

## 1. What is a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)

Athletes, like all people, may have illnesses or conditions that require them to take particular medications or undergo procedures. If the medication or method an athlete requires to treat an illness or condition happens to fall under the Prohibited List, a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) may give that athlete the authorization to take the needed medicine or method. TUEs are granted according to Federation of International Bandy (FIB's) rules and WADA's International Standard for TUEs (ISTUE).

## 2. Criteria for granting a TUE

An Athlete may be granted a TUE if (and only if) he/she can show, by a balance of probability, that each of the following conditions is met:

- a The Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question is needed to treat an acute or chronic medical condition, such that the Athlete would experience a significant impairment to health if the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method were to be withheld.
- b The Therapeutic Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is highly unlikely to produce any additional enhancement of performance beyond what might be anticipated by a return to the Athlete's normal state of health following the treatment of the acute or chronic medical condition.
- c There is no reasonable Therapeutic alternative to the Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.
- d The necessity for the Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is not a consequence, wholly or in part, of the prior Use (without a TUE) of a substance or method which was prohibited at the time of such Use.

Athletes who are about to apply for a TUE are advised to refer their doctor to the documents titled "Medical Information to Support the Decisions of TUECs", posted on WADA's website, which are used to assist in the application of these criteria in relation to particular medical conditions ([https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/search?f%5B0%5D=field\\_resource\\_collections%3A158&f%5B1%5D=field\\_resource\\_type%3A101](https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/search?f%5B0%5D=field_resource_collections%3A158&f%5B1%5D=field_resource_type%3A101)).

## 3. The TUE process

Athletes at any level should normally apply for a TUE to his/her National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) or Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADO), using the TUE form they provide.

FIB automatically recognizes all TUEs approved by NADO's and RADO's in accordance with WADA's International Standard for TUE (ISTUE). However, for [International-Level Athletes](#) the TUE is not internationally valid until a copy of the approval and all application documents are received by FIB, preferably by ADAMS or e-mail to [anti-doping@worldbandy.com](mailto:anti-doping@worldbandy.com).

[International-level athletes](#) who cannot apply to his/her NADO or RADO due to exceptional circumstances should apply directly to FIB, using the TUE form provided [here](#).

The TUE form must be accompanied by:

- a a statement by an appropriately qualified physician, attesting to the need for the Athlete to Use the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question for Therapeutic reasons; and
- b a comprehensive medical history, including documentation from the original diagnosing physician(s) (where possible) and the results of all examinations, laboratory investigations and imaging studies relevant to the application.

Incomplete applications will be returned to the Athlete for completion and re-submission.

An Athlete who needs a TUE should apply as soon as possible. For substances prohibited In-Competition only, the Athlete should apply for a TUE at least 30 days before his/her next Competition, unless it is an emergency or exceptional situation.

Unless one of the exceptions set out below applies, an Athlete who needs to Use a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for Therapeutic reasons must obtain a TUE prior to Using or Possessing the substance or method in question.

An Athlete may only be granted retroactive approval for his/her Therapeutic Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method (i.e., a retroactive TUE) if:

- a. Emergency treatment or treatment of an acute medical condition was necessary; or
- b. Due to other exceptional circumstances, there was insufficient time or opportunity for the Athlete to submit, or for the TUEC to consider, an application for the TUE prior to Sample collection; or
- c. The applicable rules required or permitted the Athlete to apply for a retroactive TUE; or
- d. It is agreed, by WADA and by FIB, that fairness requires the grant of a retroactive TUE.

If the athlete apply directly to FIB their TUE Committee (TUEC) will decide whether or not to grant the application as soon as possible, and usually (i.e., unless exceptional circumstances apply) within 21 days of receipt of a complete application. Where a TUE application is made a reasonable time prior to an Event, the TUEC will use its best endeavors to issue its decision before the start of the Event.

If the athlete apply directly to FIB the TUEC's decision will be communicated in writing to the Athlete and will also be made available to WADA and to other relevant Anti-Doping Organizations via ADAMS or any other system approved by WADA.

In the event that, after his/her TUE is granted, the Athlete requires a materially different dosage, frequency, route or duration of Administration of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method to that specified in the TUE, he/she must apply for a new TUE.

Each TUE will have a specified duration, as decided by the TUEC, at the end of which the TUE will expire automatically. If the Athlete needs to continue to Use the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method after the expiry date, he/she must submit an application for a new TUE well in advance of that expiry date.

A TUE will be withdrawn prior to expiry if the Athlete does not promptly comply with any requirements or conditions imposed by the granting TUEC. Alternatively a TUE may be reversed upon review by FIB or WADA.

## Level of athletes and pools

### ***International-Level Athlete***

- Male athletes who during the season will or might be representing the senior National Team in Russia, Sweden, Finland, Kazakhstan, USA, Norway, Germany and Netherlands.
- Female athletes who during the season will or might be representing the senior National Team in Sweden, Russia, Norway, Finland, USA, China, Estonia and Switzerland.

National-Level Athletes and lower levels are defined by the relevant NADO.