

2027 CODE & IS UPDATE PROCESS

Formatting of the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards

Concepts for Consideration and Feedback

Executive Summary

Certain formatting aspects in both the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) and International Standards have remained relatively unchanged since the original iterations of the Code and International Standards were first adopted. Particularly, in the English version of the Code, definitions have always been capitalized and italicized and definitions in the English versions of the International Standards have always been capitalized and underlined.

As part of the 2027 Code & IS Update Process, WADA wishes to receive feedback as to whether certain formatting aspects are still relevant and useful for the practitioners, readers, and users of the Code and International Standards. WADA also welcomes any other comments or suggestions that could improve both the formatting and legibility of the Code and International Standards.

Concept #1: Italicization of defined terms in the Code

Should defined terms in the Code remain italicized in the updated version of the Code (see example)?

ARTICLE 4 THE PROHIBITED LIST

4.1 Publication and Revision of the *Prohibited List*

WADA shall, as often as necessary and no less often than annually, publish the Prohibited List as an International Standard. The proposed content of the Prohibited List and all revisions shall be provided in writing promptly to all Signatories and governments for comment and consultation. Each annual version of the Prohibited List and all revisions shall be distributed promptly by WADA to each Signatory, WADA-accredited or approved laboratory, and government, and shall be published on WADA's website, and each Signatory shall take appropriate steps to distribute the Prohibited List to its members and constituents. The rules of each Anti-Doping Organization shall specify that, unless provided otherwise in the Prohibited List or a revision, the Prohibited List and revisions shall go into effect under the Anti-Doping Organization's rules three (3) months after publication of the Prohibited List by WADA without requiring any further action by the Anti-Doping Organization.²⁴

Concept #2: Underling of defined terms in the International Standards

Should defined terms in the International Standards remain underlined in the updated and new versions of the International Standards (see example)?

8.2 Recognition of Education Programs

- 8.2.1 *Signatories shall acknowledge the Education Programs carried out by other Signatories and may recognize the completion of such programs by learners (in their Education Pool) of said program, provided that the program has been delivered as per Article 5. Where recognition takes place, this should be clearly communicated to other relevant Signatories and the Education Pool. This process should ease the burden on Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel and minimize duplication of Education. It can also help Signatories to prioritize and focus their efforts more effectively and to concentrate on under-served target groups.*

Concept #3: Positioning of comments in International Standards

Should comments to the different articles in the International Standards be positioned in the body of the text or in a footnote below (see example)?

- 4.3 *Anti-Doping Organizations shall be able to demonstrate that their Processing of Personal Information takes place in accordance with this International Standard, in particular through the adoption of appropriate internal policies and procedures reflecting their adherence to this International Standard.*

[Comment to 4.3: Anti-Doping Organizations can only effectively adhere to the requirements of this International Standard by having in place documented internal policies, procedures and information governance standards relating to Personal Information.]