

Athlete's agreement

Surname _____ First name _____

Address _____

(hereafter the athlete)

1. The undersigned athlete will abstain from all forms of doping. By doping it is meant the use of substances from prohibited groups of active agents and the use of prohibited methods according to the current doping lists issued by Swiss Olympic and the competent international association.
2. The athlete undertakes to keep himself informed by reading the current doping list¹ regularly (at least once a month). He is aware that ignorance of the current doping list does not exclude him from culpability for any doping offence.
3. The athlete declares that he consents to controls carried out by the competent doping control authorities at competitions and out of competition (ref. Art. 15 of Competition Ruling – R.d.C.) An athlete who deliberately refuses to comply with or withdraws from a doping control or frustrates the purpose thereof will be punished as he would in the event of a positive test result. Attempts at such frustration may be punished even if a negative result is returned.
4. The athlete will be subject to sanction according to the statutes and regulations of Swiss Olympic, the Swiss Rugby Union (SRU), the Fédération Internationale de Rugby Amateur-Association Européenne de Rugby (FIRA-AER) and the International Rugby Board (IRB) in the event of any doping offence. He declares that he is aware of this. He recognizes the exclusive jurisdiction of the Swiss Olympic Disciplinary Committee for first judgement of doping offences and expressly places himself under this jurisdiction.

The decisions of the Disciplinary Committee may be referred to TAS (the Sporting Arbitration Tribunal), which has final jurisdiction. The athlete similarly places himself under the exclusive jurisdiction of TAS as the appeal court in the sense of an independent tribunal to the exclusion of the government courts. Here the provisions of the "Code de l'arbitrage en matière de sport" (Code of arbitration in sporting matters) apply.

Proceedings before TAS will be carried out in German, French or Italian. In the event that the parties are unable to agree upon a language, the chairman of the tribunal will decide the language of the hearing.

The arbitrators appointed by the parties must feature in the appropriate TAS list and may not have been involved in the first proceedings in any way.

5. The athlete is aware that the sanctions listed below may be applied for deliberate or negligent contraventions of the obligations set out in this agreement, particularly in the event of a positive doping test result:

- **Disqualification and disallowance of medals**
- **Reprimand and publication of verdict**
- **Fine of**
- **Banning for a specific period of time or (in the case of a repeat offence) for life**

Sanctions may be applied in conjunction with one another. In the event of a positive doping test result and irrespective of the athlete's guilt the Swiss rugby Union may order that the athlete be struck from the ranking list and that previously awarded titles and medals be disallowed, or may declare a forfeit defeat. The contestability of such decisions depends on the applicable regulations of Swiss rugby Union.

6. Conditions for the implementation of doping controls and for proceedings before the competent disciplinary bodies are prescribed in special regulations which the athlete may view at any time.

Place / Date: _____

Signature of athlete: _____

¹ the current doping list can be ordered at any time from the offices of the FDB (see above for address) or viewed at www.swissolympic.ch or www.dopinginfo.ch
24-hr Doping Hotline 0900 567 587 (CHF 2.40/min)