

THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION (TUE) COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The TUE Committees is established as a Subcommittee of the Medical Commission within World Lacrosse (WL) under section 7.4 of the WL Bylaws.

The Committee reports to the WL Board of Directors via the Technical Director, who is an ex officio member of the Committee.

PURPOSE

The Committee is responsible for the therapeutic process as part of the Anti-Doping Program of World Lacrosse, in support of its Members and Continental Federations (CFs).

1. COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1. The TUE Committee consists of six people including the Chair which must be comprised of medical experts with various areas of medical speciality.
- 1.2. The WL Board will appoint the Chair of the Commission.
- 1.3. Nominations for the Commission can be supported by Members, Continental Federations, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and the Board.
- 1.4. The WL Chief Operating Officer (COO) will be the lead staff liaison for this Committee and will manage the Anti-Doping Administrator referred to herein.

2. SKILLS, QUALITIES AND COMPETENCIES

- 2.1. Members of this Committee will need to have the skills, qualities and competencies as outlined in Appendix 1.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1. The Committee will:
 - 3.1.1. Consider and process, via the WL Office, requests from competitors in WL events or WL sanctioned events, for dispensation for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) in accordance with the procedures in the World Anti-Doping Code (WADA) International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.
 - 3.1.2. Issue such Certifications of Approval on behalf of World Lacrosse and its Continental Federations.

- 3.1.3. Appoint three members of the Commission to consider each application for the grant or recognition of a TUE as it is received by WL. The Chair may be one of the three.

4. OPERATING AND REPORTING PROCEDURE

- 4.1. The Committee will follow the WL General Procedures applicable to all Committees. (see Appendix 2)
- 4.2. Additionally, the following procedures are in place for this Committee:
 - 4.2.1. Before considering any TUE application, each member shall disclose to the Chair any circumstances likely to affect their impartiality with respect to the athlete making the application.
 - 4.2.2. If a member appointed by the Chair to consider an application is unwilling or unable to assess the TUE application, for any reason, the Chair may appoint a replacement.
 - 4.2.3. The Chair will report all TUE reviews and outcomes to the Anti-Doping Administrator, who will then process these and facilitate the necessary communications to any and all concerned parties identified.
 - 4.2.4. The Committee shall promptly evaluate and decide upon the application in accordance with the relevant provisions of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions and usually (i.e., unless exceptional circumstances apply) within no more than twenty-one (21) days of receipt of a complete application.
 - 4.2.5. Where the application is made in a reasonable time prior to an event, the TUE Committee must use its best endeavours to issue its decision before the start of the event.
 - 4.2.6. The TUE Committee decision shall be the final decision of WL and may be appealed in accordance with Article 4.4.7 of the WADA Code. The WL TUE Committee decision shall be notified in writing to the athlete, and to WADA and other Anti-Doping Organisations, in accordance with the International Standard for TUE's. It shall also promptly be reported into the WADA ADAMS reporting system.

5. MEETINGS

- 5.1. Records (minutes or summary reports) of all meetings will be circulated to the Committee members, the Chief Medical Officer and the Technical Director but will otherwise be confidential to the Commission. TUE decisions will be recorded as in section 4 above.
- 5.2. No reports will be placed on the WL website.

6. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

- 6.1. The Committee is authorized to seek additional external professional expertise as required, subject to approval of the President and/or WL Chief Executive Officer.
- 6.2. The Committee may retain an additional a pre-established pool of potential Committee members who may be called to join the Committee from time to time.
- 6.3. The Committee has otherwise no delegated authority for decisions or expenditure other than where specifically authorized by the WL Board or WL Management in relation to events.

APPENDIX 1. SKILLS, QUALITIES AND COMPETENCIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION (TUE) COMMITTEE

The membership of the Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee will seek to gain a balance of the following amongst its members:

- Current licence to practise medicine and be registered with their country of residence's medical board
- Experience in the care and treatment of athletes with a sound knowledge of clinical, sports and exercise medicine
- Experience in a similar role with a national or international sports federation

Members of the TUE Committee should aim to uphold the values of World Lacrosse and to encourage these to be upheld across the community.

- Teamwork
- Passion
- Respect
- Integrity
- Friendship
- Inclusiveness



APPENDIX 2. GENERIC PROCEDURES FOR ALL WORLD LACROSSE COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS