

UK Anti-Doping Update November 2021

UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) have introduced new regulations as part of their mission to keep sport clean. These form part of the UKAD Assurance Framework, which is the mechanism by which sport's governing bodies demonstrate compliance with Anti-Doping policies. To ensure that we meet the requirements laid out in the framework it is important that Golfers, Golf Clubs and Areas & Counties have an increased awareness of this topic and we would appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us to reach golfers in your network.

It is not commonly known but golfers of all levels are bound by the Anti-Doping rules regardless of age or ability. A core part of the framework places a requirement on Scottish Golf to ensure that all golfers are given access to an appropriate level of information and where appropriate, receive education so that they are fully aware of the rules and their responsibilities.

As part of the new Framework, Scottish Golf are required to submit an Education Strategy which outlines the various stages of the golfing pathway and outline how each stage will receive education on Anti-Doping. Currently, only players involved in Scottish Golf Performance programmes receive Anti-Doping education, however we plan to extend this education to players at Area & County level from 2022. The 'Clean Sport' page of the Scottish Golf website will also be expanded to provide further information and useful links, with all golfers being given access to the UK Anti-Doping e-learning course, which in due course we will be encouraging individuals to undertake and increase their knowledge on this topic.

This notice is to raise awareness of the changes and to highlight that there will be further communication in early 2022.

In summary, below is an outline of the activities which will take place

- Expansion of information available on the 'Clean Sport' section of the Scottish Golf website.
- All golfers will be given access to UK Anti-Doping's e-learning course.
- Scottish Golf will increase communication with Clubs, Areas & Counties on matters regarding Anti-Doping, in order to generate greater awareness amongst all golfers.
- Scottish Golf would like to encourage Areas & Counties to nominate an Anti-Doping lead who will be able to disperse relevant information and updates to your network of players. We would also recommend that this person completes the UK Anti-Doping Advisor course, which will provide enough information to answer simple questions players may have and signpost them to the relevant website or Scottish Golf for any further information.

No immediate action is required at this time and this initial message is for awareness only. Scottish Golf have submitted the first draft of our Education Strategy to UKAD for approval and when this has been received more information will follow.