National Federations' obligations Notice under World Triathlon Anti-Doping Rules 2027

This document summarises the main obligations placed on National Federations under the World Triathlon Anti-Doping Rules, the World Anti-Doping Code and its International Standards. It also sets out the key changes taking effect on 1 January 2027 and identifies the National Federation obligations affected by the new regulations.

Disclaimer: This summary is not exhaustive and covers only the major changes. For full details, please refer to the World Triathlon Anti-Doping Rules, the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards. In the event of any inconsistency, the World Anti-Doping Code prevails.

1. Core Obligations of National Federations

The following obligations always apply to every National Federation member of World Triathlon under the Article 18 of its Anti-Doping Rule.

Obligation	Article	In practice
Comply and enforce	**TRI ADR Article 18.1 and 18.4**	▪ Comply with the Code, the International Standards and the TRI ADR ▪ Take appropriate action to enforce compliance by NF members ▪ Condition of TRI membership
Incorporate the Rules	**TRI ADR 18.2**	▪ Incorporate the TRI ADR directly or by reference into the Constitution and rules, so TRI can enforce them against Athletes (all level) and anyone under NF jurisdiction
Bind participants	**TRI ADR 18.8**	▪ Require every Athlete and their ASP preparing for or taking part in NF competition or activities to agree to be bound by the TRI ADR
Implement decisions	**TRI ADR 18.3 / 15.1**	▪ Recognise and enforce decisions made under the Rules and decisions of any Code Signatory, appellate body or CAS, which bind NF automatically
Report and cooperate	**TRI ADR 18.9 / 18.15**	▪ Report any information suggesting an Anti-Doping Rule Violation to TRI, ITA and/or the NF's NADO ▪ Cooperate with any investigation by an ADO with authority
Disciplinary Actions	**CHANGED** **TRI ADR 18.10 / 18.11**	▪ Have disciplinary rules preventing ASP who use Prohibited Substance or Methods without valid justification from supporting Athletes ▪ Adopt and enforce code of conduct provisions enabling disciplinary action against ASP who breach their obligations in circumstances that do not amount to an anti-doping rule violation

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Education	**TRI ADR 18.12**	▪ Conduct Anti-Doping Education in coordination with the National Anti-Doping Agency ▪ National Federation to use trained and accredited educators for in-person education
Testing under TRI Authority	**TRI ADR 18.13 / 18.14**	▪ Conduct testing only under documented TRI authority ▪ Collect samples in line with the Testing International Standard ▪ Analyse them only in WADA accredited Laboratories
Confidentiality	**TRI ADR 14.1.4 / 14.3.5**	▪ Information received about asserted violations shared only with persons who need to know until TRI makes public disclosure ▪ NF may not publicly comment on a pending case, except in response to public comments by Athlete or their entourage
Consequences of non-compliance	**TRI ADR 12**	▪ Where federation fails to comply or where several violations involved the National Federation members, TRI may exclude, fine, recover cost or request a reinstatement program ▪ Any decision taken under Article 12. Can exclusively appeal to CAS

2. Main changes on 1st January 2027 impacting National Federation

Change	Reference	In practice
Governance, Independence, Conflict of Interest and Definition		
NADO Independence and Authority	**NEW** **Code 20.3 & TRI ADR 18.5 & 18.6 & 18.15**	▪ Respect the autonomy and operational independence of the NADO ▪ Recognise the NADO authority and NF uses its best efforts to ensure authority over anyone under your jurisdiction ▪ Assist the NADO with the national testing programme in Triathlon
International-level Athlete	**CHANGED** **TRI Scope**	▪ Now based on rankings (Top 250 World Triathlon Rankings, Top 20 in other disciplines and Para classes, Top 75 in T100 World Tour) from each 1st of January until 31st December.
Status during Ineligibility (Suspension)		
Roles Prohibited	**NEW** **TRI ADR 10.14.1**	▪ Federation, Clubs and member organisations may not appoint an ineligible or provisionally suspended person as a board member, officer, director, official or senior executive, or to any role involving doping control or direct contact with Athletes or ASP

Employment and pay	**NEW** **TRI ADR 10.14.1**	▪ An ineligible Athlete employed for athletic services may be paid only for services that are not prohibited. No ineligible person may provide coaching or other support services to anyone bound by the Code
Results Management		
National Cases to NADO	**CHANGED** **TRI ADR 18.7**	▪ Any national-level case discovery must be immediately reported to the NADO. NF does no longer organise hearings ▪ National Federation cannot be delegated any aspect of Results Management (may not sit, appoint or oversee hearing panels)
Delivering Notices	**CHANGED** **TRI ADR 14.7**	▪ TRI notices may be sent to Athlete through the National Federation by email ▪ National Federation must confirm delivery to TRI (emails notices are deemed received when sent)
Testing and Registered Testing Pool		
Testing at International Events	**NEW** **TRI ADR 5.3.4 & 19.2**	▪ Cost of testing and analysis are borne by the LOC and/or National Federation ▪ TRI reserves the right to select the sample collection agency and laboratory ▪ To provide testing logistics, facilities and access ▪ Chaperons must be free of conflicts of interest, trained, accredited and identified ▪ National Federation cannot be delegated any aspect of doping control
RTP Whereabouts	**CHANGED** **IST 4.10.17.2**	▪ No more delegation of whereabouts responsibilities to National Federation
Testing Minors	**CHANGED** **IST Annex B**	▪ Parental consent is not required to test a minor ▪ Minors are encouraged to bring their representative during testing, who may join remotely
Testing Athletes with Impairments	**CHANGED** **IST Annex A**	▪ Athletes using catheters who cannot use gloves may wash their hands before use ▪ A representative of an athlete with a vision or intellectual impairment may join by phone or video call; the test remains valid without one
Returning from retirement	**NEW** **TRI ADR 5.6**	▪ All Athletes (outside the RTP) returning from retirement must give a 6 months' notice before competing in international events ▪ Before entering or selecting an athlete returning to international event, NF must check that the Athlete has given 6 months prior written notice to TRI and NADO (otherwise results obtained will be disqualified)

Sanctions to National Federation		
Several Violations within 12 months	**CHANGED** **TRI ADR 12.2.2 & 12.2.3**	▪ 4 violations in 12 months: ○ Exclusion from TRI activities up to 2 years, fine up to 5'000 USD, cost reimbursement, reinstatement programme ▪ 5 or more violations in 12 months: ○ Exclusion from TRI activities up to 4 years, fine of 2'000 USD per violation, cost reimbursement, reinstatement programme
Several Violations at one Event	**CHANGED** **TRI ADR 12.2.4**	▪ More than one violation at an event organised by the same Local Organising Committee in one location: ban up to 4 years, fine up to USD 10,000, cost reimbursement and/or a reinstatement programme
Failure to provide information	**CHANGED** **TRI ADR 12.2.5**	▪ Failure to provide any information or documents requested by TRI or the ITA about an athlete, support person or other person: up to USD 3,000 plus costs

3. Suggested Actions Checklist

Action	Status of implementation
Incorporate the final 2027 TRI AD Rules and update licence and entry conditions of your federation accordingly	•
Remove federation officials from any hearing or results management role	•
Adopt a code of conduct and disciplinary actions for Athlete Support Personnel (ASP)	•
Name a contact for TRI and ITA notices and set up delivery confirmation	•
Check that no ineligible person holds a prohibited role in your federation or clubs	•
Distribute the TRI Athlete's obligations Notice and the Prohibited List 2027 to your members	•

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Brief organisers of hosted International Events on testing duties, costs and conflict-free chaperones	•
Agree an education plan with your NADO, using accredited educators	•
Inform your members about the mandatory education requirements and check competition before entries	•
Review how you store and share anti-doping personal information: keep it secure, share it only on a need-to-know basis, use it only for anti-doping and delete it when no longer needed.	•