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To all Branch Chiefs and Persons in Charge of countries participating in the 5th World KUDO Championships

**About Anti-Doping Testings at the 5th World KUDO Championships**

KIF being a member organization of WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) since 2014, we have since then been promoting anti-doping activities in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code.**In accordance to the KIF Anti-Doping Rules (\*),anti-doping controls will be conducted at the 2018 Hokutoki / 5th World KUDO Championships.**We invite you to pay close attention to the following points both during your preparation and during the tournament.

１．As per the World Anti-Doping Rules, athletes participating in a tournament where anti-doping controls are conducted are deemed to have agreed to being subjected to these controls.　Any participant to a tournament where anti-doping controls are conducted may be subjected to control.

２．In case of refusal or avoidance to submit to testing, not following the instruction of the person in charge of testing, or if due to personal circumstances such as travel arrangements the control procedure cannot be completed, it will be considered a violation of the anti-doping code. Even constraints due to flight or train schedule are not acceptable reason not to submit to testing. In particular, athletes intending to travel on the day of the tournament are invited to buffer in sufficient time for a potential anti-doping control, or to ensure their tickets are modifiable.

３．Athletes requiring a Therapeutic Usage Exemption (TUE) (\*) must follow the relevant procedure as mentioned on the webpage.TUE allows, under certain conditions, the usage of otherwise prohibited substances when their use is absolutely necessary for the treatment of disease.　If the use of prohibited substances is necessary for medical reasons, it is mandatory to apply for a TUE beforehand. The TUE application process is described on KIF’s webpage.

\*KIFAnti-Doping Code：<http://www.ku-do.com/eng/ad/img/anti-doping-code.pdf.pdf>

\*TUE：<http://ku-do.com/wp/therapeuticuse-exemptions-tue-application-form/>

４．Athletes contacted by KIF to register their whereabout information may be subjected to Out Of Competition Testing (OOCT) on the basis of the details provided. It is therefore essential that they provide accurate information.

It is a sometime held misconception that doping is the individual responsibility of the athlete. However, especially for an organization such as KIF which is seen as newly implementing anti-doping measures, negligence in this domain my have dire consequences for our future.It is therefore the responsibility of National Federations to actively promote education and awareness to keep our sport doping-free.We ask all National Federation to work on education and awareness, first for the athletes, but also for their coaches and staff.

We expect all athletes to keep in mind that they are representing their countries and to take pride in the fact they will be competing with the world’s top athletes under the same rules, proving and promoting the spirit of fair play through their strict abidance by the world anti-doping rules.

Please refer as well to the other material enclosed. Each Branch Chief or person in charge is responsible to ensure explanation and relevant materials are provided to the athletes, together with the necessary guidance. In particular, please ensure that items 3 and 4 are provided/returned by the due date

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| Enclosed Documents List |  |
| 1. Cover Letter and Enclosed Documents List |  |
| 2. Explanation on TUE |  |
| 3. Checklist（to be returned by August 31 by the Branch Chief / Person in Charge at info@ku-do.com　） | Submission required |
| 4. Reference MAterial：Play True Book（by JADA） |  |

Please also refer to the following links

WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) Website: <https://www.wada-ama.org/>

KIF (Kudo International Federation) Website: <http://ku-do.com/wp/> (See the Anti-doping Information Section in the right column)

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