

# ANTI-DOPING

## ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023



# INTRODUCTION

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The Football Association of Wales shares FIFA's objective in protecting the integrity of football, specifically in preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardise the integrity of matches, Competitions, Players, Officials or give rise to abuse of Association Football.

The FAW aim to implement an effective approach towards preventing and challenging all forms of manipulation and unlawful influencing of football matches, competitions or individual performance.

The objective of the FAW's Anti-Doping Programme is based on the promotion of integrity and clean sport in order to protect football matches and competitions.

This will be achieved through a strategic approach around 3 Core Pillars:

## **PREVENT: DETECT: RESPOND.**

These pillars are comprised of promoting integrity and clean sport at all times through proactively educating and raising awareness throughout the football family to protect the values of clean sport and a level playing field in football.

We will protect football matches and competitions against doping through detection programs and by responding swiftly investigating any alleged breaches and imposing sanctions where sufficient evidence is found proven.

We believe that football should be an equal game where everyone has the same opportunity to be the best they can be and should always attain this cleanly and fairly.

Success should always be strived for and achieved on hard work and merit and not through manipulation or cheating.

The Anti-Doping Report outlines our work during the 2022-23 season in delivering a clean game for all.

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## EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Promotion of integrity & clean sport:

- The FAW has implemented campaigns and communications to raise awareness and promote the core principles of integrity and clean sport. During Clean Sport Week the FAW shared information on the FAW website and its various social media channels aimed at educating and informing the football family in Wales.
- Pre-competition briefings on integrity and clean sport were also provided at the start of the 2022-23 season to Member Clubs and Match Officials.
- All Members were sent updates throughout the year to provide accurate, up-to-date Anti-Doping material for players and player support personnel such as the updated 2023 WADA Code and Prohibited list, along with TUE information to relevant personnel.







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### Educational Training and Prevention Programs:

Greater awareness and education is the best defense against integrity breaches and in developing a clean sport mentality throughout football. It is important that everyone understands the risks of doping and the consequences of breaching the FAW's anti-doping rules.

- During the 2022-23 season the FAW's Anti-Doping Education Programme has been rolled out providing education for Players, Coaches, Officials and other Player Support Personnel throughout the football family.
- Over 280 players have accessed Anti-Doping education from the following Teams and leagues:
  - Cymru National men's & women's teams.
  - Cymru U17 men's & women's teams.
  - Cymru U19s men's & women's teams.
  - Cymru Premier & Adran Premier (Tier 1) teams.
  - FAW Academies.

The FAW Education Strategy & Implementation Plan can be found [HERE](#)



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## TESTING

During the 2022-23 season Anti-Doping testing (In-competition) was conducted in the Cymru Premier League by UK Anti-Doping for the first time in several years.

- 12 tests were conducted at matches during the season with every Club having at least one player tested.
- There were no positive tests from those that were conducted by UKAD.
- The Cymru Premier League Testing Programme will continue during the 2023-24 season.







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## UKAD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK

The FAW has continued to be compliant in meeting the UKAD Assurance Framework since meeting all the requirements during the 2021/22 season.

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

Find out more about the FAW Anti-Doping Programme [HERE](#)

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