



## **Doping Control Officer (DCO)**

### **About the International Testing Agency**

The ITA is an international organisation constituted as an independent not-for-profit foundation under Swiss Law. It is based in Lausanne, Switzerland and provides anti-doping services to International sports Federations (IFs), Major Event Organisers (MEOs) and Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs) that wish to delegate their anti-doping programmes to a body that implements high quality anti-doping programs with increased transparency and independence. The ITA operates in full compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code.

### **ITA Doping Control Officer**

A Doping Control Officer (DCO) registered on the list of ITA DCOs is an official who has been selected, trained, and authorised by the ITA with delegated responsibility for the coordination and management of anti-doping sample collection sessions with athletes at either events or in the Out-of-Competition setting.

The DCO is at the forefront of the anti-doping program carried out by the ITA on behalf of International Federations and Major Event Organisers and plays an important role in protecting the rights of athletes to compete in doping-free sport.

DCOs registered on the list of ITA DCOs are independent contractors who receive offers for testing athletes on a mission-by-mission basis according to ITA needs.

### **Key responsibilities**

- Ensure that all the logistical aspects are in place for a successful completion of the doping control mission on ITA managed competitions
- Conduct urine and blood sample collection sessions in-competition on ITA selected competitions
- Ensure that all actions and decisions in relation to a sample collection session are taken in accordance with the WADA's International Standard for Testing and Investigations (ISTI)
- Explain the doping control process to athletes and their support personnel if necessary
- Train and oversee Chaperones
- Witness sample collection or overseeing the witnessing of the sample collection process
- Ensure accurate documentation/completion of the doping control process
- Data entry into ADAMS (Anti-Doping Administration and Management System)

### **Skills and experience required**

- English written and oral communication skills are crucial, other languages are an asset.
- Accredited as Doping Control Officer by an Anti-Doping Organisation or Sample Collection Agency
- Accredited as ITA IDCO is an asset
- Qualified phlebotomist is an asset
- Strong interest in sport, with a sensitivity to sports ethics and the issue of drugs and doping in sport
- Sensitivity, understanding and calmness under pressure



- Ability to interact in a professional manner with athletes and their support personnel, coaches, and other doping control team members.
- Strong sense of discretion, confidentiality, and handling of sensitive and confidential data.
- Strong organizational and administrative skills with attention to detail, ability to set and manage priorities
- Be willing and able to travel
- Have a flexible schedule of availability, assignments are on demand

**Conflicts of interest**

- The DCO must inform the ITA of any possible conflicts of interest relating to particular sports, sport federations, individual athletes, or sporting teams.

**Compensation:** Daily allowances plus expenses