

Summary of Anti-Doping Activities 2021

Introduction

This report provides a summary of anti-doping activities undertaken by Scottish Golf between October 2020 and September 2021.

Clean Sport Strategy and Implementation Plan

Scottish Golf have been working closely with UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) on the development of the new Scottish Golf Anti-Doping Strategy and Implementation Plan. The new strategy outlines the steps Scottish Golf will take to meet the requirements laid out in UKAD Assurance Framework. Scottish Golf has committed to increasing awareness of the anti-doping rules throughout the golf community in Scotland and providing the appropriate level of information and education so that golfers of all levels are aware of their responsibilities.

As part of the new strategy, Scottish Golf have committed to expanding on the current education programme to golfers out with the Scottish Golf performance programme and there have been positive discussions with the Area and County golf associations to gain their support in this area.

Education

Scottish Golf currently have two trained UKAD Educators in the workforce. The performance programme was paused in 2020 due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic. The programme resumed in March 2021 with a smaller group of players supported. In total 32 Scottish Golf Supported Players received Anti-Doping education, two Scottish Golf contracted coaches also received education, in addition several parents attended the sessions. Due to travel restrictions the education sessions took place online. The topics covered in the sessions were 100% Me and Clean Sport 1& 2. Scottish Golf maintain registers of players who attended the education sessions.

Due to a reduction in time allocation of performance nutrition support through the Sportscotland Institute of Sport it was not possible to deliver Food First alongside the Clean Sport Education in 2021.

Communication

The Clean Sport page of the Scottish Golf website has been updated to expand on the previous information available. The new Clean Sport page provides up to date information on Anti-Doping, links to further information and videos to explain the use of Global DRO and the Testing process.

A UKAD update was shared in the November Club Newsletter, which made all clubs aware that 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 Scottish Golf will demonstrate their compliance with Anti-Doping Policies. This was sent to an audience of 2,600 with an open rate of 60%.

Compliance

At the date of this report (01/12/2021), Scottish Golf has provided evidence against 100% of the UKAD Assurance Framework requirements and 88% of the evidence has been approved by UKAD.