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2012 sports anti-doping Prohibited List announced

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has announced the 2012 Prohibited List which specifies the substances and methods prohibited in sport.

The new Prohibited List will replace the current list on 1 January 2012.

The major change to the 2012 List which will affect Australian athletes and support personnel is to inhaled formoterol.

In its announcement of the 2012 Prohibited List WADA advised that, "The List prohibits the administration of all beta-2 agonists except salbutamol (maximum 1600 micrograms over 24 hours), salmeterol when taken by inhalation, and now formoterol (maximum 36 micrograms taken over 24 hours)."

ASADA will be working closely with Australia's sporting organisations to help them explain this, and the other changes, to their athletes and support personnel.

ASADA will also be updating all its education and information resources by 1 January 2012 to ensure they reflect the new List.

WADA also has a monitoring program that focuses on substances which are not on the Prohibited List, but which it wishes to monitor in order to detect patterns of misuse in sport.

WADA has confirmed that in 2012 it will be monitoring the effects nicotine can have on performance when taken in oral tobacco products such as snus.

WADA stressed that it was not the Agency's intention to target smokers.

Further detailed information about the 2012 Prohibited List is available from the ASADA (www.asada.gov.au) or WADA (www.wada-ama.org) websites.

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