

WADA ATHLETE COMMITTEE

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Response to athletes who do not support the fight against doping in sport:

- This is an inaccurate message sent by an isolated athlete.
- When an athlete competes in a sport, he or she has to respect the rules of the sport, including anti-doping rules.
- If the athlete in question does not want to follow the rules, then he has no place in the sporting community.
- Doping is cheating.
- An athlete who dopes not only risks being banned for two years, but also risks loosing his name and reputation.
- The athlete should also recognize that misleading youth and the general public about taking banned substances is very irresponsible, because doping also has the potential of causing serious health damages.