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Time Line

**Approximate Timelines and Notices Under USADA Protocol
(This timeline is for general guidance only and does not create any obligation, requirement or right under the USADA Protocol)**

STEP IN PROCESS		NOTICE GOES TO
Urine provided by Athlete		
- 2 weeks -		
Negative A laboratory report		Athlete, NGB, IF, WADA & USOC ¹
Adverse Analytical Finding A lab report		Athlete, NGB, IF, WADA & USOC
- 2 weeks -		
B lab report		Athlete, NGB, IF, WADA & USOC
- 3 weeks -		
Review Panel Recommendation		Athlete, NGB, USOC, IF & WADA
- 10 days -		
Notice that the athlete has accepted a sanction proposed by USADA		Athlete, NGB, USOC, IF & WADA - Public announcement of sanction
Notice of hearing		Athlete, IF, (NGB, USOC & WADA, but not as parties)
- 3 months -		
AAA/CAS Decision		Athlete, IF, NGB, USOC & WADA - Public announcement of sanction
- 20 days -		
Appeal by Athlete, USADA, WADA or IF of AAA decision to CAS		Athlete, IF, NGB, USOC & WADA
- 3 months -		
Decision by CAS on appeal		CAS decision is a public document

¹ Notice from USADA will include the date and location of the *Sample* collection, the *Athlete's Sample* number and name and the laboratory test result. WADA accredited laboratories are required to give notice to WADA and the relevant IF directly any time there is a *Adverse Analytical Finding* on an A or B test. The Code requires USADA to provide this laboratory information and the *Athlete's* name to the relevant IF and WADA.