

Report Anti-doping

2025 has been a year of challenges and new developments for CIPS in the anti-doping scene.

CIPS Website

Thanks to the guidance of Dr Laetitia Zumbrennen, our WADA liaison officer, and our collaboration with Mario Podmanik, Director General of Digital Communication and Marketing, we have updated the CIPS website in accordance with the guidelines set out by WADA.

ITA-AIMS Collaboration

In August 2025, CIPS gave its approval to AIMS for a collaboration agreement with ITA (International Testing Agency), already our partner since 2020, which provided for ITA's services to be offered at a favourable rate to all AIMS member sports organisations.

After months of waiting, in the first half of January 2026, this agreement was finalised and signed.

The signed agreement represented a fundamental strategic step for CIPS, providing access to a comprehensive, independent anti-doping programme that is fully compliant with the WADA Code and the relevant International Standards.

Thanks to ITA's support, CIPS now benefits from a structured, risk-based approach, which includes the development of a Risk Assessment and a Test Distribution Plan, centralised management of in- and out-of-competition testing, as well as advanced services such as the Athlete Biological Profile (ABP), TUE management and dedicated educational programmes.

Tests carried out in 2025

Over the past year, the three International Federations, and therefore CIPS, carried out a total of 26 tests, of which 18 were during competitions and 8 during training sessions. As regards the results of the analyses, only one positive case emerged from the 26 tests carried out. This case is still under investigation to ascertain whether the positive result is attributable to the use of a prescribed medication or to misconduct on the part of the athlete.

Athletes Sanctioned in 2025

In 2025, a sanction was imposed on the athlete Mr Manuel Dos Santos (Switzerland) for a violation of the CIPS Anti-Doping Code.

In accordance with the WADA Code and the CIPS ADR, a period of ineligibility of two years was imposed, commencing on 19 November 2025, as well as the disqualification of all results achieved from 17 October 2024 onwards.

Objectives for 2026

The main priority for 2026 will be to update the CIPS Anti-Doping Rules, currently in force in the version adopted in 2020, in order to ensure full compliance with WADA's new 2027 World Anti-Doping Code.

This process, which must be completed by December 2026, will be developed in close collaboration with the International Testing Agency (ITA), under the new agreement signed, in order to ensure full alignment with International Standards and best practices within the anti-doping system.

A further strategic objective will be the implementation of Whereabouts procedures and the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP). Although these tools have not yet been applied, mainly due to the complexities involved in identifying and managing the Registered Testing Pool, their introduction represents an essential step that can no longer be postponed to ensure full compliance with WADA provisions and strengthen the effectiveness of the CIPS anti-doping programme.