

ALA DRUG POLICY

QLAA endorses the ALA Drug Policy.

1. Introduction

- a) ALA recognises the need for a Drug Policy in relation to the conduct of the Australian Teams and Multi-Event Championship (ATC/MEC). Furthermore ALA recommends that affiliated Associations develop a Drug Policy as part of their overall Risk Management strategy.

2. Policy

2.1 The ALA:

- a) Is totally opposed to the use of any banned substances for the purpose of obtaining an advantage in competition;
- b) Is totally opposed to the use of illegal recreational drugs; and
- c) Recognises the role of Australian Sport Drug Agency (ASDA) in the development of policies pertaining to drugs in sport.

3. Competition

3.1 The ALA:

- a) Acknowledges that ASDA is unlikely to conduct drug testing of athletes competing at the ATC/MEC.
- b) Requires each affiliated State/Territory Association to hold a medical certificate(s) (signed by a medical practitioner) for each athlete(s) competing at the ATC/MEC taking prescribed medication contained in the list of ASDA banned substances.
- c) Shall receive a written declaration signed by the Administration Director/Executive Officer/Secretary of each affiliated Association stating that they hold a signed medical certificate for any athlete(s) competing at the ATC/MEC taking prescribed medication contained in the list of ASDA banned substances.

The declaration must contain:

- Name of the athlete(s), and
- Prescribed drug(s) taken by that athlete as contained in the list of ASDA banned substances.

The Declaration is to be handed to the ALA Competition & Standards Director at the ATC/MEC Team Managers' meeting.

4. Action On Return Of A Positive Test Result

4.1 If the ALA is made aware of an athlete, selected to compete at the ATC/MEC, returning a positive drug result to a test carried out by, or under the authority of ASDA, the ALA will:

- a) Ban the athlete from competing at the ATC/MEC unless a declaration is held by the relevant affiliated Association stating that the athlete is taking prescribed medication, which is contained in the list of ASDA, banned substance.

4.2 If the ALA is made aware of a registered athlete returning a positive drug result to a test carried out by, or under the authority of ASDA, the ALA will:

- a) Notify in writing the relevant affiliated Association.