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IABA Anti-Doping Report, 2025

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IABA is proud to support clean sport through the provision of education opportunities, and partnering with Sport Ireland and other anti-doping agencies in the facilitation of testing. Anti-doping is a vital tool in ensuring a level-playing field for all athletes.

Testing

Over the past 12 months Sport Ireland have completed 82 anti-doping tests on IABA athletes, of which 18 were In-Competition and 64 Out-of-Competition – there were no adverse analytical findings and all tests were 100% clean.

15 IABA athletes are members of the Sport Ireland Registered Testing Pool this year, and all were tested, at random, outside competition.

All 17 boxers selected to represent Ireland were tested ahead of the World Boxing World Championships in Liverpool, ensuring that only clean athletes travelled.

In Competition testing was completed at the National Elite Championships, Elite Open Competition and National U23 Championships. Testing was conducted at semi-finals and finals stages. This is an important development as, historically, testing has been confined to champions. More random, widespread testing is desirable, and it's excellent to progress this volume of testing.

Education

The focus this year has been improving Anti-Doping Education and Awareness. Workshops were in January/February for the circa 40 athletes across the HPU Senior and Priority Development Squads, in addition to online e-learning provision.

We also staged, in collaboration with Sport Ireland, Anti-doping Outreach programs in the National Stadium in May & August during the National Senior Cadets, U15 and U23 Championships - providing learning opportunities to over 400 athletes, their parents/guardians, club coaches and clubs.



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Developing our Programmes:

In 2026, it is intended to expand the number of IABA Anti-Doping Tutors, with training scheduled for early next year. Bolstering the number of educators within the Association means accurate, timely anti-doping information will be more widely available to boxers, club coaches, clubs and parent/guardians.

Additional Outreach programmes will take place, in collaboration with Sport Ireland, at National Championship events and we hope to further expand in-competition testing at domestic events.

This is my first annual report as IABA's Anti-Doping Officer, and I'd like to take this opportunity to commend the work of my predecessor, Larry Morrisison. Larry served as the Association's Anti-Doping Officer for almost 2 decades, during a period of frequent change and development in the worlds of testing and education and it is his work on which we now build.

Sean Crowley

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