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"IHF fulfils all WADA and IOC requirements and regulations"



The new head of the IHF Anti-Doping Unit (ADU), Prof. Hosny Ahmed Abdelrahman Ahmed, has visited the IHF Head Office in Basle to start the preparation of the anti-doping programme for the Women's World Championship in Brazil in December. According to the IHF, WADA and IOC regulations and as was the case at all previous IHF events, the starting phase of the tests will start soon, the so called

"out-of-competition tests". For Senior World Championships it's the objective and hope of Hosny Ahmed Abdelrahman to control one player of every team after every match of the event.

"We will fulfil all WADA and IOC anti-doping standards, requirements and regulations, as we fulfilled them before," Hosny Ahmed Abdelrahman said. The day before his meeting in Basle the Egyptian, who is also FIFA Medical Committee Member and Deputy President of CAF Medical Committee, represented the IHF at the meeting of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) in Lausanne. "From the point of view of the IOC the anti-doping programme of the IHF is complying with all valid regulations and requirements," Hosny Ahmed Abdelrahman said.

Concerning the Olympics 2012 in London the "whereabouts phase" and the "out-of-competition tests" for all qualified players will start in 2012, as for all other sports in the Olympic Programme. In the opinion of Hosny Ahmed Abdelrahman "handball is currently clean of doping, especially when having a look at the professional players who compete at the major competitions."

For the future the newly installed head of ADU will focus on research of genetic doping and on a better communication with players and team doctors concerning illegal drugs in handball, with a special look at the WADA list and the trademark names of different prohibited substances.

In 2010 108 anti-doping tests had been carried out during IHF events (in-competition tests), and 26 samples had been taken during out-of-competition-tests. In 2011 the number of in-competition tests amounted to 134; 44 samples had been taken during out-of-competition tests.



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