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2026 AUSCYCLING MTB NATIONAL SERIES (DH) - ROUND 1 & UCI CONTINENTAL SERIES - ROUND 3 TECHNICAL GUIDE



National Series
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Event Information

Dates & Entries

Entries for this event open on Monday 19th of January 2025 – 12:00pm AEDT

Entry Link	Date	Event Name
Round 1	Sat 28 th Feb	2026 AusCycling DH National Series Round 1 & UCI DH
	Sun 1 st Mar	Continental Series Round 3 & VDHS Round 5

\$170.00 Per entry

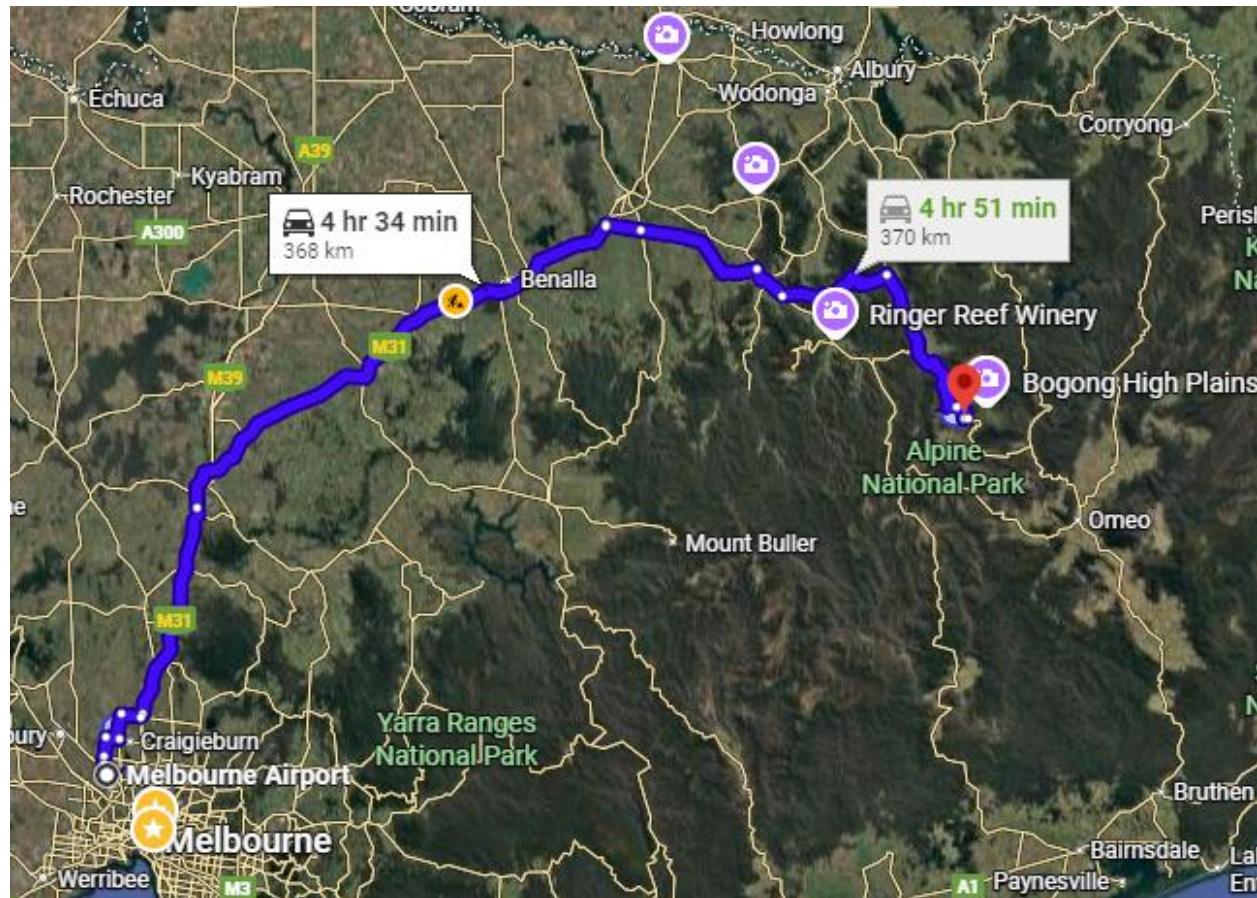
[AusCycling Event Listing](#)

[VDHS Website](#)

Entries close on Monday 23rd of February 2026 – 9:00pm AEDT. Unless sold out earlier. Please note that event organisers reserve the right to cap entries at any time as not to impact safety and race integrity. Any entries made after closing times are at the sole discretion of event host.

Event Location & Race Village

Falls Creek MTB Park, Falls Creek Ski Resort, Victoria, Australia. The competition venue is approximately 4 hours and 40 minutes drive from Melbourne Airport



Parking

Parking for this event is available at the Falls Creek Ski Resort. Please follow signs for parking locations at the venue.

Membership Requirements

Australian Riders	International Riders (inc. NZ)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participants are required to hold a current and valid AusCycling 'Race – Off Road or All Discipline' membership.Event Licenses and 4 Week Free Trials are not permitted for any category in this event.To explore membership options please visit - https://auscycling.org.au/membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">International Riders are required to have a UCI License as well as a UCI IDInternational Riders may also be required to demonstrate membership with their National Federation.

By entering into this event you agree to the following conditions;

Participants shall:

- Obey instructions from the Event Organisers, Commissaires and event marshals/officials.
- Employ correct etiquette and ride safely in all situations.
- Be required to wear minimum safety gear including appropriately approved helmet.
- Ensure that their bicycle is in good working order.
- Ensure they have an adequate supply of water, sports drink and nutrition as required for the activity they are to participate in.
- Be responsible for ensuring they are fit enough for the activity.

Rider Registration

Registration/ Event Sign on will be onsite at the Race Village from Saturday 28th from 8:00am till 2:00pm and Sunday 1st of March from 8:00am till 9:00am

Course Information

Distance: 1500 metres

Elevation: 245 metres

Specific trail information will be released closer to the event to protect race integrity.

Rider Uplift will be supported by shuttles & trailers. Private vehicles are not permitted to operate at this event.

Eligible Age Categories

UCI Continental Series
Elite & Under 19 Men & Women
AusCycling DH National Series
Elite, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15, Masters 1 – 10 Men & Women
Supported Races
Under 13, Expert Men & Women
<p>Please note that a rider's eligibility for an age category is determined by the rider's age as at 31st of December 2026.</p> <p>All categories are open to members of any national federation.</p>

Event Schedule

Competition Schedule V1.0 – *Subject to change*

Saturday 28th of February 2026		
Start	Finish	Activity
08:00	16:00	Race Village Opens
08:00	14:00	Registration
08:00	09:00	Track Walk
08:50	16:15	Rider Uplift
09:00	13:00	Official Practice – Group B
13:00	16:00	Official Practice – Group A
	16:00	Track Closed
Sunday 1st of March 2025		
Start	Finish	Activity
08:00	17:00	Race Village Opens
08:00	09:00	Rider Registration
08:00	17:00	Rider Uplift
08:00	10:45	Open Practice
11:00	17:00	Official Racing – Groups A & B
17:00	17:30	Presentations – Groups A & B
	17:30	Event Closed
Group A		Group B
Elite	Expert	Under 13 Under 15 Under 17
		Masters 1 – 10

Presentations

Presentation ceremonies will take place in the event village at the scheduled time post racing. All riders who finish 1st to 5th in Elite or 1st to 3rd in all other categories must be present at their presentation.

Medical, Hospital & Emergency Information

There will be a dedicated First responder and first aiders present on both days of practice and racing. Medical staff will be located on course as well as in the event village. The nearest hospital to the race location is the Mount Beauty Hospital (Alpine Health – Rural Urgent Care Centre). 2-8 Hollonds Street, Mt Beauty, VIC 3699.

Social Media

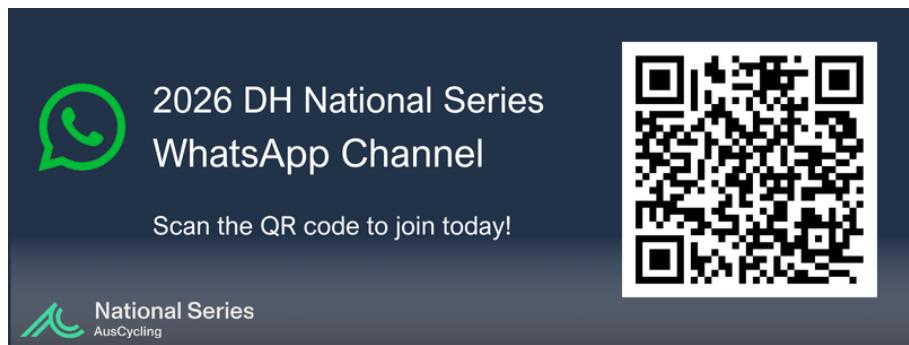
AusCycling		VDHS	
Facebook	@AusCyclingMTBCX	Facebook	VDHS
X/Twitter	@AusCyclingAus	Website	Victorian Downhill Series
Instagram	@auscyclingausOfficial	Instagram	VDHS

Trail Access outside of event days

Riders must be aware that all trails will not be staffed outside of official practice and race times. Riders who access the trails at this time do so at their own risk of being unable to access emergency assistance.

On the Day information & Communications

On the day information can be accessed in two locations: **VDHS WhatsApp Group** or **AusCycling DH National Series WhatsApp Channel**. Please scan the QR codes below to join.



Awards

AusCycling National Series	UCI Continental Series
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awards for this event are in line with the 2026 AusCycling MTB National Series guide. Medals – 1st to 3rd (all categories) Podium recognition - 4th & 5th (Elite only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top 5 Riders will receive a Golden Ticket to any UCI MTB World Series event* <p><i>*prize must be used within 52 weeks of this event date.</i></p>

This event has NO prize money payable

Results & Points

Results will be available via the [AusCycling Results page](#). AusCycling National series points will be awarded as per the table below:

Series Points to be awarded for final placings.

FINAL RACE RUN POINTS									
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	200	11th	110	21st	90	31st	70	41st	50
2nd	186	12th	108	22nd	88	32nd	68	42nd	48
3rd	176	13th	106	23rd	86	33rd	66	43rd	46
4th	168	14th	104	24th	84	34th	64	44th	44
5th	160	15th	102	25th	82	35th	62	45th	42
6th	152	16th	100	26th	80	36th	60	46th	40
7th	144	17th	98	27th	78	37th	58	47th	38
8th	136	18th	96	28th	76	38th	56	48th	36
9th	124	19th	94	29th	74	39th	54	49th	34
10th	116	20th	92	30th	72	40th	52	50th	32
DNF	20		DNS	0				51st~	30

Series points to be awarded for seeding placings.

Group A DHI Seeding Points							
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	50	6th	25	11th	19	16th	9
2nd	45	7th	23	12th	17	17th	7
3rd	40	8th	21	13th	15	18th	5
4th	35	9th	20	14th	13	19th	3
5th	30	10th	20	15th	11	20th	1

Series Points – UCI Continental Series

UCI Points to be awarded for final placings for Elite and U19 (Juniors) riders only.

Rank	DH Elite	DH U19
1	90	30
2	70	25
3	60	20
4	50	18
5	40	16
6	35	15
7	30	14
8	27	13
9	24	12
10	22	11
11	20	10
12	18	9
13	16	8
14	14	7
15	12	6
16	10	5
17	9	4
18	8	3
19	7	2
20	6	1
21	5	
22	4	
23	3	
24	2	
25	1	

Event Contacts

AusCycling Management	
Harry Fortune Manager of Event Operations (MTB & CX)	harry.fortune@auscycling.org.au
Club Contact	
John Hunter Race Director	
Michelle Currie Event Manager	
Commissaire Panel	
Matt Amos President of the Commissaire Panel (PCP)	
Shane Currie Member	
Bradley Higgins Member	

Competition Information

Rules and regulations

The event will be conducted under the UCI Technical Regulations for Mountain Bike races and the guidance of the Australian technical Regulations both General and Mountain Bike specific .

These regulations can be read below:

- [2026 Mountain Bike Technical Regulations](#)
- [2026 General Technical Regulations](#)
- [2026 UCI MTB Technical Regulations](#)

Race Numbers

For all races, DH riders will be issued a race plate at registration plus a separate timing chip which they must attach to the front forks of their bike.

This chip must be returned to DH timing after their final race run.

Race Plates must be clearly visible and unaltered in any way. This race plate must be fixed to the rider's bike prior to commencing any practice or racing.

Race numbers must be visible to any official or rider whilst on track in either race or course practice. This means that the race plate cannot be obscured in any way. The race plate must be:

- Displayed flat, not curved.
- Free from visible obstructions such as cables or any other hardware.
- Displayed as provided, not cut, folded or altered in any way.
- Perpendicular to the ground with a slight upwards slant.



For the UCI categories (Elite and U19) you will also be issued with a body number which you must display at the back during seeding and racing.



Safety Equipment

Helmets

As per the 2026 AusCycling Mountain Bike Technical Regulations (Annexure A), riders must have a helmet meeting AS2063 or equivalent international standard. Equivalent international standards include;

- ANSI Z90.4, SNELL B or N Series
- ASTM F-1447
- CAN/CSA-D113.2-M
- US CPSC standard for bicycle helmets
- European CEN standard EN1078

A Full-face helmet meeting AS 2063 or equivalent standard with a fixed non-detachable mouthpiece are mandatory at all AusCycling sanctioned downhill events

Clothing and Crash Protection

The jersey shall be a long-sleeved shirt with sleeves that extend down to the rider's wrists. Jerseys used in downhill events should be of a type specifically designed and sold for use in BMX Racing or Mountain Bike downhill events. Jerseys designed for road cycling, skinsuits, or one-piece suits comprising the jersey and the pants/shorts **are not permitted for use in downhill events**. The jersey must be either close fitting around the waist or must be tucked into the pants before the start to not cause interference. Knees must be covered by full-length trousers and/or self-fastening knee or knee/shin guards expressly designed for off-road competition.

For all riders who are eligible to compete in U13, U15 and U17 categories, the following equipment is mandatory at all times while on track regardless of registered category:

- Full-finger gloves must be worn;
- Full length jersey – jersey must cover elbows at all times;
- Knee pads and elbow pads must be worn.

The use of the following for all competitors is strongly recommended:

- Neck brace expressly designed for off-road competition;
- Back and shoulder protection expressly designed for the purpose;
- Full finger gloves;
- Elbow protectors and/or long sleeve jersey to the wrist;
- Goggles expressly designed for the purpose.

Race Seeding

Seeding/Plate order is determined as follows:

Elite, U19 (Continental Series)
1. Current UCI DH ranking 2. Recognised UCI World Champion 3. AusCycling DH National Champion 4. VDHS Series 5. 2025/24 AusCycling National Series Rankings 6. All other riders in entry order
Masters (National Series)
1. Defending format class National Champion 2. 2026 National Series rankings 3. VDHS Series Rankings 4. All other riders in entry order
J15, J17 (National Series)
1. Defending format class National Champion 2. 2026 National Series Rankings 3. VDHS Series Rankings 4. All other riders in entry order
J13 & Expert (National Series)
1. VDHS Series Rankings 2. Order of Entry

- Seeding will run riders as per the table above.
- Finals will run in reverse seeding order with the fastest rider from seeding run starting last.
- Only riders who start seeding will be classified as eligible for finals

General Information

Severe Weather Guidelines

When looking at weather conditions, the safety of the athletes, spectators, staff, and volunteers is the utmost priority. While often providing an additional challenge, adverse weather in its extremes may result in hypothermia, heat exhaustion or other dangerous conditions. In all cases the event will follow the AusCycling Extreme Weather Guidelines.

Therapeutic Use Exemption

All competitors may be subject to anti-doping testing under AusCycling and Sport Integrity Australia regulations. If you are currently taking any medication (including supplements), please check whether this substance is banned in or out of competition via www.globaldro.com/AU/search

A TUE is an exemption that allows an athlete to use, for therapeutic purposes only, an otherwise prohibited substance or method (of administering a substance). TUE approval may protect athletes from receiving a sanction if a prohibited substance is found in their sample.

Who needs to complete a TUE in-advance for Cycling? Athletes who are taking, considering taking, or being prescribed any banned or prohibited substances.

Further information on the TUE process can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) website <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/therapeutic-use-exemption> or by calling 1300 027 23

Sport Integrity Australia App

Any athlete and official can download the SIA app.

The SIA App has been designed with athletes in mind. The App gives a complete list of all supplements sold in Australia that have been screened for prohibited substances by an independent laboratory. The testing and certification of sports supplements cannot provide athletes a 100% safety guarantee but does significantly lower the risk of a positive test. For non-tested supplements the App gives athletes access to a quiz to assess the risk posed by highlighting key risk factors. The App can also be used to report doping, check if a medication is banned in sport, give SIA feedback on testing missions, and complete online education module.

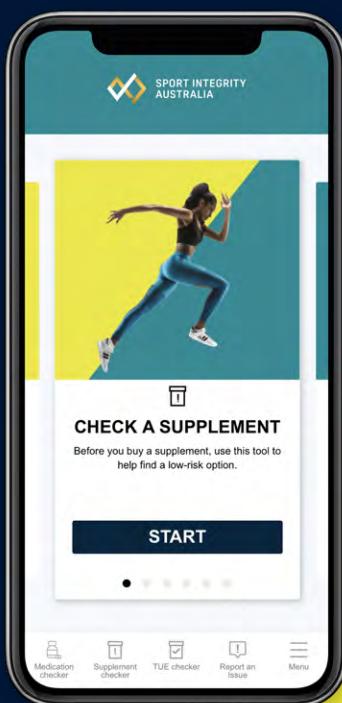


CLEAN SPORT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

SPORT INTEGRITY APP

- Check medications on Global DRO
- Find low risk supplements
- Check if you need a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)
- Report an issue
- Give feedback or ask a question

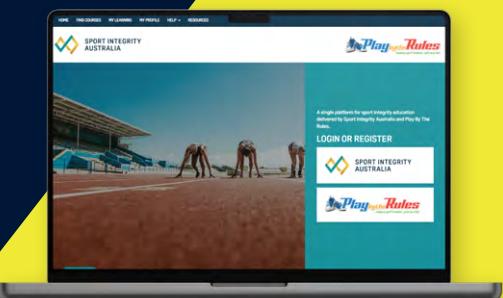
The app also has information on all sport integrity issues, anti-doping rules, testing programs, the health effects of doping, supplement and nutrition advice, overseas travel considerations and more. Just click on the menu icon.



Download the app from the Apple Store and Google Play store [here](#).

ONLINE EDUCATION

- Sport Integrity Australia's eLearning website: elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au
- Visit the site for courses on integrity topics including: Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction, introduction courses to anti-doping, match-fixing and illicit drugs, along with specific courses for parents and coaches.



Contact Us

Email: education@sportintegrity.gov.au
Safe Sport Hotline: 1800 161 361
Enquiries: 1300 027 232
www.sportintegrity.gov.au



ANTI DOPING IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY



Medications may have banned substances in them. Check all medications on the Sport Integrity app.



All athletes are responsible for what substances they put into their own bodies - they can't blame anyone else, however if a coach has supplied the substance, penalties also apply to the coach.



Supplements are a huge risk. Research shows 1 in 5 contain a banned substance not listed on the label. Find low risk supplements on the Sport Integrity app. If it's not listed, don't risk it.



As a member of your sport, you are bound by an Anti-Doping Policy and potentially subject to investigation.



There are rules that you and your athletes must follow under your sport's Anti-Doping Policy. Details are in the Sport Integrity app menu under 'Know the rules'.



Anti-doping education should not be a 'tick the box' exercise - it should be an ongoing conversation with your athletes.



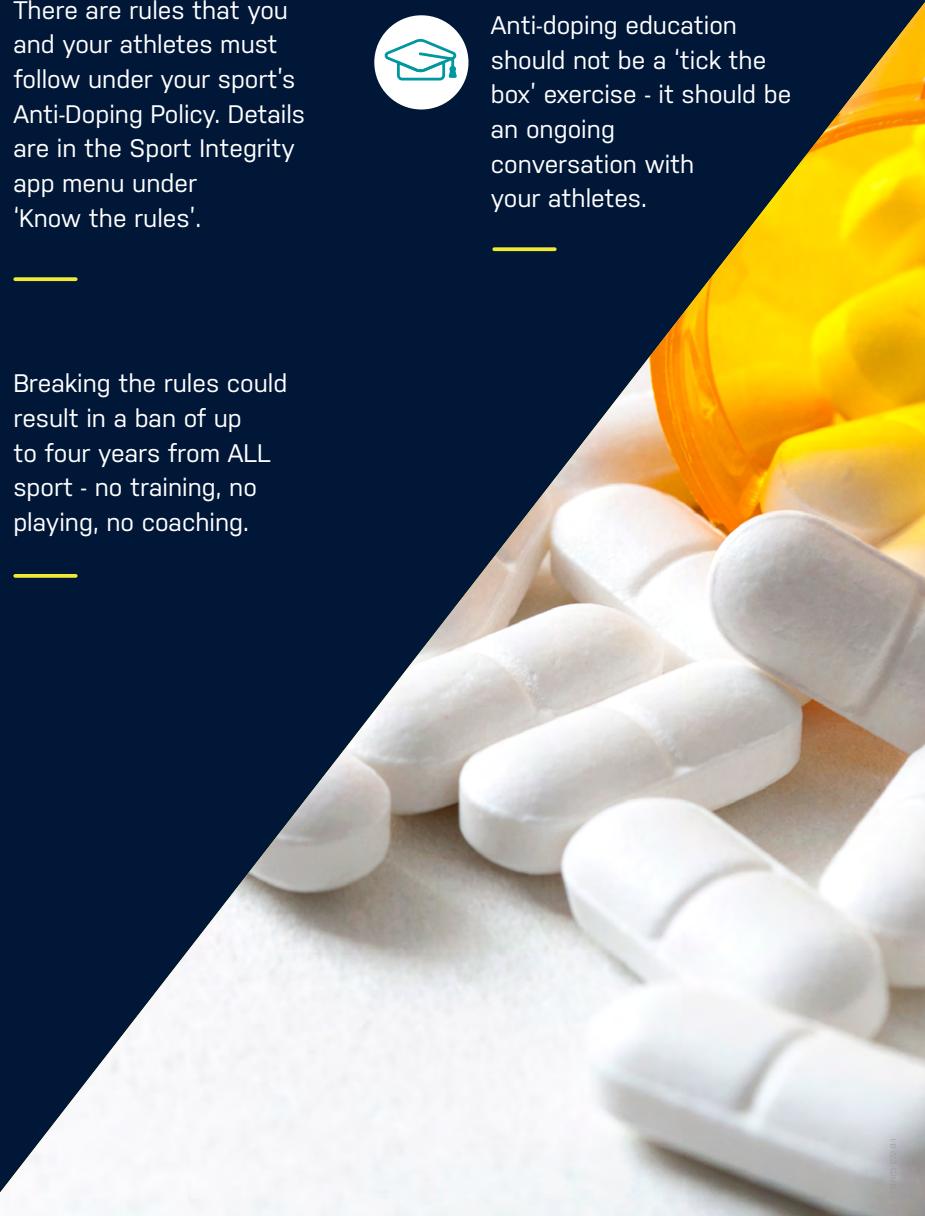
If you are involved in a team sport, and an athlete tests positive to a banned substance, the team could lose competition points and championship placings.



Breaking the rules could result in a ban of up to four years from ALL sport - no training, no playing, no coaching.



Learn more about the sample collection process via our Virtual Reality anti-doping test experience. Found in the menu of the Sport Integrity app under 'Tools'.



COMPETITION COMING UP?

MAKE SURE YOU ARE READY!

1

Download the Sport Integrity App and use it to make your way through the following steps.



2

TAKING A MEDICATION?

Use the 'Check a Medication' tab to access Global DRO to make sure your medication isn't banned in sport.



3

TAKING A BANNED SUBSTANCE FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES?

Use the Therapeutic Use Exemption Checker to see if you need a TUE, and complete the paperwork if required.



4

USING SUPPLEMENTS?

Use the 'Check a Supplement' tab to check the risk of your product. Supplements are the leading cause of inadvertent positive tests in Australia.



5

NEVER BEEN TESTED?

Prepare yourself by going through a virtual reality test on the App. (Search for it under the menu icon)



6

KNOW THE RULES?

A positive test is only one way to be banned from sport. Read up on the 11 Anti-Doping Rule Violations.



7

COMPLETED YOUR EDUCATION?

Access the Sport Integrity Australia online courses by clicking on the Get Educated tab.



8

TRAIN AND COMPETE CLEAN!



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