2020 IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program Statistics

As with all global sport, the IRONMAN Group and the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program ("IRONMAN ADP") adapted its efforts to the changing realities of the COVID-19 Pandemic throughout 2020.

The program experienced a break in testing during the first several months of the pandemic. Ongoing challenges including various national restrictions, necessary safety measures for both athletes and sample collection personnel, as well as the ongoing cancellations and changes to the IRONMAN and IRONMAN 70.3 event schedules, significantly impacted the capacity and overall testing numbers. Also significantly impacting the scope of the 2020 IRONMAN ADP was the disruption to the IRONMAN World Championship qualifying events and eventual postponement of both World Championship events.

The IRONMAN ADP focused on the collaboration and coordination with National Anti-Doping organizations to monitor athletes and to ensuring a targeted analytical approach was applied to all testing that could be accomplished.

Under the jurisdiction of the IRONMAN ADP 124 samples were collected and analyzed in 2020. Of those samples, 40 were collected in-competition and 84 were collected out-of-competition (OOC).

To the extent possible, the IRONMAN ADP continued the important focus on the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP), conducted in conformance with the WADA Athlete Biological Passport Operating Guidelines. The IRONMAN ADP’s collection of ABP blood samples was limited to 42 OOC samples.

The IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program works with the Salt Lake Medicine Research and Technology Laboratory (SMRTL), in its capacity as the programs designated Athlete Passport Management Unit, to provide scientific oversight. The IRONMAN ADP’s comprehensive testing program coordinates planning, intelligence, and results with key Anti-Doping Agencies Worldwide. This collaboration is critical to successful and strategic deterrence and detection as well as to minimizing the duplication of efforts. The IRONMAN ADP utilizes the ADAMS (Anti-Doping Administration and Management System) for management of its testing program, ABP and Athlete Whereabouts and to ensure transparency and WADA’s ongoing monitoring of reporting and results.

The WADA Anti-Doping Testing Figures reports should be consulted for detailed testing statistics pertaining to the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program and worldwide anti-doping efforts in IRONMAN and the sport of triathlon.

Additional information regarding the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program is available at ironman.com.