

Questions & Answers

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What is ADAMS?

ADAMS stands for Anti-Doping Administration & Management System.

ADAMS is a web-based database management tool to assist stakeholders and WADA in their anti-doping operations. ADAMS is a system for data entry and storage, data sharing and reporting which allows athletes and anti-doping organizations to fulfill their responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Code.

ADAMS supports the key anti-doping areas of test result information; result management, administration of Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs), athlete whereabouts information, and test distribution planning.

All data in ADAMS is stored in a highly secure environment, and access is carefully controlled to ensure that data is available to relevant parties only.

Who can use the ADAMS System?

The following persons/organizations will be users of ADAMS:

- Athletes
- National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADO)
- International Federations (IF)
- National Federations (NF)
- Major Games Organizations (MGO)
- World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)
- WADA-accredited laboratories

How can ADAMS benefit my organization's anti-doping activities?

ADAMS is a global database which will enable organizations to meet the requirements for the administration of anti-doping activities and information-sharing under the World Anti-Doping Code.

It is an effective tool to help facilitate the administration of anti-doping operations for organizations who:

- are looking to implement a management solution that is both time and cost-effective for the administration of its day-to-day anti-doping operations;
- want to actively promote and participate in the effective global management of information sharing;
- would like to use particular modules to either complement existing systems or use as an integrated solution based on organizational needs. Modules include: results management; TUE management, athlete whereabouts, doping control and test distribution planning.

What are ADAMS' core functionalities?



ADAMS web-based functionality can be separated into four distinct core areas:

- 1. Athlete Whereabouts platform provides organizations with the functionality to:**
 - collect athlete whereabouts information by allowing easy-to-use on-line whereabouts submissions by athletes or athlete-designated third parties;
 - monitor failure to provide adequate or accurate information;
 - send notifications directly to athletes as necessary;
 - make information accessible to other relevant organizations;
 - track all modifications made in the system; and
 - conduct searches and print reports.
- 2. TUE Management platform allows for:**
 - on-line submission of TUE requests (signed application still required);
 - on-line management of TUE requests;
 - notification to athlete of receipt of abbreviated TUE;
 - notification to athlete of denial of TUE;
 - provision of TUE certificate to athlete;
 - on-line notification to relevant parties of TUE expiry/change of status;
 - sharing of TUE information with all relevant parties; and
 - linking of valid TUEs to Adverse Analytical Findings (AAF).
- 3. Clearing House platform provides functionality in the following areas:**
 - entry and sharing of doping control data for in and out-of-competition testing;
 - entry and sharing of laboratory results;
 - sharing of information on TUEs;
 - sharing of information on Adverse Analytical Findings (AAF) and other Anti-Doping Rule violations (ADRV);
 - matching of doping control data and laboratory results;
 - making information available to relevant parties within the framework of the Code; and
 - generating statistical reports for public disclosure.
- 4. Doping Control platform provides functionality to manage and operate a doping control program both in-competition and out-of competition which includes the following:**
 - management of Registered Testing Pool (RTP);
 - creation of a Test Distribution Plan (TDP);
 - athlete selection;
 - creating and issuing Mission Orders;
 - data entry of tests conducted;
 - results management, including hearing/sanction/appeal processes; and
 - creation of detailed athlete profile and test histories.

How secure is the data in ADAMS?

The ADAMS system will be hosted in two highly protected data centers using the same type of security provisions as banking applications.

Security is based on pre-determined roles and business rules.

- Data will only be available to those organizations with authorization in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Program (WADA/NADO/IF/Lab/MGO), and access rights will be explicitly granted.

- Users (NFs/Athletes/Athlete agents/core Administration staff) will be granted controlled access by their respective organization.
- Only those areas relevant to the specific user will be viewable.

We are an Anti-Doping Organization (ADO) with an existing doping control database; how can ADAMS benefit us?

ADAMS is a fully integrated system with modular capacity. As a result, an ADO which has an existing system, can pick and choose which modules/platforms they wish to complement their current system. An extensive import/export feature has been built into ADAMS to facilitate data transfer.

When will ADAMS be available for use by my organization?

A secure system will be ready for use in May 2005 and will be made available to stakeholders in a phased approach. We hope that the system will be widely available by the end of 2005. If you wish to be involved earlier, however, please contact WADA.

Will my organization need specific technological requirements to use ADAMS?

ADAMS was purposely designed as an internet-based tool to enable the majority of anti-doping organizations to use the system with little, or no change to their existing information technology framework. For performance, an organization will require high speed internet (DSL, ADSL, ...) and a system with one of the following browsers: (1) Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.5 SP2 or greater, (2) Netscape version 7.0+, (3) Mozilla Firefox version 1.01+. Support of 128 bit-SSL is also required. For PCs running Windows, Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher is recommended. Access through LINUX and MAC OS is also possible. For athletes, the system will work through a dial-up connection. If you want to attach documents, a scanner will be required.

How much training will be required to use ADAMS?

Training will normally take place over two days. In addition, an on-line training mechanism will be in place to help support users.

Who will be responsible for training on ADAMS?

WADA or its representatives will train one staff member from each organization who will have the responsibility to share knowledge of the system with members within their organization.

Will my organization be required to invest any financial resources in implementing ADAMS?

ADAMS will be made available to organizations in English and French at no cost. Users will be responsible for the communication costs (including communication with the help desk when required), database translation (other than English and French) and local technology infrastructure.

What kind of technical support will my organization receive to implement ADAMS and for how long will this technical support be made available?

WADA will assist to make sure the system is operational. Helpdesk support will initially be available 24 hours, 5 days a week. Eventually, it is anticipated that this will change to include support 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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