



Strategy against Prohibited Association (Code article 2.10)

Association by an Athlete or other Person subject to the authority of an Anti-Doping Organization in a professional or sport-related capacity with any Athlete Support Person who:

- If subject to the authority of an Anti-Doping Organization, is serving a period of Ineligibility; or

- If not subject to the authority of an Anti-Doping Organization, and where Ineligibility has not been addressed in a results management process pursuant to the Code, has been convicted or found in a criminal, disciplinary or professional proceeding to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping rules if Code-compliant rules had been applicable to such Person. The disqualifying status of such Person shall be in force for the longer of six years from the criminal, professional or disciplinary decision or the duration of the criminal, disciplinary or professional sanction imposed; or

- 3 Is serving as a front or intermediary for an individual described above.

In order for this provision to apply, it is necessary that the Athlete or other Person has previously been advised in writing by UzNADA with jurisdiction over the Athlete or other Person, or by WADA, of the Athlete Support Person's disqualifying status and the potential Consequence of prohibited association and that the Athlete or other Person can reasonably avoid the association. UzNADA shall also use reasonable efforts to advise the Athlete Support Person who is the subject of the notice to the Athlete or other Person that the Athlete Support Person may, within 15 days, come forward to UzNADA to explain that the criteria described above do not apply to him or her. (Not with standing Article 17, this

Article applies even when the Athlete Support Person's disqualifying conduct occurred prior to the effective date provided in Article 25 of the Code.)

The burden shall be on the Athlete or other Person to establish that any association with Athlete Support Personnel—described above is not in a professional or ~~sport-related~~ capacity.

UzNADA and other Anti-Doping Organizations that are aware of Athlete Support Personnel who meet the criteria described above shall submit that information to WADA.

Athletes and other Persons must not work with coaches, trainers, physicians or other Athlete Support Personnel who are Ineligible on account of an anti-doping rule violation or who have been criminally convicted or professionally disciplined in relation to doping. Some examples of the types of association which are prohibited include: obtaining training, strategy, technique, nutrition or medical advice; obtaining therapy, treatment or prescriptions; providing any bodily products for analysis; or allowing the Athlete Support Person to serve as an agent or representative. Prohibited association need not involve any form of compensation.

So, when UzNADA becomes aware of a potential case of Prohibited Association, the following steps should be taken:

1. UzNADA advises the *Athlete* or other *Person* in writing of the disqualifying status of the *Athlete Support Personnel*.
2. UzNADA ensures that the *Athlete* or other *Person* is provided the opportunity to explain why he/she can't reasonably avoid the association.
3. UzNADA ensures that the *Athlete* or other *Person* is provided with the opportunity to explain why the relevant *Athlete Support Personnel* is not disqualified.

UzNADA may wish to provide a means by which any issues arising from the 2nd and 3rd bullet points above are resolved as preliminary matters before any ADRV proceedings begin.

If the Prohibited Association continues despite the warning addressed to the *Athlete* or other *Person* (and resolution of any preliminary issue), proceedings shall be instigated.