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# RETURN TO COMPETITION POLICY

**International-Level Athletes**

1. An Athlete who has been identified by FIBA for inclusion in its Registered Testing Pool shall be subject to FIBA’s retirement and return to Competition requirements, to the exclusion of Article 3.
2. Athletes wishing to retire should contact Basketball England to determine if they are in FIBA’s Registered Testing Pool and therefore are required to follow FIBAs procedures.

BE shall immediately notify UKAD of the retirement or reinstatement of any Athlete in FIBA’s Registered Testing Pool and provide copies of the correspondence from FIBA confirming this retirement/reinstatement.

**National-Level Athletes**

1. Athletes in UKAD’s Registered Testing Pool or Domestic Testing Pool shall be subject to the following requirements:
2. An Athlete who wants to retire from Competition must do so by notifying BE by fully completing and forwarding to BE the Basketball England “RETIREMENT NOTIFICATION FORM”. Retirement notifications that are not fully completed will not be accepted and will be returned to the Athlete. An Athlete's retirement date will be the date BE receives the fully completed retirement notification.
3. Upon receipt of a notification under UK Anti-Doping Rules Article 11.3(a), BE will, as soon as reasonably practicable, provide the Athlete and UKAD with written confirmation of the Athlete’s retirement.
4. Retirement does not:
5. excuse the Athlete from giving a Sample requested on or before their retirement date, or a Sample required as part of an investigation commenced prior to their retirement date.
6. excuse the Athlete from assisting, cooperating, and liaising with UKAD and other Anti-Doping Organisations in relation to the conduct of any investigation or hearing into an alleged antidoping rule violation.
7. prevent the analysis of a sample given by the Athlete on or before their retirement date.
8. affect the results of Testing under (i) or (iii) above.
9. exempt the Athlete from the UK Anti-Doping Rules in relation to an anti- doping rule violation committed on or before their retirement date; or
10. affect UKAD‘s power to conduct results management.
11. An Athlete who has retired in accordance with Article 3(a) above, and who wishes to return to Competition, can only do so by notifying BE by fully completing and forwarding, the BE “REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT FORM”. Reinstatement requests that are not fully completed will not be accepted and will be returned to the Athlete. The Athlete’s reinstatement request date will be the date BE receives the fully completed reinstatement request. Reinstatement will be at the discretion of BE in consultation with UKAD.
12. Upon receipt of notification under Article 4, BE will, as soon as reasonably practicable:
13. provide the Athlete with written confirmation of the outcome of the Athlete’s reinstatement request; and
14. if the reinstatement request is approved, provide UKAD with written confirmation of the Athlete’s reinstatement.
15. If reinstatement is granted, then the UK Anti-Doping Rules will apply to the Athlete from the date of their reinstatement request. An Athlete who is reinstated under Article 11.4 may not compete in Competitions and Events conducted by or under the auspices of BE or FIBA for a period of 6 months from the date of the reinstatement request (UK Anti- Doping Rules Article 1.4.3{a}).
16. An Athlete must be available for unannounced Out-of-Competition Testing in accordance with the UK Anti-Doping Rules from the date of their reinstatement request. Being available for Out-of-Competition Testing means that an Athlete has provided current and accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information as required under the reinstatement request and **Article 3** and has complied with any request by any Anti-Doping Organisation to provide a sample.
17. A decision regarding reinstatement of an Athlete may be appealed to Sports Resolutions by BE, the Athlete or UKAD.

**PLAYER RETIREMENT NOTIFICATION FORM**

Please complete all sections and email to [competitions@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:competitions@basketballengland.co.uk).

1. **Athlete Information**

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| Last name |  |
| First name/s |  |
| BE membership number |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Gender |  |
| Address |  |
| Post Code |  |
| Mobile |  |
| Email |  |
| I hereby certify that I have decided to permanently retire as Basketball England/ UKAD National-Level Athlete in national competitions and I request that my name should be removed from the UKAD Registered Testing Pool. | Yes / No |
| I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the UK Anti-Doping Rules 2021 (article 1.4 below). | Yes / No |

**1.4 Retirement**

1.4.1 Each Athlete will continue to be bound by and required to comply with these Rules unless and until they are deemed under the NGB's rules to have retired from the sport so that they are no longer subject to the NGB's authority.

1.4.2 Where an Athlete is in the National Registered Testing Pool or Domestic Testing Pool at the time of such retirement, they must also send written notice to UKAD of such retirement in order for it to be effective.

1.4.3 Subject to Article 1.4.4, an Athlete in the National Registered Testing Pool or the Domestic Testing Pool who has given notice of retirement in accordance with Article

1.4.1 May not resume competing in an International Event or National Event in any sport covered by the Code unless:

1. they have given the NGB, UKAD and their International Federation (if applicable) written notice of no less than six (6) months of their intent to return to competition; and
2. during that notice period they have submitted to the application of these Rules and to the jurisdiction of the NGB, UKAD, the NADP and CAS (as applicable) under the Rules, including by making themselves available for Testing, and (if requested by UKAD) by complying with Article 4.8 of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, or (for Athletes not in the National Registered Testing Pool) by providing other whereabouts information as stipulated by UKAD.

1.4.4 Exemptions:

1. WADA, in consultation with UKAD and the relevant International Federation, may exempt an Athlete in the National Registered Testing Pool from the six-month written notice rule under Article 1.4.3(a) where the strict application of that rule would be manifestly unfair to that Athlete. WADA's decision to grant or not grant such exemption may be appealed under Article 13.
2. An Athlete in the Domestic Testing Pool may apply to UKAD for an exemption from Article 1.4.3(a) where the strict application of that rule would be manifestly unfair to that Athlete. UKAD's decision not to grant such exemption may be appealed under Article 13.

1.4.5 If an Athlete retires while subject to a period of Ineligibility, that Athlete must give written notice of such retirement to UKAD and may not resume competing in an International Event or National Event in any sport covered by the Code unless:

1. they have given the NGB, UKAD and their International Federation (if applicable) written notice of no less than six (6) months (or notice equivalent to the period of Ineligibility remaining as of the date the Athlete retired, if that period was longer than six months) of their intent to return to competition; and
2. during that notice period they have submitted to the application of these Rules and to the jurisdiction of the NGB, UKAD, the NADP and CAS (as applicable) under the Rules, including by making themselves available for Testing, and (if requested) complying with whereabouts requirements stipulated by UKAD.

1.4.6 Any competitive results obtained in violation of Article 1.4.3 shall be Disqualified unless the Athlete can establish that they could not have reasonably known that the Event in question was an International Event or a National Event.

1.4.7 Each Athlete Support Person and other Person described in Article 1.2.1 who is not an Athlete shall continue to be bound by and required to comply with these Rules unless and until they no longer carry out the activity or are bound by the arrangement that brought them within Article 1.2.1 in the first place.

1.4.8 The NGB, UKAD, the NADP and CAS (as applicable) shall continue to have jurisdiction under these Rules over a Person described in Article 1.2.1 after that Person has retired, in respect of matters taking place prior to their retirement.

1. If such a Person retires while subject to a Results Management process, UKAD or the other Anti-Doping Organisation conducting that Results Management process retains jurisdiction to complete that process.
2. If such a Person retires before any Results Management process has begun, UKAD and any other Anti-Doping Organisation that had Results Management authority over them before their retirement retains Results Management authority over them in respect of matters taking place prior to their retirement.

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| Signature (athlete): |  |
| Date / Place: |  |

**2. Basketball England Confirmation of Player Retirement**

I confirm that the information given above by the player is true

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| Signature |  | Name |  |
| Date |  | Position |  |
| Place |  | Email |  |

**PLAYER RETURN TO COMPETITION REQUEST**

Please complete all sections and email to [competitions@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:competitions@basketballengland.co.uk)

1. **Athlete Information**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Last name |  |
| First name/s |  |
| BE membership number |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Gender |  |
| Address |  |
| Post Code |  |
| Mobile |  |
| Email |  |
| I hereby certify that I have decided to return to competitions, and I request that my name should be included in the BE/ UKAD Registered Testing Pool and I am available for Doping Control Testing. | Yes / No |
| For International Level Athletes: I will file my whereabouts as soon as access to the ADAMS system is granted by FIBA/UKAD. | Yes / No |
| I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the UK Anti-Doping Rules 2021 (article 1.4 below) | Yes / No |

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| Signature (athlete): |  |
| Date / Place: |  |

**2. Basketball England Confirmation of Player Retirement**

I confirm that the information given above by the player is true

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| Signature |  | Name |  |
| Date |  | Position |  |
| Place |  | Email |  |