



Annual Anti-Doping Report

September 2020 – August 2021

Introduction

This report provides a summary of anti-doping activities undertaken by British Rowing between September 2020 and August 2021.

In November 2020 the 2021-2026 [Clean Sport Strategy](#) was approved by the Board. UK Anti-Doping in collaboration with DCMS published a revised National Anti-Doping Policy which places greater emphasis on the role Sport National Governing Bodies play in the Clean Sport landscape. To this end all Sport NGB's in receipt of public funding are required to meet the criteria of UK Anti-Doping's new Assurance Framework. British Rowing are in an excellent position to meet these requirements and are working together with Scottish Rowing and Welsh Rowing to ensure a robust programme of Clean Sport is in place to support all who take part in rowing.

In September 2021 a revised [Anti-Doping Policy](#) was approved by the Board.

Education

A combination of Covid-19, the introduction of the new WADA Code (2021) and other delays deferred the start of iRowClean education between September 2020 and January 2021, however education was resumed by the end of January 2021 and the majority of priority education pools¹ received an iRowClean virtual workshop by September 2021 including:

- British Rowing Staff;
- World Class Performance Programme (athletes, coaches, and support personnel);
- GB qualified indoor rowing athletes;
- Performance Development athletes and coaches (Juniors, U23, Start, DISE);
- DISE tutors, Women's Development Coaches and Master Trainers;
- British Rowing Coach Educators;
- Two High Performance Programme Clubs.

Education pools still to receive the Code 2021 update at the time of writing this report include the remaining High Performance Programme Clubs (who are prioritised for September-October 2021 delivery.)

¹ Refer to the Clean Sport Education Plan for Education Pools



Communications

The monthly member newsletter is the primary source of communicating reminders and updates. Backdated articles can be located at the bottom of the [Governance Team webpage](#).

Key messages continue to be disseminated through social media channels and directly to performance pathway coaches and athletes, including updates concerning the Prohibited List, reminders to use Global Dro and Informed Sport as anti-doping tools available to support athletes in ensuring they take part in rowing clean.

As part of Clean Sport Week in May 2021 British Rowing shared information and articles and a promotional video presented by our [Clean Sport Ambassadors](#).

Anti-Doping Projects

Clean Sport Ambassadors

Three GB Rowing Team athletes have been appointed as Clean Sport Ambassadors for British Rowing; Graeme Thomas, Charlotte Hodgkin-Byrnes and Jacob Dawson.

Olympic and Paralympic Games UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) and World Rowing requirements

All Athlete Support Personnel (ASP) completed UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) Advisor certificate.
All Coaches completed UKAD Coach Clean certificate.
All Athletes completed Clean Sport 1 (2021 update) and UKAD Clean Games.

Testing

Any testing of athletes in British Rowing are tasked either by UK Anti-Doping, or the International Testing Agency on behalf of World Rowing.

For the period of 01 September 2020 – 31 August 2021
UK Anti-Doping carried out **127** tests on British athletes.
World Rowing conducted **75** tests on British athletes.

Results Management

In January 2021 World Rowing announced the suspension of Andrew Strachan for an adverse analytical finding at the World Rowing Indoor Championships in 2020. His suspension runs from the 20 March 2020 to 19 March 2024.