

**Policy Title:** Anti-Doping Policy

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**Summary:** The policy outlines how the Combat Sports Authority will respond to:

- (a) referrals of potential breaches of the *Combat Sports Act 2013 (CS Act)* and *Combat Sports Regulation 2014 (CS Regulation)* relating to “Doping” matters; and
- (b) findings of “Doping” from “Code” compliant sports, an “**equivalent Australian regulatory body**”, or an “**equivalent overseas regulatory body**”.

Defined terms in this policy have the meaning ascribed to them in the *CS Act* and *CS Regulations*, or otherwise under the World Anti-Doping Code (“Code”).

**Risk:** “Doping” in “Combat Sports” has the potential to damage both the integrity of sport and the health of individual “Combatants” involved.

**Doping:** is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations (ADRVs) set out in the “Code”. The prohibited substances and prohibited methods are as defined by the relevant Prohibited List under the “Code”.

**Policy Statement:** The CSA regulates “Combat Sports” in accordance with the provisions of the *CS Act* and *CS Regulation*. The objects of the *CS Act* are to:

- (a) promote the health and safety of combat sport contestants;
- (b) promote the integrity of combat sport contests; and
- (c) regulate combat sport contests on a harm minimisation basis.

To protect the integrity of “Combat sports”, and the health of the “Combatants”, “Doping” is prohibited.

To deter and detect “Doping”, drug testing is conducted at “Combat sport contests”. In determining whether to register a “Combatant” or “Industry participant”, or in considering whether to discipline a Registered person, the CSA will hear matters relating to any alleged “Doping” matter relating to either “Combat sport contests” held in NSW, or held outside NSW involving registered “Combatants” or “Industry participants”.

The CSA recognises the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) as a government statutory body with prime responsibility for implementation of the “Code” in Australia, and protection of Australia's sporting integrity through the elimination of doping. “Combat sports” are not signatories to the “Code”, and thereby not within ASADA's jurisdiction. Some “Combatants” and “Industry participants” may be “Athletes” and/or “Athlete Support Personnel” under the “Code”.

The CSA will consider referrals, whether having originated from ASADA, **“Code”** compliant sports, an **"equivalent Australian regulatory body"**, an **"equivalent overseas regulatory body"**, or otherwise.

**Applicable Persons:** Registered persons, or **“Combatants”** and **“Industry participants”** applying for registration, engaging in, or proposing to engage in, **“Combat sport contests”** held in NSW, or persons otherwise subject to a **“Prohibition Order”**.

**Testing**

**Procedures:** Drug testing (collection and analysis) must be conducted at a minimum in accordance with AS/NZS 4308:2008: “Procedures for specimen collection and the detection and quantitation of drugs of abuse in urine” or otherwise in accordance with the **“Code”**.

**Mutual Recognition:** The CSA will recognise and implement findings of **“Doping”** relating to **“Applicable Persons”** from **“Code”** compliant sports, an **"equivalent Australian regulatory body"**, or an **"equivalent overseas regulatory body"**.

**Sanctions:** The CSA will place a condition on the person’s registration consistent with any sanction imposed by the referring body, or otherwise having regard for, but not bound by, the **“Code”**.

**Public Disclosure:** The CSA will report all hearing outcomes and provide reasoned decisions on the CSA website for the period of the sanction relating to any finding or mutual recognition of **“Doping”** under this Policy. The report will include naming the person(s) involved, unless the CSA determined that there are public policy reasons for maintaining the confidentiality of the matter, in which case it will be de-identified.

**Appeal:** An appeal by an effected party made be made to the Civil and Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the provisions of *CS Act s.77*.

**Related documents:** *Combat Sports Act 2013*  
*Combat Sports Regulation 2014*