

WORLD PARAVOLLEY

2021 Anti-Doping Activities Report



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SUMMARY

Competitions in 2021 have been challenging as COVID-19 limited competition opportunities in the face of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. The men's final qualifier in Oklahoma in 2020 had to be postponed and was eventually held in Duisburg Germany in June 2021. Three zonal Championships were cancelled. ParaVolley Europe managed to successfully run their Zonal Championship for Sitting Volleyball. No sanctioned Beach ParaVolley events ran in 2021. Our Anti-doping rules were approved by WADA early in January 2021 and posted on our website. This year was one of collaboration – we completed out-of-competition testing as per our test distribution plan prior to the Paralympic Games. We collaborated with ABCD to facilitate testing of the sitting volleyball teams. We collaborated with NADA in Germany for the testing before and during the Final Men's qualifier event, establishing an agreement for NADA to be the Sample Collection Agency and delegated testing authority, (ensuring at a minimum that tests requested from WPV from our risk assessment and testing plan were completed), while World ParaVolley retained Results Management Authority. Testing was also carried out at the Paralympic Games by the IPC and the International Testing Agency.

TESTING STATISTICS

32 WPV planned tests were completed in 2021 – 12 out-of-competition tests and 20 in-competition tests. Six of these tests were completed in competition by a delegated third party testing authority (NADA). World ParaVolley tested several athletes as targeted OOC tests prior to the Paralympic Games. The testing in 2021 included:

- 22 *Basic urine*
- 7 *Basic urine + GHRF*
- 3 *Basic urine + ESA*

TDSSA

World ParaVolley TDSSA requirement for ESA and GHRF was 5%. We met this requirement for 2021.

ANTI-DOPING VIOLATIONS

1 Latvian male athlete had an AAF for meldonium, a substance on the prohibited list. The Results Management for this case was delegated to a third party, the Latvian NADO, and is still in progress.

TUE

Our TUE Committee members reviewed 10 TUE applications and all were processed successfully. Of these, only 3 were for World ParaVolley approval whilst the rest were recognition requests from NADOs. Of these, three applications were sent back for more medical information and four required contact for clarification/explanation. One was a very late application prior to the Paralympic Games, which World ParaVolley processed and IPC recognized. The TUE Management went fairly well this year with having a dedicated TUE Manager.

EDUCATION

The education plan was revised and posted on the World ParaVolley website. All nations attending the competitions this year completed antidoping education prior to the event as per the World ParaVolley Policy. The website was updated twice this year and continues to be revised regularly.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The current retinue of volunteer staff are as follows:

Team Leader – Dr Jun Ming Zhang - GBR

Education manager – Ms Isadora Toscano - BRA

TUE manager – Heather Boyle - CAN

Testing and results manager – recently vacated

Legal advisor – Mr Graham Arthur - GBR

Whereabouts manager - Dr Nadege Veintimilla - SUI

Intelligence Manager - TBD

The four zonal representative positions on the Commission have also been filled:

PVAO – Dr. Jinzhong Ma - CHN

PVPA – Olga Lucia Melo Trujillo - COL

PVE – Dr. Milan Milosevic - CRO

PVA – Hanaa Amir - EGY

TUEC – has seven active members – and include specialities of Sport Medicine, Physical Rehabilitation Specialization, and Pain specialization.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Commission, with the assistance of our legal advisor, Mr. Graham Arthur, completed the new World ParaVolley Anti-doping Rules 2021, which were approved by the World ParaVolley Board and by WADA early in 2021. World ParaVolley is working closely with WADA to ensure we are in line with the WADA 2021 Code and International Standards.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

We will be onboarding our new TUE manager for 2022.

We will develop our volunteer workforce to fill vacant positions.

The goal is to have more intelligent testing and more presence by anti-doping staff to provide education at competition events.