

A GUIDE TO DOPING CONTROL FOR ATHLETES WHO ARE MINORS

When an athlete who is a **minor (under 18)** is selected for doping control, the process is similar to that for adult athletes, but modifications are made to ensure their safety and well-being.

KEY MODIFICATIONS

TWO SAMPLE COLLECTION PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED WHEN A MINOR IS TESTED.

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TIPS FOR THE ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

Support the athlete in understanding their rights and responsibilities throughout the process.

Observe the process to ensure it is being followed correctly.

Remember that the **athlete will make all decisions** regarding your involvement.

Play a key role in framing the narrative around testing—**encourage a positive perspective**, such as: "Testing is recognition of your hard work and success."

01 NOTIFICATION

The athlete will be asked if they would like a **representative** present during the doping control process. While this is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended.

If the athlete chooses to have a representative, the Doping Control Officer (DCO) and second Sample Collection Personnel (SCP) will accompany the athlete to locate them. **The notification will then be completed in the representative's presence.**

If the athlete declines a representative, the notification will proceed as usual, but **the athlete can request one at any time.**

02 CHAPERONING

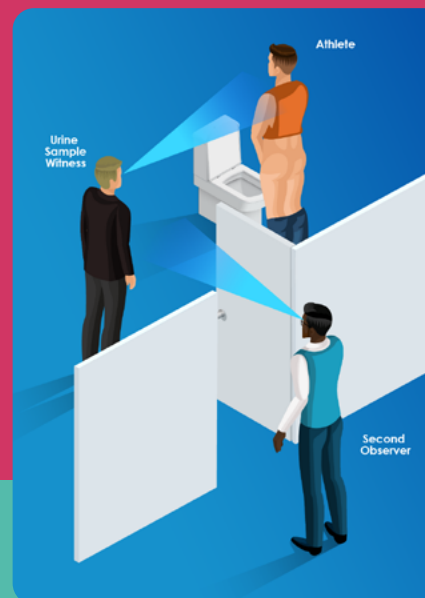
An athlete must remain in direct sight of the DCO or SCP at all times. Additionally, for a minor athlete a **second adult** (either their representative or a second SCP) **will always be present** until the doping control process is complete.

03 SAMPLE COLLECTION

At the athlete's request, their **representative may be present** in the bathroom **during sample provision**, although this is rare.

A **second observer**, who is a member of the SCP team, **will observe the DCO during the process**. This second observer will not see the athlete while they provide their sample. Their role is to observe the DCO.

If requested by the athlete, their **representative can act as an additional second observer.**



04 DOPING CONTROL FORM COMPLETION

The athlete and the athlete's representative **must check the accuracy of the information recorded** on the Doping Control Form and sign it.