

MEDICAL LIAISON REPORT
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IN THESE LAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE ASSISTED A GLOBAL CHANGE IN OUR EVERYDAY HABITS AND ALL WORLD SPORTS HAS SUFFERED THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHAT HAS BEEN DEFINED AS THE GREATEST HUMANITARIAN DISASTER OF THE LAST CENTURY.

WE REFER TO THE PANDEMIC THAT HAS BEEN HIT ALL CONTINENTS SINCE 2019. CORONA VIRUS SARS COVID-19 CAUSES IT.

DURING 2019, ALL THE RACES PLANNED IN THE INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR WERE ABLE TO RUN REGULARLY AND THEREFORE THE VARIOUS ANTI-DOPING CHECKS FOR SUCH EVENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

SINCE 2020, BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 INFECTION, ALMOST ALL THE FORECASTED EVENTS HAVE HAD TO BE CANCELED. FOR THESE REASONS ALSO THE CONTROLS HAVE SUBJECTED TO CHANGES. THE CHECKS FOR ATHLETES IN RTP ARE REMAINED AND THE IN-RACE CHECKS HAVE BEEN CHANGED.

2021 SEES TWO IMPORTANT NEWS. THE FIRST CONCERNS THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEW WADA CODE WITH UPDATES IN THE FIELD OF DOPING, A CODE THAT WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A LONG TIME AND THE SECOND THAT CONCERNS THE SHY RESUMPTION OF COMPETITIVE ACTIVITY TO ENABLE THE LATEST QUALIFICATIONS AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN TOKYO. THEREFORE THE ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS IN THE RACE WILL CONTINUE, FOLLOWING THE NEW PROTOCOLS PROVIDED BY WADA AND FOLLOWED BY WA AND ALL THE FEDERATIONS, EVEN IF IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THEY CONCERN MORE DCO THAN ATHLETES, GIVEN THE PROCEEDINGS WHICH ALWAYS FOLLOW THEM.

THE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IS IN THE AVAILABILITY OF NEW VACCINES THAT SHOULD REDUCE THE IMPACT WITH THIS VIRUS AMONG ALL THE ATHLETES AND ALLOW THEM TO REPRESENT THEM ON THE RACE FIELDS WITH SERENITY.

EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF CONTROLS IN THE RACES SCHEDULED ON THE CALENDAR TO BE ABLE TO RETURN TO NORMALITY EVEN IN THIS SECTOR AND TO CREATE THE LEAST POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED