



# British Taekwondo Council

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## BTC Guidance for UKAD attendance to a BTC Member Organisation Event

- Although not Olympic stylists, BTC have adopted the UKAD policies and procedures and no BTC Member Organisation representative or athlete should refuse to comply with UKAD requests for testing. It is the responsibility of the athletes and Athlete Support Personnel to be available and co-operate with the UKAD testing team. Refusal to comply could put BTC as the NGB, and Sport England funding, at risk.
- These notes relate to:
  - ❖ In-Competition Testing, and
  - ❖ **No Advance Notice Testing:** Sample collection that takes place with no advance warning to the Athlete and where the Athlete is continuously chaperoned from the moment of notification through Sample provision.
- When organising an event, BTC Member Organisations' Tournament Directors should ensure that there is a suitable room or area available (Doping Control Station) which, at a minimum, ensures the Athlete's privacy and where possible is used solely as a Doping Control Station for the duration of the Sample Collection Session. The DCO shall record any significant deviations from these criteria. Testing may be conducted between 5am and 11pm. Valid samples will meet the criteria as having Suitable Specific Gravity for analysis.
- Check the photographic identity and qualifications of UKAD Doping Control Officer(s) (DCOs) and the qualified Chaperone (trained and authorised to witness and verify the provision of the sample), whether there is a Test Distribution Plan or if Random Selection will be made, samples to be taken (urine or blood), the qualifications of the Blood Collection Officer (BCO) (if relevant), the sample collection equipment and whether athletes being tested include Minors.
- The athlete should be the first person to be informed that they have been selected for sample collection. There are exceptions for athletes who are Minors or who have Impairments, in which case a third party will be notified.
- The UKAD DCO should, if requested, confirm the Chain of Custody of samples from being taken until they reach the testing laboratory.
- Confirm the event running order, the whereabouts of the selected athletes and agree the timeframe and arrangements for test samples to be taken. Generally, it should occur at the end of the Competition in which the Athlete is competing or as close as possible to the end.
- The athlete and/or BTC Member Organisation representative should check with the UKAD DCO as to the notification of test results, positive or negative, ie timescale, method of communication, athlete, BTC Member Organisation representative.

Links for the WADA International Standards for the Testing and Investigations (excerpt) within the 2021 Code Implementation Support Program, Guidelines for Sample Collection (full document) are available on the [BTC website](#).

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