



Alcohol Breath Testing Protocol 2024-25

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OVERVIEW AND PRINCIPALS

Alcohol intoxication at sporting events is a matter of great concern, given the links between alcohol consumption, public disorder and violence. The Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP) is committed to promoting a positive image of pétanque and our championships and will not tolerate any form of abuse towards participants, officials or spectators. For several years, the CEP has been carrying out random breath tests for alcohol in its continuing effort to provide the best championship experience for all concerned.

This protocol is based on the recommendation issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and relates to the screening for alcohol in exhaled air. These controls are based on the risk of danger that the choice of alcohol represents, for the health of the individual and to ensure the safety of our championships. These controls are not part of the anti-doping controls.

The actual breathalyser tests are carried out by either a doctor or a Test Control Officer (TCO), appointed by the CEP Executive.

ROLLS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Testing Authority

The main activities are listed below, some of which may be performed by the CEP appointed doctor or delegated to the TCO.

PREPARATION

Team Notification

Establish a system for locating the selected team, planning the approach and timing of notification, and recording the details of the notification attempt(s) and outcome(s).

Establish criteria to validate the notified Player or Coach's identity.

Determine whether a third party is required for notification prior to notifying the team if the team includes players under the age of 18 or in situations where an interpreter is required.

Sample Collection

Establish criteria for authorising who may be present during the breathalyser testing session in addition to the Sample Collection Personnel.

Develop a system to ensure that documentation for each breathalyser test is completed and securely handled.

Ensure that documentation relating to a Breath Alcohol Test session is completed for each Breath Alcohol Test and stored securely.

On-site Preparation

Organise equipment, including all relevant documentation.

Organise and brief Sample Collection Personnel prior to or on arrival at the Testing Station, including team notification, chaperones, breath testing procedure.

Ensuring chaperones are trained to carry out relevant activities.

Assess and organise testing facilities.

CONTROL (TEST) PROCEDURE

Equipment

As a general rule, the following are to be made available:

- a. An approved Breath Alcohol Device.
- b. Preferably, a portable printer to display and provide a printout of the Breath Alcohol Device findings.
- c. Individually sealed mouthpieces.
- d. Scissors, pens and other applicable stationary.
- e. All Doping Control documentation.

Arrival at the Testing Control room

The team will be randomly selected by the doctor or the TCO.

The players and coach must present themselves at the designated control point without delay. They have the right to be accompanied by the head of their delegation.

They should be advised not to eat, drink or put anything (e.g. chewing gum) into their mouth prior to or during the breathalyser test.

One person, player or coach, shall be selected at random by the doctor or TCO.

Conduct of the Test

The selected individual should present photo ID to the doctor or TCO administering the test. The inability of the individual to provide photo ID will not invalidate the test.

The individual selected for a breathalyser test has the right to have a responsible representative present throughout the test and, if necessary, an interpreter. In the case of a junior being tested, the presence of a responsible representative is mandatory.

Prior to testing, the doctor or TCO shall ask the individual for testing if they have been tested before and if an explanation of the test procedure is required.

If the individual has not been tested before, or requests an explanation, the doctor or TCO shall explain the Breath Alcohol Testing procedure.

The individual for testing will have the choice between 3 sealed mouthpieces, at the minimum they will be asked to choose one.

Only the doctor or TCO shall handle and control the Breath Alcohol Device during the entire procedure and request the individual to blow firmly in the mouthpiece until the Breath Alcohol Device indicates that an adequate amount of breath has been obtained.

The doctor or TCO will show the result of the test as it is displayed.

Test Results

In order to continue participating in the championship, the player should not have a rate greater than or equal to 0.25mg of alcohol per litre of exhaled air.

In the event of a positive test, a confirmatory test will be carried out between 20 and 30 minutes immediately after the initial test. If the result of this confirmation test is below the permitted threshold, the player or coach may resume participation in the championship.

Any individual failing both tests will be immediately disqualified from the championship.

Refusal to submit to testing or failure to provide an adequate exhaled breath sample will be considered a positive control resulting in the individual's immediate disqualification from the Championship.

The results of all tests will be retained by the doctor or TCO to then be communicated to the CEP.

Any individual disqualified from the championships will be the subject of a report to their respective federation which may result in further disciplinary action.



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