

ANTI-DOPING
CHAPERONE SCRIPT- NOTIFICATION
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When notifying an athlete, it is important that they are listening and understand what you are saying.

The following is a simple guide to athlete notification:

Approach the athlete and introduce yourself:

"Hello, my name is XXXX. I am a Doping Control Chaperone working on behalf of XXXX (Championship/Meeting title) and European Athletics."

Explain to the athlete the purpose of your conversation:

"I am notifying you that you have been selected for a urine/blood (as applicable) Doping Control. I will guide you to the doping control station."

"You are required to provide a urine (and blood if applicable) sample under supervision at the earliest opportunity."

"Please note that refusing or failing to comply with the doping control process will be reported to European Athletics and may be regarded as an Anti-Doping Rule Violation."

"Have you ever been tested before?... Please feel free to ask questions at any time."

Notification Form:

Complete the Notification Form (remember signatures and time of notification). Provide the athlete with their copy of the notification form if available.

Athlete responsibilities and rights

At every notification an athlete must be made aware of their responsibilities and rights.

"I now inform you of your rights and responsibilities:

- *You will be chaperoned at all times*
- *You have the responsibility to provide photographic identification (e.g. National ID or Passport)*
- *You are required to report to the Doping Control Station (DCS) immediately, but may request a delay in reporting for a permitted activity*
- *You have the right to be accompanied by a representative/interpreter of your choice*
- *You may request a modification to the process¹*

¹ e.g. for athletes who are under 18, athletes injured, athletes with disability

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Delay in reporting to DCS – Permitted activities

The athlete shall report immediately to the DCS but may request a delay for the following permitted activities:

- Locating a representative and/or interpreter
- Medical treatment
- Media activities
- Competing in further competition
- Obtaining identification
- Medal Ceremony
- Cool down or change clothes
- If the athlete is presenting other exception to report immediately, please proceed to the DCS to verify the reason with the Doping Control Delegate (DCD) / Doping Control Officer (DCO)

Chaperoning: Top Tips

Here are some top tips when chaperoning an athlete:

- Walk level or slightly behind the athlete. NEVER walk ahead or in front of the athlete.
- Try to keep out of the media and public gaze
- Ensure athletes remain under your constant observation until arrival at the DCS (unless you are informed to chaperone the athlete in the DCS as well). This includes whilst an athlete is undertaking any permitted activities prior to arrival at the DCS
- The athlete must not take a shower or visit a toilet before arrival at the DCS

Chaperoning - Code of Conduct

All Doping Control Chaperones MUST:

- Act in an appropriate and respectful manner at all times
- Report any irregularities during notification, chaperoning or in the DCS
- Report any potential conflict of interest you have with a sport, team, individual athlete or athlete support personnel
- Follow the instructions of the DCD/Chaperones Team Leader (CTL)

All Doping Control Chaperones MUST NOT:

- Keep personal records of sample collection information
- Divulge confidential data to third parties
- Ask for autographs of athletes or support personnel
- Request photographs of athletes or support personnel
- Request memorabilia from the event or accept gifts from athletes or athlete support personnel
- Gamble on the outcome of a sporting event at which they are present
- Be over familiar with athletes or athlete support personnel
- Be under the influence or take alcohol / illegal substances whilst working at the event

Chaperoning - Reporting

- The chaperone is required to report any suspicious or unusual behaviour, especially any athlete's failure to comply with a request for doping control to DCD / DCO / CTL