

## Short Introduction to Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE)

(for details please refer to art. 4.4 of the FIE Anti-Doping Rules available in the Clean Sport section of the FIE website)

- The WADA *List of Prohibited Substances and Methods* is available on the FIE website<sup>#</sup>.
- The presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers, or the Use, Possession or Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method shall be considered an anti-doping rule violation unless a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) has been granted in accordance with the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*<sup>#</sup>.
- Therefore a Fencer with a documented medical condition who requires the use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method must first obtain a TUE.

**“International-Level Fencers”** (defined as such for anti-doping purposes) must apply directly to the FIE for their TUEs.

- An *International-Level Fencer* is defined as:
  - (a) a *Fencer* who is in the FIE *Registered Testing Pool*; and
  - (b) a *Fencer* who is ranked in the top 32 in each of the 6 weapon categories at the start of each season.

The List of *International-Level Fencers* is published on the FIE website<sup>#</sup>.

- TUE applications must be submitted as per the process set out in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, using the FIE TUE Application Form posted on the FIE website<sup>#</sup>.
- If an “International-Level *Fencer*” already has a valid *TUE* granted by his or her *National Anti-Doping Organization*, and that *TUE* meets the criteria set out in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, then the FIE will recognize it. (See FIE Anti-Doping Rules for details).

**All other Fencers** (i.e. those who are not “International-Level Fencers”) must apply to their National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) for their TUEs.

NB. A *Fencer* should not assume that his/her *TUE* application will be granted. Any Use or Possession or Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method before an application has been granted is entirely at the *Fencer’s* own risk.

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<sup>#</sup> see the *Clean Sport* section of the FIE website: <http://fie.org/>