

# WHEREABOUTS

### **What are testing pools and why are whereabouts important for clean sport?**

Out-of-competition testing with no-advance notice is one of the most powerful means of deterrence and detection of doping. To support this type of testing, WCBS has created testing pools as part of its testing program.

Certain athletes in the WCBS testing pools, such as those in the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) are required to provide information on their whereabouts in ADAMS, WADA's online anti-doping administration and management system.

WCBS updates the composition of the testing pools (RTP) regularly. Athletes in the RTP are chosen based on set criteria.

### **How do athletes know they need to provide whereabouts?**

Athletes who need to provide whereabouts in ADAMS are notified by WCBS of their inclusion in a testing pool as well as what information exactly is required of them, how to use ADAMS, deadlines to submit this information and any consequences if the information required is not submitted.

### **What do RTP/TP athletes need to know?**

Should athletes have any query on ADAMS, such as how to submit whereabouts, please refer to the [ADAMS Help Center](#) or contact WCBS.

#### ***Tips for RTP/TP athletes***

- Set a calendar reminder of the key dates/deadlines to submit quarterly whereabouts information
- For RTP athletes only: Set an alarm for the start of the 60-minute time slot
- Be as specific as possible when submitting your whereabouts information
- Make modifications to your whereabouts information when changes occur
- If you have any doubts, please contact WCBS or use the [ADAMS Help Centre](#) if you require technical support with ADAMS
- Download the app [Athlete Central](#) in order to facilitate all the processes related to the whereabouts system
- Check the [WADA Q&A Whereabouts](#)
- Check the [At-a-Glance: Athlete Whereabouts](#)

### **What should athletes do if they wish to retire or return to competition after retiring?**

All WCBS athletes who decide to retire from competition must inform WCBS.

For RTP athletes, as soon as the retirement is officially confirmed to WCBS, the athlete will be withdrawn from WCBS' RTP with immediate effect. If an athlete wishes to resume competing, they will not be able to do so until they have given WCBS written notice of their intent to resume competition (i.e. by completing and sending a Return to Competition Form) and made themselves available for testing for a period of six months. Please consult Article 5.5 and 5.6 of the WCBS Anti-Doping Rules.