



IOC Needle Policy & Rules applicable to the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad in Paris in 2024

The Olympic Games are “needle-free” for all participating athletes at the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad in Paris in 2024 (respectively the “**Athletes**” and the “**Games**”). Needles must not be used except by: (i) medically qualified practitioners for the clinically justified treatment of injury, illness or other medical conditions (for which a valid therapeutic use exemption (“**TUE**”) may be required); or (ii) those requiring auto-injection therapy for an established medical condition with a valid TUE, e.g. for insulin-dependent diabetes.

It is the responsibility of each Athlete, his/her entourage and each National Olympic Committee (“**NOC**”) to ensure compliance with this IOC Needle Policy, in particular:

- (i) any needles, and associated clinical materials, intended for use by members of the NOC’s delegation are stored in a central secured location, access to which is restricted to authorised medical personnel of the NOC’s delegation. Athletes with a valid TUE for the use of insulin, and non-athletes requiring other forms of auto-injection, may keep the appropriate materials with them if safely stored and disposed of in accordance with point (ii) below;
- (ii) all used needles and associated materials (vials, syringes and swabs) are safely disposed of in an appropriate bio-hazards container (e.g. “sharps bin”). If necessary, these may be procured from the Olympic Village Polyclinic;
- (iii) whenever an Athlete receives an injection during the period of the Games (i.e. from the date of the opening of the Olympic Village(s) on 18 July 2024 to and including the date of the Closing Ceremony on 11 August 2024), a formal declaration using the Injection Declaration Form (“**Injection Declaration Form**”) shall be duly completed either online here: <https://ioc-needleform.integrityline.org/> or delivered to the Olympic Village Polyclinic for processing by the IOC, in particular its Medical and Scientific Commission, by no later than noon of the day following such injection. This applies to all injections administered to Athletes on the occasion of the Games;
- (iv) Injection Declaration Forms shall be completed legibly in English or French and include any additional evidence attesting to the need for injection therapy (e.g. imaging or laboratory results). The completed Injection Declaration Form may be submitted after completion either online or on paper and then placed in the Injection Declaration Form box at the Olympic Village Polyclinic.

No Injection Declaration Form is required if the injection has been administered by a medically qualified practitioner from the Paris 2024 Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the injection has been recorded in the medical encounter system. Acupuncture or the use of dry needling techniques are not considered to be a medical injection, and thus an Injection Declaration Form is not required for such treatments.

Privacy:

In the event that an Injection Declaration Form is required, the practitioner shall bring the Information Notice to the attention of the Athlete and:

- (i) ensure that the Athlete has read and understood the content of this Information Notice;
- (ii) if deemed necessary by the IOC, collect any further proof that the Athlete has provided the necessary authorisations for the processing of his/her personal data.



Justification of injections:

There is, as a matter of principle, no justification for any Athlete, coach or other non-medically qualified person to administer an injection. The only exception is auto-injection, by those Athletes with an established clinical condition requiring auto-injection and a valid corresponding TUE.

Injections by medically qualified person are permitted only when there is a clinically justified reason for such an intervention as determined by the IOC, in particular its Medical and Scientific Commission. All completed Injection Declaration Forms will be reviewed by the IOC, and in particular its Medical and Scientific Commission.

Any concerns identified as a result will prompt a review of the rationale and justification for the treatment by a panel of physicians convened by the IOC. Ordinarily, this review will include a meeting with the practitioner(s) involved in the administration of the injection.

Based on the above review, the IOC, and in particular its Medical and Scientific Commission, shall decide whether an injection shall be considered as justified. Such decision shall be final and binding in respect of the Games, and is not subject to a challenge.

Failure to respect this IOC Needle Policy, including, without limitation, failure to submit a completed Injection Declaration Form to the IOC and the performance of injections without sufficient justification, may expose the Athlete(s), the entourage of the Athlete(s), the NOC and the members of its delegation, as well as the person(s) who administered the injection, to disciplinary measures and/or sanctions in application of Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter. Such disciplinary measures and/or sanctions are without prejudice to (i) any other rights of the IOC and of any other competent body, organisation and/or authority, and/or to (ii) proceedings in accordance with the applicable anti-doping regulations, in particular the IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable on the occasion of the Games, in the event that the circumstances in question may constitute anti-doping rule violations. In such cases, the consequences shall be determined in application of the applicable anti-doping regulations as *lex specialis*.



IOC NEEDLE POLICY INJECTION DECLARATION FORM

Games of the XXXIII Olympiad in Paris in 2024

(Please complete and submit online at <https://ioc-needleform.integrityline.org>)

Please note that this needle declaration form does **NOT** constitute a therapeutic use exemption (TUE) for the use of any Prohibited Substance. Also note that any injection or infusion of > 50 mL/6hr of fluid is a Prohibited Method, regardless of whether or not it contains a Prohibited Substance.

ATHLETE

Name of the Athlete who has received the injection:

Representing National Olympic Committee of:

Sport:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Male Female

INJECTION

Substance(s) injected:

Date and place of injection:

Date of next competition:

MEDICAL JUSTIFICATION

Justification for injection, including clinical history and diagnosis (include confirmatory evidence when available):

PERSON WHO HAS ADMINISTERED THE INJECTION

Name, mobile number and email address of person who has administered the injection:

Speciality:

Licensed to practise in:

Signature or submission of form by the person who has administered the injection:

By my online submission or signature below, I hereby confirm that the information in this form is true and accurate, and that the injection was medically justified and necessary, and administered in accordance with the IOC Needle Policy, including the safe disposal of needles and associated materials.

I have read and understood the Injection Declaration Form – Information Notice. I certify and guarantee that the Injection Declaration Form – Information Notice has been provided to the athlete¹ and that the athlete² has understood the content of this Information Notice.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

¹ And, as the case may be, the athlete's legal representative(s) and/or the Chef de Mission

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Information Notice

This Information Notice complements the Information Notice on the processing of personal data of participants and other accredited persons for the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad in Paris in 2024 provided as part of their accreditation (the "Information Notice"), and contains important information about the personal data processing carried out in relation to this Injection Declaration Form related to the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad in Paris in 2024, including information concerning:

1. Information collected about the Athlete and the Practitioner
2. Entities involved in the process
3. Use of the information collected
4. Rights of the Athlete and the Practitioner
5. Contacts

Please read this Information Notice carefully and make sure you understand what it says.

1. Information collected about the Athlete and the Practitioner

In accordance with the IOC Needle Policy and Rules for the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad in Paris in 2024 (respectively the "Needle Policy" and the "Games"), information shall be collected whenever an Athlete receives an injection during the period of the Games through the Injection Declaration Form.

Information collected and otherwise processed in connection with the Needle Policy (the "Needle Form Personal Data"), includes the following:

- Athlete's personal data related to his/her identity (name, date of birth, gender, National Olympic Committee membership and sport);
- Athlete's medical information, including clinical history and diagnosis as well as information related to the injection (such as substance(s) injected, date and place of injection, dosage, date of next competition);
- Personal data of the person who has administered the injection (the "Practitioner") related to his/her identity (name, mobile number and email address, specialty, country of practice license).

Needle Form Personal Data may constitute, when they concern health data, "sensitive personal data" or "special categories of personal data" as such terms are defined under the applicable data protection or privacy laws.

2. Entities involved in the process

The Needle Policy is managed and implemented under the responsibility of the International Olympic Committee (the "IOC"), in accordance with the Needle Policy. The IOC, located at Maison Olympique, 1007 Lausanne, Switzerland, will process personal data collected via the Injection Declaration Form as a data controller.

The IOC has entrusted the International Testing Agency ("ITA"), acting as a delegated third party of the IOC, with specific missions related to the implementation of the Needle Policy and of the anti-doping programme for the Games as set out in the IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Games.

3. Use of the information collected

a) Purposes of processing Needle Form Personal Data and legal basis for processing

Needle Form Personal Data will be processed by the IOC for the following purposes:

- i. **Ensuring compliance with the Needle Policy,**
- ii. **Ensuring the integrity of the competitions at the Games,**
- iii. **Carrying out doping controls,**
- iv. **Ensuring the compliance with the IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Games** (the "Rules"). Doping controls on the occasion of the Games are carried out under the responsibility of the IOC acting as an Anti-Doping Organisation, in accordance with the Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code, including the related international standards (the "Code"),
- v. **Investigating and prosecuting breaches of the Needle Policy, the Olympic Charter, the Rules and the Code** or for otherwise establishing, exercising or defending legal rights or complying with legal obligations related thereto.

(collectively referred to as the "Authorised Purposes").

For the Athletes, each of the above purposes of processing Needle Form Personal Data is based on the necessity to perform the contract between the IOC and the Athletes governing the conditions of their participation in the Games (such as the Conditions of Participation) including their commitments to comply with the provisions applicable to them (including the Needle Policy, the Olympic Charter, the Rules and the Code as referred to in the Conditions of Participation form) and, where applicable, the substantial public interest and the interest of the IOC to guarantee doping-free sports competitions at the Games and to protect the clean athletes. The processing of Athletes' sensitive personal data such as health data is also necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims involving the Athletes.

For the Practitioners, the processing of their personal data is based on the IOC's legitimate interests to ensure that Practitioners comply with their commitments pursuant to the Needle Policy and the rules applicable to the Games.



b) Data recipients and international transfer

The IOC may disclose personal data to the following entities, only where necessary for the Authorised Purposes:

- The **ITA** will be responsible for overseeing the Needle Policy process and handling the receipt and processing of Injection Declaration Forms and Needle Form Personal Data on behalf of the IOC. Furthermore, the IOC has entrusted the management of its anti-doping programme for the Games to the ITA. The ITA will thus manage the Games' anti-doping activities on behalf of the IOC. This includes for instance testing activities, intelligence gathering and investigations, prosecution of anti-doping rule violations, therapeutic use exemptions, results management activities, amongst others;
- the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("**CAS**") in case of an investigation or a potential anti-doping rule violation and a case is filed with CAS for decision;
- **IOC Medical and Scientific Commission and Department** to initiate and investigate any potential violation of the Needle Policy;
- the World Anti-Doping Agency ("**WADA**") to monitor the implementation of the Code, if required to fulfil any Code-purpose (for instance, in case of an investigation (under WADA's purview) or an anti-doping rule violation). WADA will use the ADAMS data-management system developed by WADA to process and manage doping controls related information ("**ADAMS**"). For more information on ADAMS, consult the WADA website at www.wada-ama.org and the ADAMS Privacy Policy ([ADAMS Privacy Policy](#));
- the Paris 2024 Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games ("**Paris 2024**") to assist the IOC in order to ensure integrity of the competitions at the Games;
- **technology service providers** which provide services on behalf of the IOC and that are necessary to implement the Needle Policy, including in particular the online Injection Declaration Form provided by EQS Group AG.

In accordance with the Rules and the Code, Needle Form Personal Data may also be shared with other authorised recipients, such as designated national anti-doping organisations, National Olympic Committees, International Federations, and law enforcement authorities.

Needle Form Personal Data will be processed mainly in Switzerland, in the European Economic Area or in Canada. In case of transfer of Needle Form Personal Data in countries not providing for an adequate level of data protection, the IOC will comply with applicable laws and regulations, and ensure that the recipients of Needle Form Personal Data maintain appropriate safeguards and provide an adequate level of data protection (such as via the implementation of standard contractual clauses, as approved by the competent supervisory authority). Such transfers may also rely on derogations under applicable data protection laws (such as article 17 of the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection).

c) Public disclosure

In accordance with the Rules and while personal data will normally be processed in a confidential manner, Athletes' identity and some other personal data may be publicly disclosed in cases where the ITA asserts that an Athlete or other person has committed an anti-doping rule violation, after appropriate notice has been provided to the Athlete or other person concerned. Personal data may also be disclosed to third parties in any event where such disclosure (a) is required by law, regulation or compulsory legal process; (b) takes place with the informed, express and written consent of the Athlete or other person; or (c) is necessary to assist law enforcement or governmental or other authorities in the detection, investigation or prosecution of a criminal offence or breach of the Code, provided that such data is reasonably relevant to the offence in question and cannot otherwise reasonably be obtained by the authorities.

d) Data retention period

As a general rule, Needle Form Personal Data may be retained by the IOC and the ITA for a period of up to 1 year. Doping control personal data will be retained in accordance with Annex A of the [International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information](#), which forms part of the Code. Retention periods can be extended or modified where required by law or for the purpose of conducting an investigation or proceeding.

e) Information security

The IOC will use technical and organisational measures to protect the security, confidentiality, integrity, availability and traceability of Needle Form Personal Data against the risks of damage, destruction, loss or unauthorised access, in accordance with the applicable laws.

The IOC and the ITA acknowledge the sensitive nature of the medical information and records included and/or referred to in the Injection Declaration Forms, which are protected by medical confidentiality and data protection laws. Therefore, they have put in place measures necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of such information in accordance with applicable laws. This includes providing secure facilities, software and web-based systems to their physicians and their authorized personnel.

Only authorized physicians, personnel and experts, bound by medical secrecy and/or professional secrecy and/or strict confidentiality provisions, may have access to the medical information and records included and/or referred to in the Injection Declaration Form, strictly limited to what is necessary for achieving the above-mentioned purposes.



4. Rights of the Athlete and the Practitioner

4.1 Subject to statutory restrictions under applicable laws, the Athletes and the Practitioners have certain rights regarding their data including, rights to request access, rectification, erasure of their Needle Form Personal Data. They also have the right, if applicable, to data portability and in certain circumstances, to restrict the processing, of their Needle Form Personal Data.

The IOC has entrusted the ITA with the mission of handling data subjects' rights request. To that end, ITA has designated a person in charge of receiving Athletes' and Practitioners' rights requests, complaints or questions in relation to their processing of the Needle Form Personal Data, who can be contacted at the following address: privacy@ita.sport.

4.2 The Athlete understands that the medical information and records included and/or referred to in the Injection Declaration Form are protected by medical confidentiality. The Athlete agrees to share with the Practitioner such medical information and records as necessary to ensure compliance with the Needle Policy, as well as with the IOC, the ITA and the recipients mentioned above (3.b) to the extent it is needed to fulfil the Authorised Purposes.

The Athlete understands that he/she has the right to withdraw the abovementioned authorization to release medical information as described above, in which case such withdrawal will be interpreted as a refusal to comply with the Needle Policy with all the consequences attached thereto (such as triggering his/her non-compliance with the Olympic Charter, the Code and the Rules), and it may still be necessary to process personal data in connection with this, such as, for investigations or proceedings related to possible ADRVs as well as for establishing, exercising or defending against legal claims involving the Athlete, WADA and/or an anti-doping organization.

5. Contacts

For any questions related to personal data processing, Athletes and Practitioners can contact: privacy@ita.sport.

Any complaint in relation to the processing of Needle Form Personal Data that has not been addressed within a reasonable timeframe and/or that does not comply with the Code or other provisions applicable thereto, may be:

- i. Addressed to the Swiss Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner, Feldeggweg 1, CH – 3003 Bern, Switzerland, <https://www.edoeb.admin.ch>; and/or
- ii. In the context of the Rules, notified to WADA and/or submitted to the CAS, which will determine whether a violation has occurred.
- iii. Athletes and Practitioners residing in the EU may also lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority of their country of residence, place of work or place of the alleged infringement.

For information, the IOC's representative in the EU is the Olympic Broadcasting Services S.L., Calle de Torrelaguna, 75, 28027 Madrid, Spain.