

Research Survey

G'day,

I am the Chief Investigator for a research project looking at how support personnel in sport understand the issue of doping in sport. I am writing to ask if we can get your organisation's support in promoting our survey to support personnel. This survey is not targeted at athletes but everyone around the athlete, including (but not limited to) family, coaches, trainers, administrators, physios and medical practitioners.

This research is particularly important as the recent changes to the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC) mean that all support personnel are bound by and subject to the Code in all their dealings with athletes. Our research is designed to find out what support personnel understand about the Code and how they interact with athletes. The outcomes of the research will help inform education strategies and policy initiatives from ASADA, DOHA (The Department of Health and Ageing) and the ASC. This offers a direct benefit to you organisation and its members, as the research will result in better information and education aimed at helping them do their job better in relation to doping.

There are a number of ways to disseminate the survey:

- ? A paper version can be mailed out through your organisation (with a reply paid envelope)
- ? A link in an email or on your website to the on-line survey
- ? An advert in your newsletter or equivalent

The research project is funded by The Department of Health and Ageing (DOHA) through their Anti-Doping Research Program – however the research is completely independent. The project has ethics approval (UNSW A-09-33). All responses are anonymous and respondents cannot be identified.

I really hope you can help this world first research into how those who support athletes understand anti-doping.

Cheers
James Connor