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The referee may be approached by players, coaches, team managers or the Doping Control Officer (DCO), with an enquiry related to the doping control process. Here are some possible scenarios and suggested responses.

Possible interactions with Players/Coaches/Team Managers

1. **Player approaches the referee after being notified of a test.**

   **Player to Referee:** I’ve just been notified by a Doping Control Officer (DCO) that I’ve been selected for testing, what does that mean?

   **Referee to Player:** Basically, being selected for testing means that you need to provide a sample as soon as possible – the test cannot be cancelled!! It is possible to delay the giving of the sample, but that is at the discretion of the DCO based on set criteria. Ask them and see if a delay is possible. Feel free to ask the DCO questions; they will gladly answer them.

2. **Player is in two or more matches on a specific day and is notified by the DCO of a test after his/her first match. There is some time until that next match.**

   **Player to Referee:** I’ve just been notified by a DCO about being tested, but I still have another match to play later today. Can the test be delayed?

   **Referee to Player:** Depending on when your next match is, it may still be possible to provide the sample before the last match; this follows the requirement of being tested at ‘any time’. You do have a right to request a delay in providing the sample, but the final decision sits with the DCO based on set criteria. If a delay is granted, you will be chaperoned throughout the day until you provide the sample.
3 Player is tested after his/her last match of the day, which is late in the evening, and may be scheduled to play early the next day. A member of the player’s entourage or Athlete Support Personnel (e.g., coach, team manager etc) approaches the referee.

Athlete Support Personnel (ASP) to Referee: My player has been notified to be tested and it is likely that the process will continue late into the night. Can you schedule my player for a later start tomorrow?

The response to this question is time sensitive, so the timing of when the schedule is published will dictate the answer here.

Referee to ASP: Unfortunately, the schedule has already been agreed and published – it cannot be changed.

OR

Referee to ASP: As the schedule has not yet been approved or published, I’ll see if it is possible to give your player a later start.

4 Player complains regarding inappropriate behaviour of the DCO (e.g., rudeness)

Player to Referee: I’d like to report inappropriate behaviour of the DCO responsible for my sample collection - what do I need to do?

Referee to Player: Give me as many details as you can. The DCO was very inappropriate towards me.

Referee to Player: I’ll report it to the BWF Integrity Unit. If you wish, you can also contact the BWF Senior Integrity Unit Manager directly and make the necessary report. The Integrity Unit will follow up with the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) or the service provider responsible for the testing.
Possible Interactions with the Doping Control Officer (DCO)

1. Testing is taking place, but the DCO has not introduced him/herself to the referee team, but has contacted the BWF Tournament Series Manager (TSM) and they informed the referee team.

TSM to Referee: I’ve just spoken to the DCOs from the NADO, and they are in the doping control room getting prepared for today’s anti-doping testing.

Referee to TSM: I was not aware that the DCOs had arrived.

TSM to Referee: They informed me that they have conducted testing at this tournament for several years and are very familiar with the venue and the setup. They told me that should they have any questions about the schedule or the identity of a player, they will drop by the referee’s desk to speak with you.

2. The DCO may approach the referee for the following information:
   - Identification of a player/pair
   - Queries on schedule (e.g. when a particular player/pair is playing, which court, etc.)

DCO to Referee: Can you help me identify the following players and let me know when the following players are scheduled to play their matches?

Referee to DCO: Sure, here is the schedule for the day, it is final and will not change. The other players you need will be playing next on courts 1 and 2 - I will specifically identify them to you when they arrive on court.

3. The DCO requests the referee’s presence to observe a random draw.

DCO to Referee: As per the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, can you witness a random draw to select a new player for testing? The draw will take place in the Doping Control Room in 15 minutes time.

Referee to DCO: Sure, I’d be happy to help.