

## WHEREABOUTS & TESTING POOLS

**Prohibited substances** that are used out-of-competition will not always be detected in an athlete's sample if the athlete is tested in-competition. For this reason, out-of-competition testing is a necessary part of an anti-doping program

### What are Whereabouts?

World ParaVolley needs information about where athletes are in order to locate athletes for out-of-competition testing at any time or any place. This information, which is called « Whereabouts », is stored confidentially and only used by the Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs) who have authority to test the athletes.

The athletes who are required by World ParaVolley to provide Whereabouts information are included in the WPV **Team Testing Pool (TP)** or **Registered Testing Pool (RTP)**, and notified accordingly by the World ParaVolley Anti-Doping Commission. For athletes in any testing pool, it means that you must be where you say you are !

**Athletes in the WPV Registered Testing Pool (RTP)** are required to provide information into the WADA [ADAMS](#) platform (ADAMS is a web-based system that centralized anti-doping information including Whereabouts information. It is a secure platform for athletes and ADOs to use).

The National member Organization provides World ParaVolley with your full name, gender and date of birth. They are also required to provide initial contact details for you which will include, but is not limited to, your:

- primary residential address
- primary mailing address
- primary contact telephone numbers
- coach details
- team doctor details (if applicable)
- primary email address (if applicable)

Athletes are required to provide the following information for each day:

- address, email address and phone number
- An overnight accommodation
- Regular activities such as training, work, school or University
- The competitions the athlete is participating in
- A 60-minute time slot where the athlete will be available and accessible for testing (NB : athletes can be tested anywhere at any time, not only during the 60-minute time slot. If an athlete is not available for testing at the location they indicated for the 60-minute time slot, then that may be declared a « missed test »).
- Travel details for overseas or long-distance travel

Athletes can submit their whereabouts in ADAMS and/or in Athlete Central. Athlete Central is a mobile app that can be used to provide whereabouts information and update it. It can be downloaded here: [App Store](#) / [Google Play](#)

Whereabouts information must be provided by a specific date and time (provided by WPV) for a 3-month period. Generally they are submitted either quarterly or for a specific 3-month period. Once submitted, the athlete must ensure that all the whereabouts information provided remains **accurate** and **up-to-date** at all times. So if the athlete's plans change, the whereabouts information must be updated accordingly. Whereabouts information must provide sufficient detail so that the athlete can be found/located for an out-of-competition test.

**Failing to comply with whereabouts Requirements**

Not providing the information or providing inaccurate or misleading information can result in consequences. It is one of the 11 Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs). The ADRV is known as a „Whereabouts Failure“. A Whereabouts Failure is when there is any combination of 3 missed tests and/or a filing failure within a 12-month period.

- If an athlete doesn't submit their Whereabouts information quarterly and update it as necessary, or provides incomplete/inaccurate information, they may receive what is called a filing failure.
- If a Doping Control Officer (DCO) can't find the athlete at the location indicated during their 60-minute time slot, the athlete may receive what is called a missed test.
- If a Doping Control Officer (DCO) can't find the athlete at the location indicated at any time outside their 60-minute time slot, the athlete may receive filing failure.

Any combination of 3 filing failures, and/or missed tests in a 12-month period, may result in an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV), which could result in a 2-year sanction.

**Athletes in the WPV Team Testing Pool (TTP)** must also provide whereabouts, but the requirements that apply to them are less stringent.

Any combination of two (2) filing failures or whereabouts failures for athletes in the WPV Team Testing Pool (TTP) can lead to athletes being added to the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) where more stringent requirements must be met.

For the Team Testing Pool, National Member Organizations may take responsibility for the submission of complete and accurate whereabouts. We suggest that you transfer these duties to the Team Manager. However the athlete remains responsible for his/her whereabouts.

**NOTE :**

The above information is only a brief overview of Testing Pools & Whereabouts, meant for awareness purposes. Athletes who are included in the WPV TeamTesting Pool (TTP) or Registered Testing Pool (RTP) are notified accordingly by the World ParaVolley Anti-Doping Commission. The notification includes all the necessary information. More detailed information can also be found in the following documents for athletes selected to be in a Testing Pool or Registered Testing Pool:

<p><b>Whereabouts for Registered Testing Pool Athletes</b> (if you have been notified that you are in the WPV RTP)</p>	
<p><b>Whereabouts for Team Testing Pool Athletes</b> (if you have been notified that you are in the WPV TP)</p>	

In addition, **it is highly recommended that TTP and RTP athletes take WADA's e-learning "ADEL for International-Level Athletes" on WADA's ADEL platform**

Please do not hesitate to contact World ParaVolley for assistance at [whereabouts@worldparavolley.org](mailto:whereabouts@worldparavolley.org)