

## Boxing Scotland Annual Overview of Clean Sport Activities

A completely new subject to Boxing Scotland as a standalone organisation. Previously Anti-Doping has been covered by **sportscotland** and Team Scotland staff. A required amount of Clean Sport/Anti-Doping activity has been done this year. This report will explain that activity under the following four headings: Education; Communications; Projects and Testing.

### Education

Anti-Doping Education by Boxing Scotland hasn't previously happened. Previously we have relied heavily on **sportscotland** and Team Scotland. However, since the introduction of the assurance framework a variety of work has been done during the year to review and then update the Boxing Scotland Clean Sport/anti-doping education and information materials.

The website was updated in October 2021 to take account of the requirements of the new WADA 2021 Code, the 2021 UK Anti-Doping rules and to provide a better, easier explanation of the obligations that are imposed by the Code, as well as the rights of members relating to the anti-doping rules.

Equally important was the update to show the 2021 Prohibited List and provide signposting for additional information sources. Minor adjustments have been made to the website since then to take account of the newly issued advice of UKAD in its Clean Sport UKAD Assurance Framework.

We have and will continue to meet with GB Boxing, England Boxing and Welsh Boxing to ensure our pathways are similar to ensure a smooth pathway towards the GB Squad remain for all our athlete's.

Previously our Boxing Scotland Anti-Doping education has been delivered by our **sportscotland** representative Sarah Gandon. Sarah will continue to deliver on behalf of Team Scotland and as required on behalf of Boxing Scotland. Boxing Scotland educators will now pick up the implementation plan as we move forward with our New Strategic Plan.

From educational records received from Sarah Boxing Scotland Performance Pathway consisting of members 17 Boxers and 4 Coaches conducted Clean Sport 1 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 21 with delivery from Sarah Gandon and Ali Glasse-Davis.

The Boxing Scotland Anti-doping lead and our first educator have reviewed and revised a variety of educational materials for delivery to different audiences. The aim is to develop a library of materials each of which is focused on specific audiences

A variety of executive staff, (Athlete Support Personnel) including and the Regional Club Support Officers, have been encouraged to complete the new UKAD 'Introduction to Clean Sport' web-based education course in advance of the introduction of the Boxing Scotland Anti-Doping Education Strategy, where it will be a requirement.

The Anti-Doping Lead has completed the UKAD Clean Sport lead course and the new UKAD 'Clean Sport Advisor course' to augment their education.

## **Communications**

In addition to the points made above about communications, it should be noted that the focus on Clean Sport/antidoping messaging in the past has been predominantly focused on those involved in and associated with the Performance programme. Ordinarily, that would centre on face-to-face sessions with boxers, their parents/guardians and with coaches during the induction days and then during training camps. This would be augmented by messaging using various platforms peculiar to the various groups within the programme, as well as the programme's Handbook. That has obviously been affected by the lack of boxing caused by COVID. There has been little or no boxing for the last 18 months. Messaging to other members not in the programme – the bulk of Boxing Scotland members - has historically been lower key and then, information and awareness based only.

It is of note that that will change in future years to better and more frequently promote Clean Sport/anti-doping messaging across the organisation as set out in the Boxing Scotland Anti-Doping Education Strategy and its implementation plan, which is to be published early in 2022.

The reintroduction of boxing this year has also enabled a resumption of Clean Sport/anti-doping messaging to those at the higher end of competition. Fortunately, the face-to-face education session went ahead in March 2021.

Otherwise, a variety of different platforms have been used to send messages and information to all members about Clean Sport/anti-doping. These include the Boxing Scotland website news pages, the Boxing Scotland Facebook pages, Twitter, as well in meetings between executive staff and regional staff. With the introduction of the UKAD Clean Sport Assurance Framework. For example:

- In November each year members are informed of the reissue of the annual WADA Prohibited List – the list of banned substances and methods that underpin the WADA Code and the anti-doping rules: see for example [https://www.englandboxing.org/news\\_articles/world-anti-doping-code-changes-and-2021-prohibited-list/](https://www.englandboxing.org/news_articles/world-anti-doping-code-changes-and-2021-prohibited-list/). That article also informed members of the introduction of the new WADA Code and provided a link to the webpage where the changes were explained.
- This year's Clean Sport Week was promoted through our Boxing Scotland social media platforms and website. We will continue to promote this messaging as we move forward. The 2022 Prohibited List was published on the Boxing Scotland website (see: 25<sup>th</sup> October 21), on Twitter (see: 21<sup>st</sup> October 21) and on the Boxing Scotland Facebook account (see: 25<sup>th</sup> October 21) We have also published the 2022 Prohibited list through our Monthly

Newsletter. Which will now also promote aspects of the strategy and Implementation plan three monthly moving forward.

## **Projects**

All our attention has been on preparing for and then responding to what has proved to be the mammoth task of completing and submitting the information required by UKAD for its Clean Sport Assurance Framework. This has been an extremely useful, educating and necessary process but it has been resource-intensive, and at a time when the organisation was seeking to organise the return to boxing following COVID.

The focus has now shifted to preparing to implement the various strands of the Education Strategy and to address the issues that the Assurance Framework work highlighted as requiring reconsideration of existing policy and or procedure. These include a variety of membership policy and practice related issues.

Boxing Scotland has been part of a larger regular meeting of the lead Clean Sport/anti-doping officers from the home nations boxing governing bodies: GB Boxing, Boxing Scotland, England Boxing and Welsh Boxing. This is proving to be an invaluable resource to better inform each other about and seek to coordinate Clean Sport/anti-doping initiatives and resources.

## **Testing & Results Management**

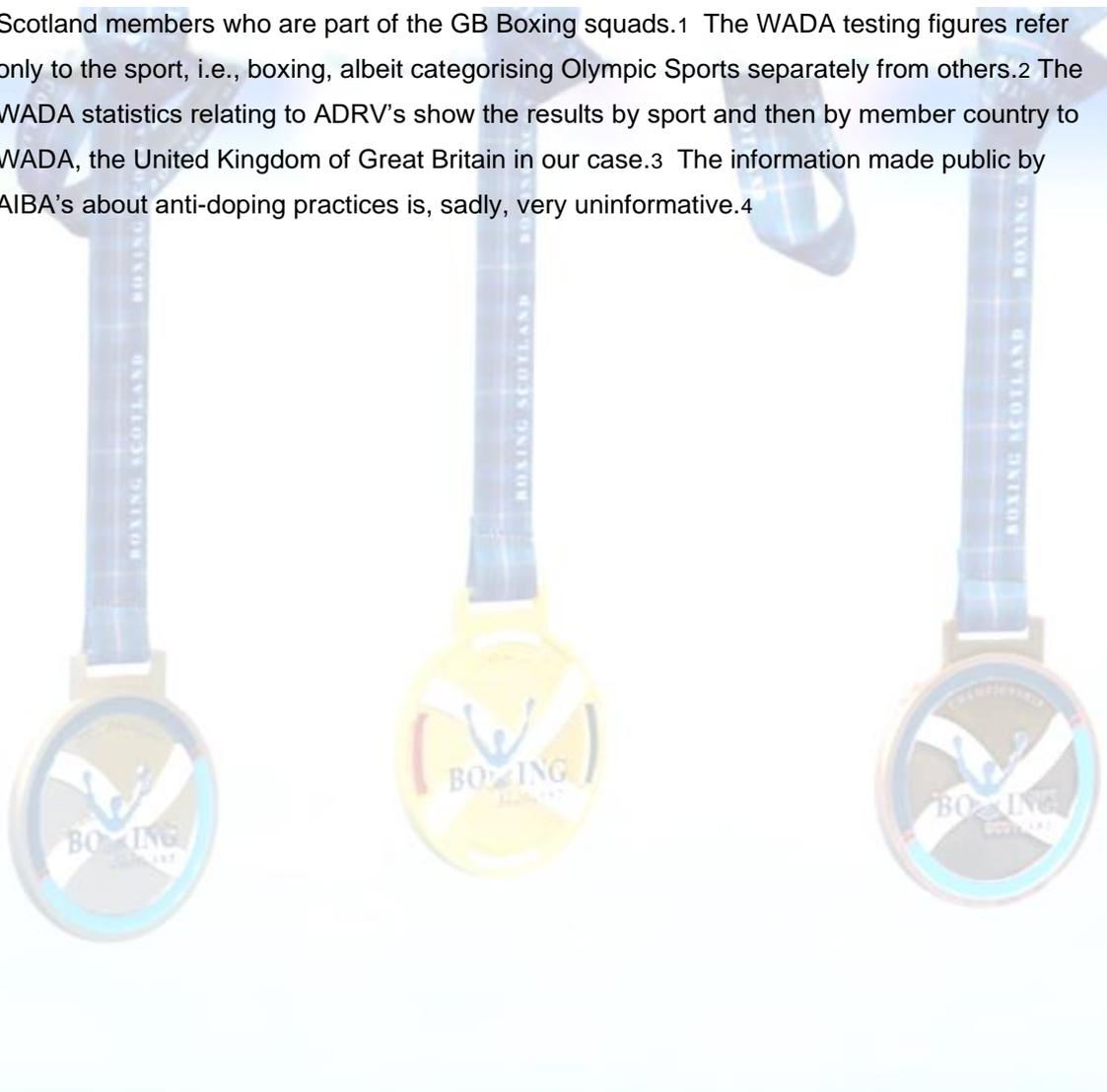
There have not been any Adverse Analytical Findings (AAFs) (a positive test for a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method) or any Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) (a finding by a panel that a person has committed a breach of the anti-doping rules) by a Boxing Scotland member.

There have been no reports to, or information received by, the Anti-Doping Lead of any active anti-doping investigations. It should be noted that UKAD and other regulatory bodies take the confidentiality of their investigations seriously and are unlikely to inform any NGB other than at the conclusion of an investigation.

There has been no information received by the Anti-Doping Lead about any suspicion, or allegations made of anybody breaching the anti-doping rules.

It should be noted that it is not possible, given the way that UKAD and other regulatory bodies publish their statistics, to discern how many tests have been conducted on Boxing Scotland boxers. UKAD, for example, publish in their quarterly testing reports the number of tests conducted by reference to national governing body, National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) or international federation. None have been conducted on boxers under the auspices of Boxing Scotland during the last year. The figures, for example, for April-June 2021 show that there

were 17 tests conducted on boxers under the heading “GB Boxing’. The figures for January-March 2021 show that 1 test was conducted under the heading ‘AIBA’ and 16 under “GB Boxing’. Some of these may have been, and it is likely that they were, conducted on Boxing Scotland members who are part of the GB Boxing squads.<sup>1</sup> The WADA testing figures refer only to the sport, i.e., boxing, albeit categorising Olympic Sports separately from others.<sup>2</sup> The WADA statistics relating to ADRV’s show the results by sport and then by member country to WADA, the United Kingdom of Great Britain in our case.<sup>3</sup> The information made public by AIBA’s about anti-doping practices is, sadly, very uninformative.<sup>4</sup>



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1 UKAD (2021) ‘UKAD National Anti-Doping Programme Results department (Legal) Quarter 4 2020-2021’ Jan-March 2021, at pages 5 & 6. [Online] Available at: <https://www.ukad.org.uk/sites/default/files/2021-06/Quarter%204%20-%202020-21%20Report.pdf> . Note that the full year figures for 2020-2021 show that a total of 57 tests were conducted under the heading of GB Boxing: see page 6.

2 WADA (2019) 2019 ANTI-DOPING TESTING FIGURES, Table 1 Total Samples Analyzed in ASOIF Sport Disciplines (Urine and Blood), P..6. [online] available at [https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/2019\\_anti-doping\\_testing\\_figures\\_en.pdf](https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/2019_anti-doping_testing_figures_en.pdf)

3 WADA (2018) ‘2018 Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) Report’, Pp.25 & 34. [Online] Available at: [https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/2018\\_adrv\\_report.pdf](https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/2018_adrv_report.pdf).

4 See AIBA (2021) ‘Doping Free’ (the AIBA web page supposedly dealing with ‘AIBA Integrity’ relating to anti-doping”. [Online] Available at: <https://www.aiba.org/6647-2/>