



Whereabouts

What are testing pools and why are whereabouts important for clean sport?

Out-of-competition testing with no-advance notice is one of the most powerful means of deterrence and detection of doping. To support this type of testing, International Basque Pelota Federation has created testing pools as part of its testing program.

Certain athletes in the International Basque Pelota Federation testing pools, such as those in the Testing Pool (TP), are required to provide information on their whereabouts in ADAMS, WADA's online anti-doping administration and management system.

The International Basque Pelota Federation updates the composition of the testing pools (RTP *and* TP) regularly/at least yearly. Athletes in the RTP are chosen based on set criteria.

How do athletes know they need to provide whereabouts?

Athletes who need to provide whereabouts in ADAMS are notified by the International Basque Pelota Federation of their inclusion in a testing pool as well as what information exactly is required of them, how to use ADAMS, deadlines to submit this information and any consequences if the information required is not submitted.

What do RTP/TP athletes need to know?

As an athlete included in the international federation's Testing Pool, you are required to provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information for the next three months, including a daily 60-minute time slot during which you must be available for no-advance-notice doping control testing. You must maintain this information through the WADA ADAMS system and notify any changes at least 24 hours in advance. Failure to comply with these whereabouts obligations may result in a whereabouts failure, and three such failures within a 12-month period constitute an anti-doping rule violation punishable by up to two years of ineligibility.

You are responsible for being available for testing at any time and place, keeping your contact details current, and ensuring you understand the testing procedures and your rights during the process. During sample collection, you have the right to have a representative present, request modification of the procedure if you are a minor or have a disability, and receive copies of all documentation. You must remain under direct observation of the doping control officer from notification until sample provision is complete.

Testing may occur in-competition or out-of-competition, including at your residence, training venues, or any location specified in your whereabouts filing. You are required to provide a urine sample and, if selected, a blood sample. Refusal or failure to submit to sample collection constitutes a serious anti-doping rule violation.

Should athletes have any query on ADAMS, such as how to submit whereabouts, please refer to the [ADAMS Help Center](#) or beatriz@fipv.net

Tips for RTP/TP athletes

- Set a calendar reminder of the key dates/deadlines to submit quarterly whereabouts information

- For RTP athletes only: Set an alarm for the start of the 60-minute time slot
- Be as specific as possible when submitting your whereabouts information
- Make modifications to your whereabouts information when changes occur
- If you have any doubts, please contact beatriz@fipv.net or use the [ADAMS Help Centre](#) if you require technical support with ADAMS
- Download the app [Athlete Central](#) in order to facilitate all the processes related to the whereabouts system
- Check the [WADA Q&A Whereabouts](#)
- Check the [At-a-Glance: Athlete Whereabouts](#)

What should athletes do if they wish to retire or return to competition after retiring?

All International Basque Pelota Federation -licensed athletes who decide to retire from competition must inform the International Basque Pelota "you have forms available to notify your decision to withdraw/retire, in case of difficulties please contact beatriz@fipv.net

For RTP athletes, as soon as retirement is officially confirmed to the International Basque Pelota Federation, the athlete will be withdrawn from the International Basque Pelota Federations RTP with immediate effect. If an athlete wishes to resume competing, they will not be able to do so until they have given the International Basque Pelota Federation written notice of their intent to resume competition (i.e. by completing and sending a Return to Competition Form) and made themselves available for testing for a period of six months. Please consult Article 5.6 of the International Basque Pelota Federation Anti-Doping Rules.