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During the last week there has been some concern about IFSS antidoping regulations. It is very positive that there is an open debate and discussion regarding these questions! The text of the doping rules is long and complicated.

We appreciate that Mike McCowan identified problems in the wording in one of IFSS Race-Rules paragraphs. The intention of the paragraph is quite clear, but the wrong wording had been missed by IFSS. The error is now corrected.

We also would like to give explanations to some concerns that have been posted online.

- Since 2008 **all** sports that want to be internationally recognized have to follow the World Anti-Doping Code. For IFSS these demands concern both the human competitors and the dogs.

- This recognition is also very important nationally in many countries.

- The IFSS Anti-Doping Committee has voluntarily made a tremendous job getting IFSS rules accepted by WADA.

- The objects of WADA's Anti-Doping rules are to catch the cheaters. The demands have increased over the years, but we are doing our best to keep the rules and testing on a reasonable level, to satisfy WADA, but still make it work in our sport.

- Unfortunately the information on the MUSA and Canada application forms for the World Championships is wrong. You only need to fill in a TUE-form for medication containing substances on the Prohibited List. You do not have to reveal your whole medical history.

- The "Whereabouts Requirements" concerns only the "Registered Testing Pool (RTP)". WADA has accepted this to be only a small number of the best competitors from the latest World Championships.

- The list of prohibited substances for dogs has been compiled by the IFSS Anti-Doping Committee with the support of a group of veterinarians. It should be noted that the list for dogs concerns both performance enhancement and animal welfare. As with the list for humans this list is updated as new information is found. If there is such information it should be sent to the Anti-Doping Committee.

If you have additional questions you are welcome to contact IFSS:

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