

PRINCIPLES OF STRICT LIABILITY

The principle of strict liability applies to all athletes who compete in any sport with an anti-doping program. It means that athletes are responsible for any prohibited substance, or its metabolites or markers found to be present in their urine and/or blood sample collected during doping control, regardless of whether the athlete intentionally or unintentionally used a prohibited substance or method. Therefore, it is important to remember that it is **every athlete's ultimate responsibility to know what enters their body.**

The rule which provides that principle, under [Code Article 2.1 and Article 2.2](#), states that it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence, or knowing use on the athlete's part be demonstrated by the Anti-Doping Organization to establish an anti-doping rule violation.