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**WCBS Anti – Doping Committee regulation regarding the use of medical cannabis
for wheelchair athletes.**

Medical Cannabis is nowadays an accepted therapy treatment for different disease patterns but clearly conflicts with the WADA-Code.

WADA rules say that the respective World Body of the sports would issue a TUE's if the national ADOs are not in charge.

Nowadays, TUE is required if a sport is listed <https://www.asada.gov.au/advance-tue>.

Billiards is not listed so retroactive TUE is sufficient.

Where an athlete does not belong to any national testing pool, a TUE is not necessary for the athlete for national competitions.

Athletes who are not members of a registered testing-pool but wish to participate in any national sport event are not required to apply for a TUE in advance. They are obliged, though, to carry a current medical certificate issued by their treating medical specialist. In case of a doping control at national competitions, athletes who are not members of a testing-pool need to hand a copy of this medical certificate to the DCO. The certificates are checked for formal and therapeutic correctness. In cases of the use of non-specified prohibited substances or prohibited methods, the athletes are required to apply to the WCBS Anti-Doping Committee for a retro-active TUE after the doping control. As cannabis is a specified prohibited substance, a medical certificate issued by a medical specialist that states the therapeutic need for the medication would be required.

Regarding cannabis, the THC level permitted in urinalysis has been increased and is now considered as doping violation if 175 µ/L, instead of 15 previously.

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