

In order to protect the clean Skaters by ensuring that new information or intelligence is utilized well beyond the time of testing, the ISU has implemented in July 2016 a “Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze” Policy, which terms were described in the ISU Communication 2026 “ISU Anti-Doping Program: ISU Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy”.

All Urine and/or Blood Samples collected In- and/or Out-of-Competition under ISU Testing Authority may be stored for a period up to ten years and may be re-analyzed at any time within this period upon decision of the ISU or WADA in accordance with the applicable World Anti-Doping Code and/or International Standards.

Long-term storage conditions and further analysis shall comply with requirements set forth in the International Standard for Laboratories (ISL) Articles 5.2.2.12 (for urine) and 6.2.2.11 (for blood).

The ISU Anti-Doping Manager is responsible for the implementation and follow-up of this policy and subsequent procedures.

Retention Policy

- A minimum of 60 samples (around 5% of testing) per year shall be selected for retention
- As a general principle, the samples will be stored where the initial analysis took place
- The ISU shall retain all sample collection documentation in relation to its samples selected for long term storage so as to enable a further analysis at a later date
- All samples placed in LTS are listed in a specific spreadsheet which contains among other the sample number, name of the skater, location of storage, date of storage, selection criteria, etc

Selection criteria for sample retention in Long Term Storage

- All samples collected on the winner of any ISU World Championships in Speed Skating, Short Track Speed Skating and Figure Skating
- OOC samples (urine and serum if any) collected during the pre-season on Skaters with a high personal risk assessment score
- Samples with suspicious Athlete Biological Passport (ABP); mainly based on the ISU APMU recommendations
- Samples collected following an unexpected result/ performance
- Any samples based on intelligence recommendation

Selection criteria for re-analysis

The decision for proceeding with re/analysis is based, without limitation, on the following criteria:

- New technologies, methodologies or significant improvements in detection methods
- Recommendations by WADA-Accredited laboratories and/or ISU's APMU
- Intelligence received

Review

This policy is reviewed annually in the framework of the ISU's TDP, and, given the dynamic nature of the TDP, adjusted as necessary depending on various factors including, but not limited to, re-evaluation of the doping risks, intelligence received, new methods of detection, laboratories / APMU recommendations, etc.