Message from Chairman, OCA Medical Committee and Anti-Doping Commission

Medical Alert for 18th Asian Games in Jakarta & Palembang, Indonesia
(18th August - 2nd September 2018)

Note on TUE’s—Therapeutic Use Exemption

To All Asian NOC’s (for attention of CDM and other appropriate persons)

The Olympic Council of Asia would like to remind athletes who may be selected to represent their country to participate in the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta & Palembang, Indonesia 2018, to verify the status of any medications they are taking or intending to take. If the substance is on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List, they must apply for permission (Therapeutic Use Exemption) to use the medication before and during the Games. This process should be started immediately to ensure permission is granted in time. Kindly find the enclosed WADA Prohibited List 2018.

Who is affected by this process?

Athletes who meet both following criteria:

- Included on your sport's list for 18th Asian Games 2018, Jakarta & Palembang, Indonesia, during the period of 18 August- 2 September, 2018.
- Using or intending to use a prohibited medication.

What is needed?

First, you must determine if the medication is listed on the WADA Prohibited List 2018. If it is, then you will need to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), or you could risk a positive doping test at the Games.
How to check the Medication?

It is the responsibility of the Athletes to determine whether a substance they are using, or considering using for medical purposes, is prohibited.

Advice for Athletes: Before and during the Games, Athletes are strongly advised to check the status of the medication they are taking or intend to take through the following Website: Global Drug Reference Online “http://www.globaldro.com/”

If substance is found to be prohibited, they need to apply for the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) to their IF/AF or NADO or OCA-MC. If further clarification is required, the Athlete should check with the OCA MCADC and/or its Therapeutic Use Exemption Sub-Commission (TUEC).

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TUE Requirements

1. Athletes with a documented medical condition requiring the use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method must obtain a TUE in advance of the Games from their International Federation (IF), Asian Federation (AF) or National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO).

2. The athlete who was granted an approval of a TUE by the IF/AF or the NADO is required to provide a copy of the approval to the OCA Headquarters at least thirty days (30) days before the start of the Games. (In this case by 17th July 2018) for endorsement by OCA-TUE Sub commission (OCA-TUEC).

3. The athletes who are belonging to an IF that do not have a mechanism to issue TUEs or those who are representing a country without a NADO or equivalent should submit theirs TUE applications with all supporting documents to the OCA
Headquarters at least Thirty (30) days before the start of the Games. (In this case by the 17th July 2018).

4. The Chairman of the OCA MC&ADC will appoint a TUE Sub Commission who will review the TUE applications.

5. The OCA MC will then inform the athlete, the athlete’s NOC, WADA and the relevant IF of its decision. A decision granting of a TUE can be reversed by WADA upon review.

The Guidelines for TUE
For any treatment involving a substance or method on the applicable Prohibited List, the following steps will be followed;

1. A standard Therapeutic Use Exemption Application Form should be completed by a doctor. Doctor’s signature and stamp are perquisite for accepting the application. Any application missing a doctor’s signature and stamp shall be rejected.

2. The submitted form will be reviewed by a TUEC.

3. If approved, the Athlete can begin treatment only after receiving the authorization notice from the relevant organization (except in the rare case of an acute life threatening condition for which a retroactive approval may be considered).

Retroactive TUE - Is a Therapeutic Use Exemption approved by a TUEC based on a documented medical file due to exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances are those in which “there was insufficient time or opportunity for an applicant to submit, or a TUEC to consider, an application prior to Doping Control; or in cases which are issued after treatment is given in an emergency situation.
For emergency treatment Requirements

In the event of an emergency treatment or treatment of an acute medical condition provided to an Athlete resulting in the administration of a Prohibited Substance, the attending physician (from either INSAGOC or the NOC) is responsible for completing a TUE. This form is available at the Games Venue clinics and the medical polyclinic at the Athlete Village and the OCA website (www.ocasia.org). The form must be completed as soon as practicable after the incident and forwarded to the Medical Command Centre. The Medical Command Centre will forward the completed TUE to the OCA TUE Sub Commission for review.

Who should I submit my application to?

If you discover that your medication is prohibited in sport, you must apply for a TUE.

- Apply directly to your IF/AF or NADO.
- Once you receive your TUE, send a copy to OCA HQ at least thirty (30) days in advance of the start of the Game for review by the OCA-TUE Commission (in this case by 17th July 2018).

If it is not possible for you to apply to any of the above for a TUE, then you may apply to the following depending on the time of your application:

Pre - Games (before the Games until 7 days before the opening of the Athletes’ Village)

Attention to:
Ms. Nadiah Al Shamali (Acting Manager, Doping - Control Dept.)
Olympic Council of Asia
Mob: +965 55667969
By e-mail: nadia@ocasia.org
During the Games Period (opening of Athletes’ Village to Closing Ceremony; 4th August – 2nd September 2018)

Attention to both:
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Olympic Council of Asia
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Dr. Abdulwahab AL Musleh
Chairman
OCA TUE Sub Commission
By e-mail: almusleh@gmail.com
: almusleh@hmc.org.qa

Where to submit (Games Period)

- The Chairman OCA TUE Sub Commission at the OCA MCHQ Office
- OCA Medical Committee Office HQ -Hotel in Jakarta.
- Medical Command Centre, INSAGOC.
- INSAGOC Medical Officers at any medical clinics in the Athletes’ Village and medical rooms at venues.

Form can be downloaded or obtained from:

- OCA website: www.ocasia.org
- INSAGOC medical clinics in the Athletes’ Village and medical rooms at venues.
- Medical Command Centre, INSAGOC.
- OCA Medical Committee & Anti-Doping Office in HQ Hotel in Jakarta.

What if I have an existing TUE?

A TUE issued by the NADO is not automatically recognized internationally. It is your responsibility to determine whether your IF recognizes your NADO TUE, and if not, you have to apply directly to your IF or AF described in this advisory.
If you have a valid TUE approved by your IF/AF or NADO: Send a copy to both:

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Chairman  
OCA TUE Sub Commission  
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: almusleh@hmc.org.qa

REMEMBER:

The Olympic Council of Asia recommends that you start immediately to ensure the process is completed by the start of the Games.

All Games Athletes: You must carry a copy of your TUE certificate to the Games and present it if you are selected for doping control.

Dr. M. Jegathesan

Chairman,

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