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## UKAD to control Russia tests

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Russian athletes are to be tested by UK Anti-Doping Agency

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## UK Anti-Doping has signed a deal to deliver a testing programme in Russia, the World Anti-Doping Agency has announced.

WADA said UK Anti-Doping will take control in the country so long as the Russian Anti-Doping Agency remains non-compliant with the WADA code.

RUSADA was declared non-compliant in November following allegations it was involved in a cover-up of positive tests concerning Russian athletes.

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Shortly afterwards, WADA held meetings with both UKAD and RUSADA in Moscow with a view to the UK agency implementing a programme during the period.



In a statement, WADA said: "UKAD will initiate a test distribution plan to ensure that the necessary testing takes place during RUSADA's period of non-compliance.

"UKAD will ensure that targeted and intelligence-led testing is carried out on Russian athletes, and is responsible for continued coordination with the appropriate sport federations during this period.

"Results management of all cases will be managed by a designated independent body, with full oversight by WADA."

Russia was banned indefinitely from all international athletics competition in November following widespread violations of the WADA code.

The ban remains in place as Russia battles to convince athletics authorities it has sufficiently changed its practices in order that it can compete at this summer's Rio Olympics.

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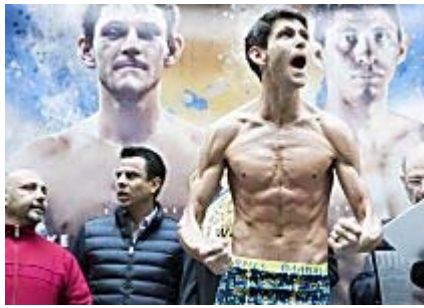
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