-Doping education and information materials.

An update has been provided to signpost the publication and highlights of the 2024 WADA Prohibited List. [Anti Doping: 2024 Prohibited List - England Boxing](#)

In 2021 England Boxing released its anti-doping film, 'Don't cheat, don't dope, report it!' which we are still promoting and using as a centrepiece of our communication strategy for Boxing.

This is available to view on the Clean Sport/Anti-Doping pages on the EB website, the EB Facebook account and on YouTube (see

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=don%27t+cheatr+don%27t+dope). There is a shortened version on Instagram: see

https://www.instagram.com/p/COLAqQNF_3T/?utm_medium=copy_link.

This film forms the centrepiece of EB's attempts to get relevant messaging, with a specific boxing context, to members and is still relevant and up to date.

And again as usual, material highlighting clean sport was used in the Talent Pathway Handbook, the face-to-face sessions during the Induction meetings and then throughout the talent programme's training camps thereafter.

Specific workshops delivered:

Anti-Doping is a specific topic covered the induction sessions of the new squads and in the briefing documents.

In addition, specific workshops were delivered to all Coaches and Boxers on the Development Pathway:

England Boxing delivered the following sessions:

- 21 October 2023 Junior Performance workshop (approx. 30 in attendance)
- 3 December 2023 Youths Performance workshop (approx. 20 in attendance)
Senior Performance workshop (approx. 15 people attend)

All age groups accessed an initial introduction to anti-doping session, which covered:

- Anti-doping rule violations
- Consequences
- The testing process
- The prohibited list
- Medications & Supplements, and how to safeguard against inadvertent doping (Global DRO and Informed sport)
- "Protect your sport" – how everyone can help report doping suspicions.

UKAD Educator Training Course

Both Danny Williams (Head of Compliance) and Andrea Rankine (Performance Pathway Manager) have now completed the UKAD Educator Training Course, which means we now have 'in house' capacity to run training when needed.

Club Membership Policy

For club membership, the Club Membership Policy has changed at Part E. 'Responsibilities of Member Clubs'.

There is a slightly reworded paragraph 21, which deals with a club, its committee and members agreeing to comply with the various rules of boxing. Those rules, of course, govern important issues such as conduct, anti-doping, diversity and equality, safeguarding, social inclusion, whistleblowing, and the technical rules of the sport.

A new paragraph 23 has been inserted to include provisions, similar to those in the Individual Membership Policy:

- binding clubs and individual members of clubs to the EB Anti-Doping rules for 12 months from the beginning of their membership and for a further 12 months thereafter upon each renewal, and

- for an officer of the club to inform the Regional Registrar and the EB Membership Service Manager in writing of the retirement from competitive boxing of any member who holds a BCR1 (Boxer Medical Record Book). The form for this can be accessed [here](#).

Paragraph 25 specifies that membership records will be kept for a period of 10 years, again to meet the requirements imposed by WADA and UKAD.

You can find the revised Club Membership Policy by [clicking here](#).

Communications

We focussed this year especially on the EB championships, its competitors, and the lead up to the championships as an opportunity to promote the Clean Sport/Anti-Doping message. A specific reference to Anti-Doping has been introduced on the entry form level, to provide a clear warning to all competitors in the Championship.

In June England Boxing launched the brand-new Code of Conduct, which exists to protect all involved in our sport and outline the sporting, moral and ethical principles that are expected.

The new Code has been designed in collaboration with England Boxing stakeholders and was ratified by the Compliance, Legal and HR sub-committee as well as the England Boxing board before launch and includes the reference to the Anti-Doping and Clean Sport Policies.

The document sets out the philosophy and expected levels of behaviour for everyone involved in the sport of boxing and applies to everyone from community club to Olympic level.

The messaging will go hand in hand with the support of the introduction of the new disciplinary framework that underpins the Code.

As usual, Clean Sport/Anti-Doping email communications have been sent to those athletes who were selected to represent England Boxing at the European Youth Championships, after initial discussions with them during a pre-tournament training camp. The EB 'Don't cheat, don't dope, report it!' film was also promoted among these groups.

Otherwise, a variety of different platforms have been used to send messages and information to all members about Clean Sport/Anti-Doping. These include the EB website news pages, the EB Facebook pages, Instagram and Twitter, as well in meetings between executive staff and regional and or club officials. To give a few examples,

- The reminder for the release of the 2023 Prohibited list: see https://www.englandboxing.org/news_articles/boxers-encouraged-to-study-wadas-new-prohibited-list-for-2022/
- The General article bring attention to the Anti Doping/clean sport message of England Boxing, including reference to the YouTube film EB 'Don't cheat, don't dope, report it!' An example can be find here: https://www.englandboxing.org/news_articles/boxing-is-a-clean-sport/
- The New Season welcome letter with specific messages around clean sport and Anti-Doping: [Clubs and Members welcomed to the new 2023-24 season - England Boxing](#)

- Reminder/ refresh article about Clean Sport and Anti Doping in May 2023:
[Think about clean Sport and Anti-Doping - England Boxing](#)

Testing & Results Management

England Boxing now has a senior High Performance Programme. In a joint approach with UKAD it was agreed that the members of this squad would be in the National TUE Pool. Athletes defined by UKAD as being within the National TUE Pool of their sport are required to apply for and obtain a TUE before using a prohibited medication or method.

England Boxing does not have any athletes as part of the National Registered Testing Pool and are not subject to providing whereabouts information.

There have not been any Adverse Analytical Findings (AAFs) (a positive test for a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method) or any Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) (a finding by a panel that a person has committed a breach of the anti-doping rules) by an EB member.

There have been no reports to, or information received by, the Compliance Manager of any active anti-doping investigations. It should be noted that UKAD and other regulatory bodies take the confidentiality of their investigations seriously and are unlikely to inform any NGB other than at the conclusion of an investigation.

UKAD reported no IBA commissioned tests on UK based Boxers.

In addition, 34 Out of Competition Tests were reported under GB Boxing, which again, will have included England Boxing members in the GB Boxing Programme.

No England Boxers are listed to be under a suspension for an anti-doping violation on 31 December 2023.
