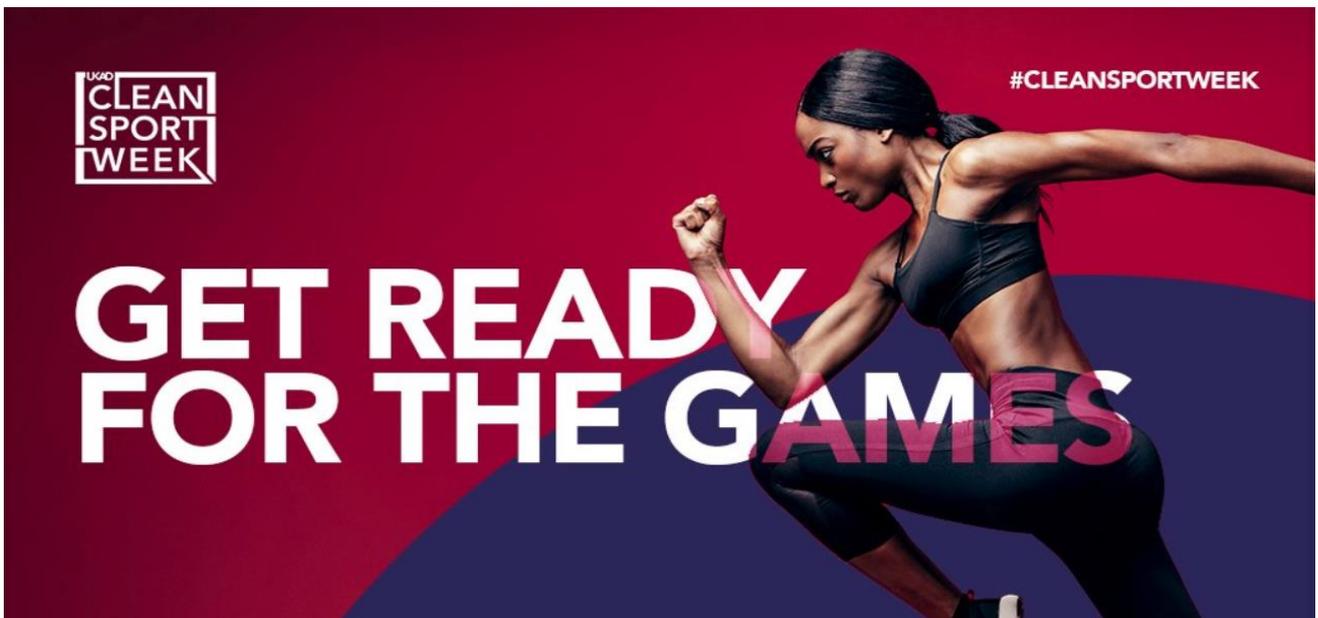




British Handball Association Annual Anti-Doping Activity Report 2020-21 Season



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1. Overview

This report covers the anti-doping activities of the British Handball Association (BHA) during the 2020-21 season.

Due to the Covid restrictions, and with the GB handball teams not qualified for Tokyo 2020, there were very limited training activities for the GB teams or pathway activities of the England (EHA) and Scottish (SHA) handball associations, and no domestic leagues. Only the EHA National Academy, based at Loughborough University was able to maintain a continuous programme. The GB teams held occasional training camps, when restrictions were lifted, but in many cases subsequent restrictions prevented a continuous programme.

Nevertheless as part of the EHA National Academy programmes, players were provided some anti-doping training, while the BHA has been busy working on the requirements of UKAD's new Assurance Framework. The BHA also participated in the UKAD Clean Sport week in May 2021.

2. Education

Due to the impact of the Covid restrictions on indoor training and travel, the GB teams meeting on only a handful of occasions and without any of their foreign-based players, therefore there was little education activity with the national team.

We are working with our Anti-Doping lead and UKAD to develop online training modules for players as ASPs and will work this in tandem with the education already being provided on the EHA Regional Academy. We also plan to have face-to-face sessions with the squads, using UKAD qualified educators from within our organisation.

Following the launch of the new UKAD Assurance Framework, BHA and EHA have been working together to develop online training for all modules, using the existing EHA system. Many of the GB players come through the EHA and SHA Academies. Currently the EHA already provides training across the syllabus, while the SHA is putting together an anti-doping education plan. Players who do not receive training via the Academies or are overseas based, will be given online modules to attend.

The EHA and SHA will maintain training records for players on their programme, but we are looking at a system to centralise all the training records for GB players.

3. Communication

Website

The BHA website has been updated to include an Anti-Doping section, which features links to the International (IHF) and European Handball federation anti-doping pages, the Prohibited list, Global DRO, TUEs, 100% me, as well as information on how to report any violations.

Prohibited List and TUE communications

BHA has sent UKAD updates to all its coaches and support staff during the season, including the World Anti-Doping Code changes and 2021 Prohibited list update on 17 November 2020, and more recently the 2022 Prohibited List update and changes to TUE policy on 8 October 2021.

Pro-active communications

BHA has taken part in the UKAD Clean Sport week campaign for the past three years. We were again active in 2021, promoting Clean Sport Week activities on social media.



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Keep up to date with your anti-doping rights and responsibilities, and avoid a ban from sport.... See More



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Join @ukantidoping's Clean Sport Week webinar: "Sport and its post-pandemic landscape" with Nick Pontefract @sport_england on Wednesday 26 May 1pm #CleanSportWeek.
Register here: <https://bit.ly/3tILWv>



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It's @ukantidoping's annual #CleanSportWeek!
As sport slowly returns this summer, we're flying the flag for clean competition – will you join us as we get ready for the Games?
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UK Anti-Doping @ukantidoping · May 26
Our #CleanSportWeek webinar, "Sport and its post-pandemic landscape" has just kicked off! 🙌

We will be posting the key themes of the webinar in this thread, so keep an eye out if you weren't able to attend.



4. Testing

With no international competition or training for the GB teams this year, none of the players were tested by the EHF/IHF at official championships, as would normally happen, or at training camps. However, the IHF/EHF always retain the right to arrange random testing at any handball session in the UK.

We can report that the GB senior and age group squads have taken part in 12 official IHF/EHF competitions since 2015, when regular testing will have taken place at each competition, and there have been no Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) by a BHA member during this time.