

Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

Each Athlete with a documented medical condition requiring the use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method competing in an ICF event must obtain a TUE from the ICF regardless of whether the Athlete previously has received a TUE at the national level (Art. 4.4.2 ICF Anti-Doping Rules). This means that the ICF **does not recognise certificates for Therapeutic Use issued on a national level**. This rule is in line with Article 15.4.1 of the 2009 World Anti-Doping Code (see comment to Article 15.4.1).

Please be informed that according to Article 4.4.2 of the ICF Anti-Doping Rules “... *The application for a TUE must be made as soon as possible (in case of an Athlete in the Registered Testing Pool, this would be when he/she is first notified of his/her inclusion in the pool) and in any event (save in emergency situations) no later than 30 days before the Athlete’s participation in the Event.*”

Moreover those TUEs which were issued by the ICF prior to the “Effective Date” continue to be valid after the “Effective Date” until the date of validity on the Certificate of Therapeutic Use.

For athletes in the ICF RTP no retroactive TUE approval shall be permitted unless in cases outlined in Article 4.7 of the International Standard of Therapeutic Use Exemptions. For those **athletes who are not part of the ICF RTP but are taking part in an ICF Event**, the ICF agrees to issue **retroactive TUEs** in case of an adverse analytical finding (AAF) under the condition that the criteria set forth in the revised ISTUE are fulfilled (e.g. a medical file with the minimal requirements outlined in Annex 1 of the revised ISTUE must be attached in the TUE request).

Athletes should submit TUE requests to their National Federation and ask their National Federation to submit the request to the ICF.

TUE requests can be faxed to the ICF Headquarters on +41 (0)21 612 0291 or mailed to the ICF Headquarters at:

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Maison du Sport International
Avenue de Rhodanie 54
1007 Lausanne, SWITZERLAND**

The ICF TUE Committee contact the athlete's National Federation by email, fax or post to advise if they have accepted a TUE request. If a request is accepted a Certificate of Approval for Therapeutic Use will be issued for the athlete listing the specific substance(s) and conditions. TUEs are normally granted for a specific period of time and do expire. Athletes must carry a copy of the Certificate of Approval for Therapeutic Use with them at all times and should present it to the Doping Control Officer at the time of testing.