



WHERE ARE YOU?

A guide to the
Tennis Anti-Doping
Whereabouts Programme

It is recognised and accepted that No Advance Notice Out-of-Competition Testing is at the core of effective Doping Control, and without accurate information as to a player's whereabouts, such testing can be inefficient and often impossible.

An Out-of-Competition Whereabouts Programme has been in operation under the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (TADP) for several years, but this has been confined to the final weeks of the year at the end of the tennis calendar.

From 2009, the WADA Code requires the TADP to establish an International Registered Testing Pool (IRTP) of players, each member of which must provide whereabouts information for every day of the year.

Selection of the 2009 ITF International Registered Testing Pool

The criteria for selection of players for inclusion in the IRTP has been based on the year-end rankings. Those selected for the 2009 IRTP include the ATP top 50, WTA top 50, top 10 doubles players and top 5 men, women and quad wheelchair players.

This does not mean that players who have not been selected for the IRTP are not subject to Out-of-Competition testing: every player is subject to Out-of-Competition testing at all times. However, only people in the IRTP have to provide whereabouts information for every day of the year.

If you have been informed by the ITF that you are a member of the 2009 IRTP, you must provide the information described below, within specified timescales.

The Information Required

Every quarter (i.e. by 31 December, 31 March, 30 June and 30 September) the ITF must be notified where the player is residing for that quarter (e.g. home, temporary lodgings, hotel, etc.) as well as the name and address of each location.

The Whereabouts Filing must also include one specific 60-minute time slot and specific location between 6 am and 11 pm **every day** where the player is available and accessible for Testing. This also includes times when a player is competing. Given the unpredictability of the competition schedule, players may choose to specify their temporary residence (e.g. hotel) to designate the 60-minute slot.

When making a Whereabouts Filing, it is the player's responsibility to ensure that all of the information provided is **accurate and in sufficient detail** to enable the Doping Control Officer to locate him/her for Testing on any given day in the quarter, including but not limited to during the 60-minute time-slot specified for that day.

Submitting Whereabouts Information

The preferred method for entering whereabouts information is WADA's on-line Whereabouts management system (Anti-Doping Administration and Management System, or 'ADAMS'), which allows a player to enter his/her whereabouts information directly and accurately in an easy, secure and convenient manner. A user name and password is required, which will be provided by the ITF.

Website: <https://adams.wada-ama.org/adams/>

In the unlikely event that the ADAMS on-line system is not available, a form can be downloaded from www.itftennis.com/anti-doping/Whereabouts, which the player should complete and then send to the ITF by:

Confidential fax: **+44 20 8392 4696**

Email: anti-doping@itftennis.com

Players should not hesitate in calling Charlotte in London if they experience any difficulty in submitting their whereabouts. Her number is: **+44 208 8392 4658**.

Players may authorise third parties (e.g. coaches, agents) to submit (and/or update - see below) whereabouts information on their behalf. Players remain personally responsible for all such information - it would not be an acceptable excuse if the information submitted by a third party resulted in a whereabouts failure due to it being inaccurate or insufficiently detailed.

Providing Information to other Anti-Doping Organisations

Although players in the IRTP are subject to testing by more than one Anti-Doping Organisation (ADO), they are only required to submit whereabouts information to the ITF. That information will be made available to all organisations with jurisdiction to conduct testing on that player.

Updating Whereabouts Information

It is recognised that players may not know exactly what their movements will be three months in advance, and that plans made previously may change (e.g. if a player loses at an early stage of an event). As and when whereabouts information becomes inaccurate, it must be updated. This can be done directly in ADAMS or by sending an SMS to ADAMS on **+44 7781 480 710**. Nevertheless, it is important that players try to provide the most accurate information possible at the time of submission.

In the unlikely event that the ADAMS on-line system is not available, and a player is unable to update their whereabouts information using SMS, updates may be submitted using the Whereabouts form as described above.

Whereabouts Failures

Failure to submit whereabouts information by the appropriate deadline or to provide inaccurate or insufficient information will result in a sanction. If a player either fails to submit whereabouts information by the specified deadline, or the information submitted is incomplete or inaccurate, then this will be a 'Filing Failure'.

If a player was not at his or her nominated location at the specified time in the whereabouts filing, then this will be a 'Missed Test'. If a player cannot be located due to security restrictions at the nominated location (e.g. residing in a gated compound), this will be considered as a 'Missed Test'.

Any combination of three Filing Failures and/or Missed Tests (which may be declared by any combination of ADOs with jurisdiction to test the player) within an 18-month period will result in a Doping Offence, for which the sanction is a period of ineligibility of 1-2 years (first offence), 4-8 years (second offence), or up to a life ban (for third offences).

It is crucial that the information that is filed with the ITF is accurate at all times.

The Doping Test

All testing conducted under the Whereabouts Programme will be 'No Advance Notice'. That is, players will not be notified beforehand that they have been selected for testing. Testing will not necessarily be confined to the 60-minute time-slot specified in the whereabouts filing, but a player can only be liable for a Missed Test if an unsuccessful attempt is made to locate him/her during that time-slot.

Medical Details

Players who are members of the ITF's Registered Testing Pool must declare any use of glucocorticosteroids administered by non-systemic routes (including inhalation) on the doping control form every time they are tested, and in ADAMS.

Additional Information

Further details and information can be found on the Whereabouts page on www.itftennis.com/anti-doping. Alternatively, please contact Charlotte Elton on +44 208 392 4658 or anti-doping@itftennis.com.

This document references a part of the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme. Players are required to be familiar with the full Programme, which is the definitive statement of the anti-doping requirement's applicable to tennis players. A full copy of the Programme is available at www.itftennis.com/anti-doping

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