

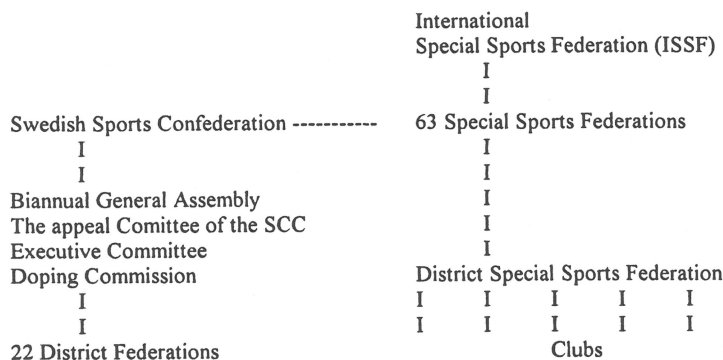
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The anti-doping work in Sweden

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Organisation in Swedish Sport

The Swedish Sports Confederation (SCC) is the supreme authority within Swedish sport. Its main purposes is to promote, develop and co-ordinate the Swedish sports movement. The SCC, is organised to democratic principles and consist of 22 district federations and 63 special sports federation, including all their special sports federations and clubs at district level.



The Doping Commission is the expertise body of the SCC for anti-doping work. The Commission assists the special sports federations in planning and executing anti-doping programs. The Commission also provides medical expertise and know-how in the field of analysis. Finally, the Commission is a judicial body. It investigates doping cases and reports them to the special sports federation which imposes the appropriate penalty. By their membership to SCC all sports federations execute doping rules.

Doping tests.

According to Swedish doping rules every athlete is bound to submit to doping control in Sweden as well as abroad, at competition as well as during training. SCC has trained regional test groups - about 250 volunteer functionaries. An annual test plan is made up for tests in different regions and different sports. At least 50 % of all samples taken in Sweden is carried out during the training period without any warning. During 1992 we carried out 1270 out of competition tests. 22 athletes refused to leave a sample and were banned for 24 months. The tests are analysed at the Huddinge Hospital which reports back to the doping commission. The commission reports to the federation which imposes the penalty. Any athlete or a federation can appeal to the appeal committee of the SCC.

Law.

Since July 1992 there is a federal law that makes anabolic steroids illegal if its not prescribed by a physician. An important thing is to reduce trafficking and illegal trade of doping substances, specially anabolic steroids and growth hormones from the Baltic states and Russia. Therefore the SCC is working together with police and customs authorities.