

UEFA

Anti-Doping Programme



Season 2023/24

UEFA ANTI - DOPING UNIT			
FAs & Clubs	FIFA / WADA / NADOs	Anti-Doping Panel	Independent APMU
Regulations	Intelligence & Test planning	DCOs	ABP in ADAMS
Education	TUEs	Results management	Laboratory relations

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1 Education & Information

STRATEGY

- The UEFA anti-doping education strategy was launched in 2020 to ensure that players receive relevant, high quality anti-doping education at domestic level before participating in any UEFA competitions.
- UEFA HatTrick funding has been allocated to the 55 Member Associations (MAs) to deliver these anti-doping education activities in collaboration with their National Anti-Doping Organisation.
 - All 55 MAs applied for and received funding in 2023/24.
 - An estimated 34,000 players and 4,500 medical staff were educated.
- A digital anti-doping education platform has been created for MAs, incorporating presentations, pictures of players undergoing doping controls, instructional videos, etc.
- Additional funding has been secured for 2024/25: each MA may request an additional good governance incentive of up to €10,000 for anti-doping education activities.

EVENTS

- A UEFA educator staged a series of introductory anti-doping seminars and presentations with and for the Gibraltar Football Association in September 2023.
 - All the clubs in Gibraltar's men's and women's senior football leagues, both divisions of the futsal league and the new Under-17 league were represented, with tailored sessions also delivered to national team coaches and medical staff.
- A two-day event in April 2024 was attended by more than 100 MA and NADO representatives, NADOs, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the Council of Europe, the Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations (INADO), and the International Testing Agency. The event highlighted MAs' progress in educating players and player support personnel, gave insights into UEFA's education model, identified key areas for development, and promoted closer collaboration between MAs and NADOs.



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2 Testing 2023/24

EURO 2024 TESTING

- Some stored samples were re-analysed and player biological passports examined by experts.
- UEFA worked actively with NADOs to coordinate its testing programme.
- All teams were tested pre-tournament and in-tournament, and no adverse analytical findings (AAFs) were reported.
- Including testing by NADOs, a total of 1,536 urine and blood samples were collected from 622 players between 1 January 2024 and the end of the tournament. All tested negative.
- In-tournament, all samples were analysed within 24 hours (48 hours as of the quarter-finals), and APMU committed to reviewing passports within 24 hours.
- All samples collected by UEFA are stored for 10 years to allow for re-testing.



SPECIAL ANALYSIS

- 673 EPO/ESA Samples Analysed
- 21 IRMS Samples Analysed
- 603 GHRF Samples Analysed
- 422 GH Samples Analysed

3 Doping Control Officers (DCOs)

DCO OPERATIONS

- Doping controls are confidential – clubs, FAs & UEFA officials not informed in advance.
- UEFA panel of 53 DCOs (male and female) from 28 countries.
- DCO candidates undergo comprehensive training and assessment to be accepted as part of the UEFA DCO panel.
- All DCOs have to undergo a yearly practical and written assessment in order to be re-accredited.
- All DCOs are audited by experienced DCO auditors over a 4-year cycle.



INTELLIGENCE, INVESTIGATION & IT

- Machine learning is being developed to predict the highest risk matches and players.

THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS

- UEFA TUE Committee:**
 - 8 medical doctors with different specialisms.
- 91 TUE Applications**
 - Accepted: 22
 - Rejected: 10
 - Recognised: 20
 - TUE not required: 39

ADVERSE ANALYTICAL FINDINGS

- 4 Adverse Analytical Findings**
 - 1 Lisdexamfetamine
 - 1 triamcinolone
 - 2 Methylphenidate

In all cases, the players had valid TUE's and no sanction was required.

Competition	INCT		OOCT		Total	
	Blood	Urine	Blood	Urine	Blood	Urine
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	52	369	267	258	319	627
UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE	20	217	42	29	62	246
UEFA EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE	20	296	0	0	20	296
UEFA YOUTH LEAGUE	4	140	28	67	32	207
UEFA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	231	206	0	0	231	206
Other	24	1309	220	144	244	1553
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