

Doping Control Station Guide



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Doping Control Stations for ICF Competition

1/ Definition

Doping Control Station: The location where the Sample Collection Session will be conducted

Doping Control Officer (or DCO): An official who has been trained and authorized by the Sample Collection Authority to carry out the responsibilities given to DCOs in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations

2/ Requirements

All ICF competitions can be subject to in-Competition testing, therefore there must be appropriate facilities for anti-doping control on the venue

Facilities should meet the following criteria for in-competition testing:

- Ideally comprised of a separate waiting room, processing room, and an appropriate number of toilets
- Wash basin for Athletes and DCOs to wash their hands
- The Doping Control Station must be clean
- Secure enough to store sample collection equipment and for samples
- Solely reserved for doping control purposes
- Accessible only to authorized personnel
- Should not be used for any other purpose than for doping control
- Private enough to maintain Athlete privacy and confidentiality
- Large enough to accommodate the number of athletes to be tested, and athlete representatives
- Ensures that the health and safety of the athlete and sample collection personnel are not compromised
- Proximity to competition venue, or appropriate transportation plan and sample collection personnel who will occupy the area

Equipment:

- One table for every DCO processing documentation
- Two chairs per Athlete being tested and one chair for each member of the sample collection personnel
- If necessary, access to dividers to ensure privacy and division of processing areas
- Appropriate lighting to conduct processing
- Receptacles for each processing station to store waste generated

- Plentiful supplies of bottled and sealed liquids such as water, fruit juices, soft drinks, (not beer or alcoholic beverages)
- Two fridges: The drinks for the competitors must be kept in a separate fridge from the one holding the samples
- A locker for the sample fridge is recommended
- Educational materials or entertainment equipment (i.e., television, radio) for Athletes in the waiting area
- Additional equipment may be requested to accommodate special testing needs, i.e. blood collections
- If necessary, wheelchair accessibility and accessible toilets
- If requested, security person outside doping control station