

# Athletes Whereabouts

## What are Whereabouts?

Whereabouts are information provided by a limited number of top elite Athletes about their location to the International Sport Federation (IF) or National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) that included them in their respective Registered Testing Pool (RTP) as part of these top elite Athletes' Anti-Doping responsibilities.

## Why are Whereabouts important for clean sport?

The Whereabouts Program prevents dopers from evading to be tested. Because Out-of-competition Doping Controls can be conducted without notice to Athletes, they are one of the most powerful means of deterrence and detection of Doping and are an important step in strengthening Athlete and public confidence in doping-free sport. Accurate Whereabouts information is crucial to ensure efficiency of the Anti-Doping programs, which are designed to protect the integrity of sport and to protect clean Athletes.

## Who has to provide Whereabouts?

An Athlete identified in the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) by the FIVB is required to provide accurate and current Whereabouts information via an online system called ADAMS.

The FIVB has established two different RTPs, one for Beach Volleyball and one for Volleyball. The RTP for Beach Volleyball consists of individual Athletes, chosen according to the FIVB World Tour Ranking, which are required to file individual Whereabouts on a quarterly basis for the entire year.

The RTP for Volleyball includes all Teams participating in FIVB competitions. Here Team Whereabouts starting 6 weeks prior to the respective competitions have to be provided.

It is the National Federation/Team Manager responsibility to ensure that Team Whereabouts (including your individual ones if not with the team) are received by the FIVB through ADAMS. Nonetheless, you might be investigated for a Failing Failure if you fail to be located for testing.

## Requirements for Whereabouts submissions

1. 365 days – Submit your Whereabouts 365 days a year.
2. Deadline – Submit your Whereabouts on a quarterly basis. The deadlines for submission are 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December of each year.
3. 60-minute time slot – Specify 60 minutes each day (between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.) during which you can be located at a specified location for testing. [Please note, drug testing is not limited to the specified 60-minutes time slot.]
4. Daily residence – Provide the full address (including house number and postal code) of the place where you will be staying overnight for each day.
5. Other requirements – Provide training and competition information, as well as an overview of regular activities.
6. Update – Update any change of your Whereabouts filing to ensure that the submitted Whereabouts information is accurate and complete.

**Note:** You can update your 60-minute time-slot and your Whereabouts at all times before the start of the time-slot online via ADAMS or also via text messaging service (SMS) once the functioning is installed

### Consequences of not submitting and maintaining complete and accurate Whereabouts Filing

Any combination of three Filing Failures (not submitting Whereabouts or submitting incomplete Whereabouts) and/or Missed Tests committed within an 18-month period (no matter if FIVB or any other Anti-Doping Organization) shall constitute an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV). The sanction should be two years where all three Filing Failures or Missed Tests are inexcusable. Otherwise, the sanction shall be assessed in the range of two year to one year, based on the circumstances of each case.

### Athletes rights in relation to the Whereabouts requirements

Athletes have the opportunity to provide a reason for any apparent Filing Failure/Missed Test. If the excuse is accepted, the mistake will not be recognized as a Filing Failure/Missed Test.

Below table illustrates a potential scenario of accumulated Filing Failures and Missed Tests within an 18-month period:

**Calculating the 18-Month Period**

<b>2010</b>			<b>2011</b>		
January ✓	February ✗	March	January	February ✓	March
April ✓	May	June	April	May	June ✗
July	August	September ✓	July	August	September
✗	November	December	October	November	December

Test completed

Missed test

Filing Failure

SUSPENDED

**Note:** You are requested to file Whereabouts until you receive written notice from the FIVB that you are no longer included in the RTP (i.e. because of retirement). Should you want to retire from international competitions, you have to inform the FIVB in writing. An **FIVB Athlete Retirement Form** for this purpose has been created and is downloadable from the medical section on the FIVB website. Please fill it out, sign it and send it back to the FIVB.

Please be aware, that should you wish to compete again after retiring you have to notify the FIVB 12 month before the first competition you wish to take part in and that you shall make yourself available for unannounced Out-of-competition Testing, including (if requested) complying with Whereabouts requirements.