



SUDS PROMOTING SPORT FOR ATHLETES WITH
DOWN SYNDROME GLOBALLY



#Sport4DownSyndrome



Presidents Newsletter June 2018

Dear Friends,

I thought I would take an opportunity to let you know how SUDS is progressing.

1 REGISTRATIONS

The numbers of athletes Registering continues to grow. Currently we are in excess of 1,000 registered. From 2017 to this week I have Registered 4 New Countries and 144 new athletes.

NEW Countries	SW	AT	TT	FU	BB	GY	AS	JU
Albania	1							
Poland	1	2						
Switzerland	1							
Zimbabwe		8						
New Athletes								
Argentina	1					1		
Australia		1						
Austria		1					2	
Canada	12							
Spain	9							
Finland	1	1						
France	1							
GB	20	1	1			2		
Croatia		1						
Ireland	4							
Italy		1			6			
Japan	8							
Macau	1							
Mexico						2		
New Zealand	3							
Portugal	1	5	5	15	7			7
Romania	2							
Russia						1		
S Africa				4				
Sweden		1						
USA	10							
Sport Totals	76	21		19	13	6	2	7



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2 TRISOME GAMES 2020

After a bidding process with bids from France, Mexico, Croatia and Turkey the Executive finally gave the bid to Turkey. I will have more information for you after Jose and I visit Antalya in November.



3 INAS

I have discussed with INAS a potential Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SUDS and INAS. The response was positive but INAS prefers not to enter into a MoU at this time. However, INAS is still offering opportunities for Down syndrome athletes. INAS will continue to make information available regarding the progress of additional eligibility groups in INAS competition. So, I suggest that you check their website for the Classification criteria and for future opportunities.

4 New IDSSF – IBA21

At the Multi-sport event in Portugal a new sport for players with Down syndrome was introduced. IBA21. This is a 3x3 Basketball event. In Portugal 2 teams participated, however, it is hoped that this sport will develop and that more teams will compete in the competition that will take place in October in Madeira later in 2018.

5 WADA

In November 2017, WADA's Executive Committee has adopted a new policy related to the organizations wishing to become signatories to World Anti-Doping Code (the Code).

Based on this new policy, any International Federation wishing to become a Code signatory has to proceed by first filing an application for membership with the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).

GAISF's Membership Commission will then accompany and timely review the fulfillment by that organization of the eligibility criteria to become a member of GAISF. Within the anti-doping framework, this Commission will assist the organization to set up rules and policies that comply with the Code.

As soon as the GAISF's Membership Commission considers that the applicant has the necessary anti-doping rules and processes in place, it will inform WADA and, together with the applicant, submit all necessary information and documentation required by WADA to review whether the organization fulfills the condition to become a Code Signatory.

I have contacted the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) to enquire about Membership. One of the issues we will face will be the cost of Membership. Membership, of GAISF is initially \$US3,000 (Associate Members) and \$US4.000 (Full Member). I am waiting for a response from them.



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Since this will take some time and so, until we have more information, it is not appropriate to use the TUE Forms in preparation for competitions. We will notify everyone as soon as we have completed the process and have been accepted as a member of GAISF and subsequently a signatory to WADA.

Whilst we are waiting for WADA SUDS will be investigating the possibility of introducing an interim SUDS Doping control process. This will be based on a simple Urine test. However, there are more details yet to be worked out. We will update you as we progress.

6 DIABILITY SPORT CONFERENCE 2018

I have been invited as a Keynote Speaker at the 2018 Disability Sport Conference at Coventry University. My theme will be:
The development of a World-Wide Sports Union, of eight International Sports Federations, providing competition opportunities for elite athletes with Down syndrome.



Research Centre
Business in Society

Dates 3 – 5 September 2018. Please let me know if you are going.

More information can be found at: <https://www.coventry.ac.uk/research/research-directories/research-events/2018/disability-sport-conference-2018/>

7 Media Indemnity

The situation regarding the taking of photos and other media cover at competitions is something that SUDS have been thinking about seriously. This and the new European General Data Protection Regulations means we now have a new document on the website. This document can be downloaded from our website and should be used for all competitions.

8 General Data Protection Regulations

We do have Data Protection cover since there is a Data Protection clause in the Registration Form. I have updated the Registration Forms to include the GDPR instead of the current clause, which refers to the GB Data Protection Act.

ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS MUST BE ON THE JUNE 2018 VERSION OF THE SUDS REGISTRATION FORM

However the GDPR is recent European Legislation for which I am preparing a statement. Because all the records are kept in the UK we must be sure we are compliant. I am working on this but in the interim please pay careful attention to the following statement.



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To comply with the recent GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations). SUDS gives notice that in future:

- All notices will be circulated with the recipients as BC (Blind Copy)
- The Database will be removed from public circulation
- The following information applies.
 - As Registered athletes with SUDS your records are kept electronically.
 - You can access this information to request SUDS to correct or update information.
 - SUDS does not release your information to anyone involved in direct marketing.
 - SUDS will only share the status of your Registration, which includes:
 - Your date of birth,
 - Your Dive status (where appropriate)
 - Your AAI status (where appropriate)
 - Your Down syndrome status (T21 or Mosaic).
 - Any information about your medication where it may be necessary for your health.
 - This information is only shared with event organisers and only where necessary for the sport.
 - Personal information such as your medical information and your address is never shared outside that of the SUDS Executive Board and then only to confirm your Down syndrome status.
 - Please contact the CEO if you have any concerns. CEO@Su-DS.org

Best wishes,

Geoff Smedley,
SUDS CEO and President