

Maker Statement of Reasons: Sports Anti-Doping Rules 2027 (SADRs)

This document fulfils the requirements of section 14 of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025 to briefly explain the Government's reasons for any inconsistency with the principles of responsible regulation identified in Sport Integrity Commission Te Kahu Raunui Consistency Accountability Statement.

Agency responsible	Sport Integrity Commission Te Kahu Raunui
Portfolio	Ministry for Culture and Heritage
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Statement of Reasons

As the maker of the SADRs, the Board of the Commission is satisfied that they are consistent with the principles of responsible regulation as confirmed in the Consistency Accountability Statement and as explained in the **attached** Summary of Underpinning Analysis. In summary, the reasons for this conclusion are:

- New Zealand is legally required to have SADRs in place as a consequence of its status as a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code and through the provisions of the Integrity Sport and Recreation Act 2023. There is no non-legislative way to achieve this outcome.
- New Zealand will derive significant social, cultural and economic benefits from having SADRs in place which allow New Zealand athletes to compete in high level sport. These benefits outweigh the relatively limited financial cost of having SADRs.
- The SADRs require athletes who wish to compete in sport at a high level to consent to a strict anti-doping regime. However, this is mitigated by the fact that the SADRs mirror existing domestic and global anti-doping requirements, contain numerous safeguards to ensure safety and fairness in their application and are directly necessary to ensure safety and

fairness of competition for athletes who wish to compete in clean sport. They are therefore appropriate and proportionate.

- The SADR's preserve the existing decision-making role of the independent Sports Tribunal of New Zealand to hear any issues arising out of their application. Appeal rights to the Court of Arbitration for Sport are also specifically preserved.
- There are no impacts in terms of the taking of property, or the imposition of taxes, levies or fees.
- The SADR's have been the subject of formal statutory consultation with those who are most impacted by them, as well as the public generally. The feedback received through this consultation process has been taken into account in their preparation.



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