

FAQ – The Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie Anti-Doping Program

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Q. What is the Mauricie International Canoe Classique Anti-Doping Program ?

The Classique Anti-Doping Program is an initiative introduced for the 93rd edition of the event to promote sport integrity, athlete health, and fair competition.

The Classique is proud to become one of the first canoe marathon races in North America to implement a comprehensive anti-doping education and testing program.

Q. What is the purpose of the program ?

The program was created to:

- Ensure fair and equitable competition for all participants;
- Protect the health and safety of athletes;
- Preserve the integrity and reputation of the Classique;
- Educate athletes about their responsibilities in clean sport.

Q. Why is the Classique implementing this program ?

The Classique is recognized as one of the world's premier canoe marathon races.

This initiative reflects the event's commitment to keeping pace with the evolution of the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing and other major endurance competitions while reinforcing the Classique's leadership in clean sport.

The Classique is committed to adopting international best practices in sport integrity and anti-doping.

This initiative reflects the core values of the Classique:

- Fairness
- Respect
- Integrity

Q. Who is USADA ?

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) is one of the world's leading organizations dedicated to clean sport.

USADA manages anti-doping programs for numerous international sporting events and provides education, testing, and results management services.

Q. Which athletes are covered by the program ?

For the 2026 season, the anti-doping program applies to athletes competing in the C2 category.

Q. Will there be a mandatory educational webinar ?

Yes. The webinar will be offered in both English and French.

All C2 athletes must participate in the Classique's anti-doping education program.

A webinar presented by USADA will be held before the event and will cover:

- Athlete rights and responsibilities;
- Prohibited substances;
- Medications;
- Dietary supplements;
- Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs);
- Anti-doping testing procedures.

Q. How will test results affect participation in the other Triple Crown races (General Clinton Canoe Regatta and AuSable Canoe Marathon)?

The General Clinton Canoe Regatta and the AuSable Canoe Marathon have agreed to mutually recognize and enforce any sanctions imposed by USADA across all three events.

For example, if USADA imposes a one-year suspension on an athlete for an anti-doping rule violation, that athlete would be ineligible to compete in all three Triple Crown races for the duration of the one-year suspension.

Q. Will we know in advance when testing will take place ?

No. Athletes selected for testing will be notified without advance notice, immediately prior to the doping control process.

Q. Will we know how many athletes or teams will be tested ?

No. The athlete selection criteria will not be disclosed before testing in order to protect the integrity of the anti-doping testing process.

Q. Is Athlete Support Personnel (ASP)—such as feed crews or support crews—subject to testing ?

No. Only athletes are subject to anti-doping testing.

However, Athlete Support Personnel (ASP) are still subject to the applicable anti-doping rules and may face sanctions for anti-doping rule violations, even though they are not themselves tested.

- Under the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy, Athlete Support Personnel (ASP) refers to individuals who work with, treat, or assist an athlete in a professional or sport-related capacity. This includes coaches, medical and paramedical personnel, team managers, feed crews, and any other individuals serving in a similar role.
- Article 21.2 states that Athlete Support Personnel are responsible for knowing and complying with the anti-doping policy, cooperating with the USADA testing program and any investigations, using their influence to promote clean sport, disclosing any prior anti-doping rule violations, and not using or possessing prohibited substances or methods without a valid justification.
- However, if USADA receives credible information indicating that Athlete Support Personnel have engaged in the trafficking, administration, or possession of prohibited substances or methods in connection with the event, an investigation may be initiated under Articles 2.6 through 2.9 of the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy, and sanctions may be imposed where appropriate.

Q. How will anti-doping testing be conducted during the Classique?

Anti-doping testing may take place at any time during the competition, from September 5 through September 7, 2026, across all three stages of the 93rd Classique. Athletes may be selected for testing at any point during the event in accordance with the USADA Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy.

If you are selected for testing, a chaperone appointed by the Classique organization will officially notify you immediately after you finish your race.

From that moment on, the chaperone will remain with you at all times until you arrive at the doping control station. The chaperone's role is to accompany you and ensure that all USADA procedures are followed.

With permission from USADA personnel, you may, if necessary, complete certain activities before reporting to the doping control station, such as:

- Participating in a medal ceremony or awards presentation;
- Briefly speaking with the media;
- Retrieving essential equipment;
- Receiving urgent medical treatment.

During this time, you must remain under the continuous supervision of your chaperone.

The doping control station will be located in a private area at the competition venue to ensure a confidential, secure environment that meets USADA requirements.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a USADA Doping Control Officer (DCO), who will explain each step of the testing process, including:

- Verification of your identity;
- Selection of the sample collection equipment;
- Collection of the sample;
- Sealing of the sample containers;
- Completion and verification of the official documentation.

The USADA Lead DCO will oversee all testing operations to ensure that every procedure is conducted in accordance with USADA standards.

At the conclusion of the testing process, you will receive a copy of the completed Doping Control Form for your records.

Important: Once you have been officially notified, you must not leave your chaperone or the competition venue without authorization from USADA personnel. Refusing to submit to testing, evading the testing process, or failing to follow the instructions of anti-doping personnel may constitute an Anti-Doping Rule Violation and may result in sanctions under the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy.

Q. Who will have access to my test results, medication list, medical history, and other personal information ?

The information collected with your consent is primarily accessible to USADA personnel and is shared only as necessary to fulfill anti-doping and legal obligations.

Please refer to the USADA Privacy Policy for more information about what personal information is collected, how it is used, and with whom it may be shared. USADA does not sell your personal information.

Members of the Classique Board of Directors will not have access to any medical records or confidential medical information related to your anti-doping test.

Q. Will I receive a copy of the documents completed during my testing session ?

Yes. After your sample has been collected, you will receive a copy of the documentation completed during your testing session.

If your test is conducted using USADA's electronic system, your documentation will be provided by email.

If your test is completed using paper forms, you will receive a copy before the end of the testing session.

Q. Will I be informed of my test results, and how will they be communicated ?

Yes. You will be notified of your test results.

Results are generally communicated by email and are typically available within 6 to 8 weeks after sample collection.

Q. What are the potential consequences or sanctions for a positive test ?

A positive test may result in a number of consequences, including a period of ineligibility during which you may not participate in future competitions.

The length and type of sanction will depend on several factors, including the substance involved and the specific circumstances of the case (for example, whether the violation is determined to have been intentional).

When an athlete from a team is selected for anti-doping testing by USADA, the prize money, awards, and official results associated with that team will remain on hold until USADA has completed its results management process.

Once the final results have been confirmed, the Classique organization will release the prize money and awards, provided the team is in compliance with the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy.

If an athlete is found by USADA to have committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation, the athlete's team will be disqualified. The team's official results will be annulled, its finishing time removed from the official standings, and any prizes, prize money, awards, or titles will be forfeited.

Q. If my boat partner tests positive for a prohibited substance but I do not, could I be disqualified or suspended ?

Anti-doping sanctions apply only to the athlete (or Athlete Support Personnel) who commits an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

For example, if one athlete in a boat tests positive while the other athlete has committed no violation, only the athlete who committed the violation will be subject to a suspension.

However, because the performance is achieved as a team, the entire boat will be disqualified from the event, and the team's official results, prize money, awards, and titles will be forfeited in accordance with the applicable anti-doping rules. The teammate who did not commit an Anti-Doping Rule Violation will not be suspended.

Q. Where can I find the Prohibited List ?

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List can be found here:

[2025 WADA Prohibited List \(PDF\):](#)

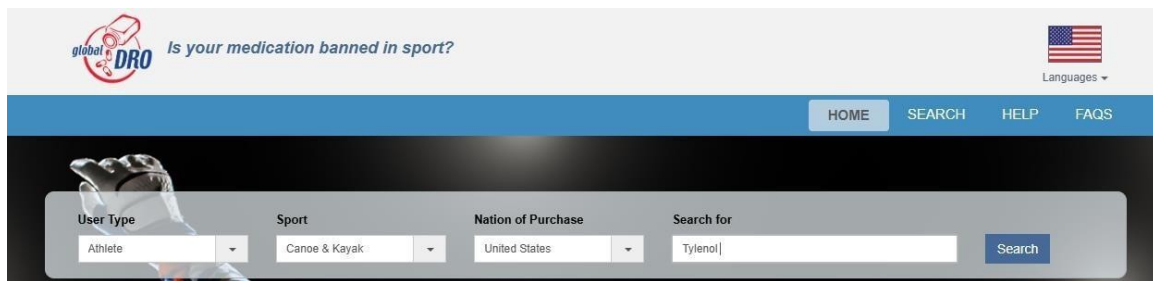
[202504-PFL-Prohibited-List.pdf](#)

You may also use USADA's Global DRO to check the status of your medications:

<https://www.globaldro.com/home/index>

When using Global DRO, select: Sport Country: Canada User Type: Athlete Sport: Canoe & Kayak

Then search for the medication you wish to verify.

The image shows the Global DRO website interface. At the top, there is a header with the Global DRO logo and the text "Is your medication banned in sport?". To the right of the header is a US flag and a "Languages" dropdown menu. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with links for "HOME", "SEARCH", "HELP", and "FAQS". The main content area features a search form with four dropdown menus: "User Type" (set to "Athlete"), "Sport" (set to "Canoe & Kayak"), "Nation of Purchase" (set to "United States"), and "Search for" (containing the text "Tylenol"). A "Search" button is located to the right of the search input field.

If you have additional questions, please contact USADA:

Drug Reference Line

Toll-free: (800) 233-0393

Email: drugreference@usada.org

Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Questions

Phone: (719) 785-2045

Email: tue@usada.org

Q. How do I know whether a substance is prohibited at all times or only during competition?

After searching for your medication in Global DRO, the system will indicate whether the substance is:



Prohibited In-Competition only;

Prohibited at all times (In-Competition and Out-of-Competition); or

Not prohibited.

Athletes are responsible for verifying the status of all medications and treatments before using them. If you are unsure whether a medication requires a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), you are strongly encouraged to complete a TUE Pre-Check or contact USADA well in advance of the competition.

Q. What should I do if I am taking a medication that appears on the Prohibited List, and how do Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) work under the Classique's Anti-Doping Program ?

Athletes are responsible for checking the status of all medications, medical treatments, and dietary supplements they use.

If an athlete needs to use a substance or method included on the Prohibited List to treat a legitimate medical condition, a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) may be required.

The Classique follows the USADA Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy. Most participants in the Classique are considered recreational athletes under this program. However, different rules may apply to athletes who are members of a national team or to certain international athletes who are already subject to a national or international anti-doping program.

This means that, in certain circumstances, an athlete may be eligible to apply for a retroactive Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) after using a medication that contains a prohibited substance.

A retroactive TUE may be considered when a prohibited medication was used to treat a medical emergency, as part of unexpected medical treatment, or under other exceptional circumstances where it was not reasonably possible to obtain a TUE before using the medication.

Any retroactive TUE application must be supported by complete medical documentation (such as prescriptions, medical reports, test results, and other relevant records) and will be evaluated by USADA in accordance with the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy. Approval of a retroactive TUE is not automatic and will depend on the athlete's medical circumstances and whether all applicable criteria are met.

If you are unsure:

- Check the status of your medication before the competition.
- Complete a USADA TUE Pre-Check at: <https://www.usada.org/testing/tue/>
- Consult your physician before taking any medication or receiving medical treatment.
- Inform your physician that you are participating in a competition that is subject to anti-doping testing.
- Keep copies of all medical records, prescriptions, medical reports, and documentation related to your treatment.
- Declare all medications, treatments, and dietary supplements used when completing your doping control paperwork.

Athletes are responsible for verifying the status of their medications before the competition and for consulting USADA if they have any questions:

USADA TUE Information:

<https://www.usada.org/testing/tue/>

Please note that the fact that a medication has been prescribed by a physician does not automatically mean it is permitted under the anti-doping rules.

Q. Can the Classique ask USADA to modify the Prohibited List or apply anti-doping procedures specific to the Classique ?

No. USADA's prohibited substance lists are developed primarily to protect the health and safety of athletes.

Although it would theoretically be possible to develop an alternative prohibited list, doing so would require a complex and resource-intensive process.

At this time, every organization that contracts with USADA uses either the World Anti-Doping Code and WADA Prohibited List or the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy and

Premier Sports Prohibited List. There is currently no organization using a customized ("à la carte") prohibited substance list through USADA.

Q. Why is cannabis included on the Prohibited List ?

Cannabis and certain cannabinoids are prohibited In-Competition under the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy.

This prohibition is consistent with international anti-doping principles, which evaluate substances based on three criteria:

- Their potential to enhance athletic performance;
- The potential health risks they pose to athletes;
- Whether their use is consistent with the spirit of sport.

Based on these criteria, THC (the primary psychoactive component of cannabis) and several other cannabinoids remain prohibited In-Competition.

Cannabidiol (CBD) is treated differently. Pure CBD is not prohibited. However, many CBD products may contain THC or other prohibited cannabinoids, sometimes without being identified on the product label. Athletes who choose to use these products therefore assume the risk of returning a positive anti-doping test.

Q. What happens if a cannabinoid is detected in my urine under the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy ?

A positive test for cannabinoids does not automatically mean that an Anti-Doping Rule Violation has occurred.

Each case is first reviewed by USADA to evaluate the specific circumstances. If USADA determines that there is evidence of the intentional use of a prohibited substance to enhance athletic performance, the case may proceed as a potential Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

Q. How long before a competition should I stop using cannabis or cannabinoids ?

The amount of time required for cannabis or cannabinoids from cannabis- or hemp-based products to be completely eliminated from your body depends on many factors, including:

- The dose and concentration used;
- The frequency of use;
- Your body weight;
- Your overall metabolism;
- Liver function;
- Your general health;
- The use of other medications.

Many cannabinoids accumulate in body fat. For chronic users, these substances may remain detectable for weeks or even months before they are fully eliminated.

Athletes who use cannabis or other cannabinoid products should consult their physician to better understand how long these substances may remain in their system and to ensure they comply with the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy before participating in a competition.

Q. Can I obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for cannabis ?

It may be possible to obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for medical cannabis or other cannabinoid-based medications when they are medically necessary and meet the strict criteria established under the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy.

These criteria include:

A clear and well-documented medical diagnosis;

No reasonable permitted therapeutic alternative;

Use that complies with the applicable TUE rules and standards.

If you believe you require a TUE for cannabis or another cannabinoid-based medication, you should consult your physician to obtain the necessary supporting medical documentation and then follow the TUE application process described in the event's anti-doping materials.

All TUE applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are not automatically approved.

Under the Premier Sports program, most recreational athletes would only need to submit a retroactive TUE application if they are selected for testing and a prohibited substance is detected in their sample, provided they meet the applicable medical and policy requirements.

If you have any questions or are unsure whether a TUE may be required, you are strongly encouraged to complete a USADA TUE Pre-Check:

<https://www.usada.org/testing/tue/>

Q. I am not trying to win the race or even finish in the top 10 or top 20. Can I still be selected for anti-doping testing ?

Potentially, yes.

Any athlete competing in the C2 category may be selected for anti-doping testing at any time during the competition. Athlete selection is based on USADA's testing procedures and is not limited to podium finishers or top-ranked competitors.

Q. I do not wish to be subject to anti-doping testing. What are my options ?

For the 93rd Classique, all athletes registered in the C2 category may be selected for anti-doping testing in accordance with the Premier Sports Anti-Doping Policy.

By signing the anti-doping consent form during registration, athletes agree to submit to anti-doping testing if selected.

Refusing to submit to anti-doping testing constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation. Such a refusal may result in the disqualification of both the athlete and the athlete's team, as well as a period of ineligibility of at least two years, in accordance with the applicable anti-doping rules.

Q. Will athletes be required to pay any costs or fees related to anti-doping testing ?

No.

Athletes competing in the 93rd Classique will not be charged any fees related to the anti-doping program.

All costs associated with anti-doping testing are covered by the Classique organization, regardless of whether an athlete is selected for testing.

Q. I suspect that another competitor is using a prohibited substance. What should I do?

If you have concerns that an athlete competing in the Classique may be using a prohibited substance, please visit:

<https://www.usada.org/playclean>

If you wish to report your concern, you may contact USADA through any of the following methods:

Text: 87232

Phone: 877-752-9253

Email: playclean@usada.org

Mail:

USADA

5555 Tech Center Drive, Suite 200

Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Useful Resources

USADA

<https://www.usada.org>

Global DRO

<https://www.globaldro.com>

USADA Premier Sports Resource Card

USADA-Premier-Sports-Education-Resource-Card.pdf

The Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie Anti-Doping Program

For questions regarding the anti-doping program, please contact the Mauricie International Canoe Classique organization:

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