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# Exclusive: La Liga President claims doping is not a "big concern" in Spanish football

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Doping does not exist in Spanish football and it is not a "big concern" for La Liga, President Javier Tebas claimed despite last month's revelations of a lack of sanctioned drug testing within the league.

Tebas told *insidethegames* here at SPORTELAmerica that La Liga, considered one of the leading sports leagues in the world, had "other problems and doping is not one of them".

The 54-year-old, who has been the league's President since 2013, insisted their anti-doping procedures would improve and the issues would be rectified after the Spanish Agency for Health Protection in Sport (AEPSAD) regained compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) earlier this month.

In February, news emerged that there had not been any sanctioned anti-doping tests conducted on players in Spain's top flight since the AEPSAD was declared non-compliant by WADA in March 2016.

AEPSAD claimed there had been 57 tests conducted this season from 457 matches in the top two divisions.

But the issue sparked widespread concern on the anti-doping methods in La Liga, which attracts some of the world's best players, including Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo and FC Barcelona star Lionel Messi.

Fears have been allayed since after the AEPSAD regained compliance as a result of the Spanish Council of Ministers adopted a "Royal Decree-Law", the content of which is in line with the Code.

This has allowed elements of the Code to be incorporated into Spanish legislation.

However, in accordance with relevant Government procedures brought to the attention of WADA by the AEPSAD, the "decree-law" still has to be formally ratified by the Spanish Parliament within one month from the date of its adoption.

If it is not, the AEPSAD will automatically revert to being non-compliant.

"There was no agreement between the Spanish Government and the Anti-Doping Agency," Tebas said here.

"So there was nothing much that La Liga could do.

"Of course, there is no doping in football.

"Now they have reached the agreement, things will improve and will move forward.



February's revelations that there had not been any valid drug testing in La Liga in nearly a year sparked concern over their anti-doping procedures ©Getty Images

"In the last few years, when there was testing going on, there were only three cases.

"In 10,000 or so matches, there were only three players who tested positive.

"So it is not a big concern for us in Spanish football, we've got other problems but doping isn't one of them.

"We've had some financial problems affecting some of the clubs and we have had some issues with match-fixing but not doping."

WADA declared Spain non-compliant after they failed to meet a deadline for required changes to their drug-testing procedures amid a political impasse.

The country had no functioning Government until November, meaning it could not alter its anti-doping procedures.

WADA had declared the Madrid Anti-Doping Laboratory non-compliant in June last year.

As a result, AEPSAD asked UEFA and FIFA to help ensure valid testing was being carried out in La Liga and in the Copa Del Rey, Spain's premier domestic cup competition.

AEPSAD were under the impression the International Federation (IF) - FIFA - or UEFA would step in to assist with drug-testing in the Spanish game.

However, both organisations declined "on the understanding that FIFA were limited to international football, while UEFA felt that they were limited to football clubs participating in UEFA competitions".

"Therefore, no agreement was signed and no IF would assume the responsibility for anti-doping tests in Spanish football," an AEPSAD statement on the issue said.

<http://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1048137/exclusive-la-liga-president-claims-doping-is-not-a-big-concern-in-spanish-football>

# EL PERIÓDICO DE ARAGÓN

FERRERUELA DE HUERVA

## Detenido con más de 200 pastillas anabolizantes

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La Guardia Civil detuvo el pasado domingo en la A-23 en Ferreruela de Huerva (Teruel) a un hombre que llevaba en su coche 209 pastillas de sustancias anabolizantes, 22 gramos de cocaína y 6,37 kilos de marihuana.

La detención se llevó a cabo después de que agentes del puesto de Calamocha vieran cómo un vehículo realizaba maniobras extrañas. Siguiendo el protocolo de identificación dieron el alto al vehículo y al interrogar al conductor vieron que éste no daba datos concretos sobre su procedencia y destino.

Además, se mostraba nervioso y todo eso hizo sospechar a los agentes que decidieron realizar una inspección al vehículo. Observaron entonces una maleta y al abrirla comprobaron que había dos paquetes de marihuana. Luego, en un registro más exhaustivo hallaron el resto de sustancias estupefacientes. En concreto, encontraron un bolsa de plástico con 22 gramos de cocaína, 99 pastillas de Stanolic, 50 de Clembuterol y 60 de Liothyronine. Se procedió entonces a la detención de J.J.C.B., de nacionalidad española, acusado de un presunto delito de tráfico de drogas.

[http://www.elperiodicodearagon.com/noticias/aragon/detenido-mas-200-pastillas-anabolizantes\\_1188145.html](http://www.elperiodicodearagon.com/noticias/aragon/detenido-mas-200-pastillas-anabolizantes_1188145.html)

# LA VANGUARDIA

POLIDEPORTIVO DOPAJE

## Ciudadanos pregunta por contrato AEPSAD con empresa para asesoría y limpieza

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Madrid, 15 mar (EFE).- El grupo parlamentario Ciudadanos formuló una pregunta al Gobierno sobre el contrato de asesoría jurídica suscrito por la Agencia Española de Protección de la Salud en el Deporte (AEPSAD) en 2015 con una empresa con la que en 2013 había firmado otro para la limpieza de los locales del organismo.

La pregunta, para la que se solicita respuesta escrita, señala en su exposición de motivos que la AEPSAD, el 8 de junio de 2015, adjudicó, por el procedimiento negociado y sin publicidad, un contrato cuyo objeto era la asistencia técnica de consultoría jurídica para la agencia por plazo de un año y un importe de 48.712,40 euros.

En la misma indica que "resulta, cuanto menos curioso que, con fecha 26 de diciembre de 2013 se le adjudicara a la misma empresa, Servicios Profesionales y Proyectos SL, un contrato cuyo objeto es la limpieza de los locales de la sede de la agencia por un importe de 31.562,48 euros".

"Objeto que no tiene nada que ver con la asistencia técnica de consultoría jurídica", afirma Ciudadanos, que añade que en el objeto social de la citada empresa adjudicataria "no se encuentra ni la prestación de servicios jurídicos, ni la prestación de servicios de limpieza", según consta en el Registro Mercantil.

Ciudadanos agrega que el objeto social que consta en éste "la prestación de servicios profesionales a terceras personas, físicas o jurídicas, referidos a los siguientes campos; informática, selección de personal, transcripción mecanográfica o a través de procesadores de texto".EFE

<http://www.lavanguardia.com/deportes/20170315/42903776649/ciudadanos-pregunta-por-contrato-aepsad-con-empresa-para-asesoria-y-limpieza.html>

# W Radio

## Comité Deportistas de AMA pide carta que reconozca sus derechos

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En un comunicado hecho público por el Comité tras el grupo de trabajo en el simposio de la AMA en Lausana, la presidenta de este foro, Beckie Scott, aseguró que "los deportistas están frustrados y piden que se respeten sus derechos respecto a la limpieza y se reconozca y respete el deporte limpio".

Scott, que se refirió a los escándalos de dopaje desvelados este año en los informes Pound y McLaren, se mostró muy satisfecha por la reacción positiva del grupo de atletas asistentes ante esta propuesta, a la que se dará "la máxima prioridad".

La sesión permitió que los participantes coincidieran en la necesidad de que la carta abarque también otros derechos como el de competir en igualdad de condiciones, el acceso a la educación, la protección de su privacidad o la representación legal. EFE

<http://www.wradio.com.co/noticias/deportes/comite-deportistas-de-ama-pide-carta-que-reconozca-sus-derechos/20170315/nota/3409066.aspx>



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## The Athlete Voice, Compliance and Whistleblowing take centre stage at WADA Annual Symposium

WADA Athlete Committee proposes development of Charter of Athlete Rights and commits to hosting a Global Athlete Anti-Doping Forum in 2018.

Lausanne, 15 March 2017: The Athlete voice, compliance and whistleblowing were three leading themes to emerge from the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA's) 13th Annual Symposium held this week at the SwissTech Convention Center (STCC) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Convened from 13-15 March under the theme '*Tackling our Challenges and Strengthening the Future of Clean Sport*', the Agency welcomed a record delegation of over 740 delegates from around the world.

The Symposium, which is widely recognized as the leading fixture on the anti-doping calendar, attracted anti-doping experts from International Sport Federations (IFs), National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs), Regional Anti-Doping Organizations (RADOs), Major Event Organizers (MEOs), National Olympic Committees (NOCs), WADA-accredited laboratories and, for the first time, government representatives; as well as, more than 90 international media.

In particular, the three-day Symposium resulted in delegate support for:

- WADA's enhanced compliance monitoring program and implementation of graded and meaningful sanctions for non-compliance that will further enhance athletes' confidence in clean sport.
- The Agency's enhanced investigations and whistleblower program, which through WADA's new [Speak Up!](#) Program will encourage athletes and others to come forward within a safe and confidential environment.

- The Athletes' call for development of a Charter of Athlete Rights and Responsibilities; and, convening of a Global Athlete Anti-Doping Forum in 2018 to further capture the voice of clean athletes.
- All stakeholders to work together in a constructive and cooperative manner towards the common goal of clean sport.

WADA President, Sir Craig Reddie, opened the Symposium by reflecting on 2016, which all would agree was a tumultuous period for anti-doping and sport; and, reminding participants of the stakeholder consensus reached during the Agency's November 2016 [Foundation Board](#). "The Board reached consensus on a series of recommendations related to compliance, whistleblowing, governance, WADA-accredited laboratories, IT security and more – all that will strengthen and empower WADA to be fit for the future and able to protect the rights of clean athletes worldwide." "Suffice to say that, in order for WADA to fulfill what's expected and deserved by clean athletes, as the Leader of Clean Sport, the Agency must secure funding that is well beyond its current USD 30 million annual budget – a matter that is being explored."

The Athlete voice was well represented during the Symposium; in particular, due to the attendance of over 25 WADA Athlete Committee Members and IF and NADO Athlete Committee Chairs. Recalling a challenging 2016, and referencing the many appeals by athletes that their rights be recognized and protected vis-à-vis clean sport, WADA's Athlete Committee Chair, Beckie Scott, [proposed](#) development of a Charter of Athlete Rights and Responsibilities. The proposed Charter, which would involve significant stakeholder consultation before being signed on to by athletes, and ratified by anti-doping organizations worldwide, could include such elements as: access to education, privacy protection and legal representation. The Athlete Committee also proposed a separate Call to Action, which would identify and address the top athlete concerns as a priority, i.e. the need for increased education, trust, resourcing and compliance by ADOs. "I'm very excited by the lively conversation and the positive reaction that we received," said Scott. "It's a clear endorsement by this representative group that our proposal is critically important; and that, through stakeholder consultation, we can develop a powerful instrument that will address the athletes' call that their rights be protected."

To fully embrace the athlete voice, the Athlete Committee also committed to convene a Global Athlete Forum in 2018, which would be hosted by WADA and would be the first gathering of its kind related to anti-doping.

Olivier Niggli took to the stage and said, "Compliance is the key priority for the anti-doping community in the months and years ahead." "The message is loud and clear, if we are to further strengthen our efforts to protect clean sport, we must work together more constructively; we must involve and embrace the voice of the athletes; and, we must encourage and protect whistleblowers." Niggli then elaborated on WADA's additional priorities for 2017, which include: further developing the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Program and scientific-based knowledge; increasing research-led anti-doping education; working with all stakeholders to enhance anti-doping capacity; managing the outcomes of the McLaren Investigation that exposed institutionalized manipulation of the anti-doping control process in Russia; and, supporting the Russian Anti-Doping Agency's (RUSADA) in their return to compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code (Code). On the topic of Russia, he then updated participants regarding Russia and emphasized that "Russia must take the lead in rebuilding a credible and autonomous anti-doping program. There has been limited progress and there is still much work to be done in order for RUSADA to regain compliance."

Participants then heard from Russia's Minister of Sport, Pavel Kolobkov, who provided an update on anti-doping activities in Russia; including acknowledging deficits with the program.

Professor Richard McLaren then presented lessons learned from his independent investigation and reminded delegates that his independent investigation was to confirm the existence of institutionalized manipulation of the doping control process in Russia and not to prove individual anti-doping rule violations.

Also on day one, Vice President, Linda Hofstad Helleland, along with WADA Athlete Committee Members, launched the Agency's new Athlete Outreach [campaign](#) that will be leveraged by the Agency at international sporting events to further engage athletes on the topic of anti-doping.

To end day one, delegates were captivated by an on-stage interview with British cyclist, and former whistleblower, Toby Atkins; and, finally, a presentation by the Agency's Director, Intelligence and Investigations, Gunter Younger, regarding the Agency's new Whistleblowing Program and Policy; as well as, its newly launched digital platform to report doping violations, [Speak Up!](#)

The remainder of the Symposium featured engaging sessions; such as: Strengthening ADOs independence; Engaging athletes in the anti-doping process; Exploring additional sources of funding for ADOs; Should sports and countries police themselves in the field of anti-doping debate?; Improving education programs through social science research; Building a strong doping risk assessment and testing program; Optimizing Therapeutic Use Exemption management; WADA's compliance questionnaire monitoring process; Stimulating partnerships – government and sport; Stimulating collaboration – ADOs and laboratories; and, Improving ADO effectiveness in the Results Management process.

<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/media/news/2017-03/the-athlete-voice-compliance-and-whistleblowing-take-centre-stage-at-wada-annual>