



# **Anti-Doping Norway's Prosecution Committee – what is it and how does it work?**

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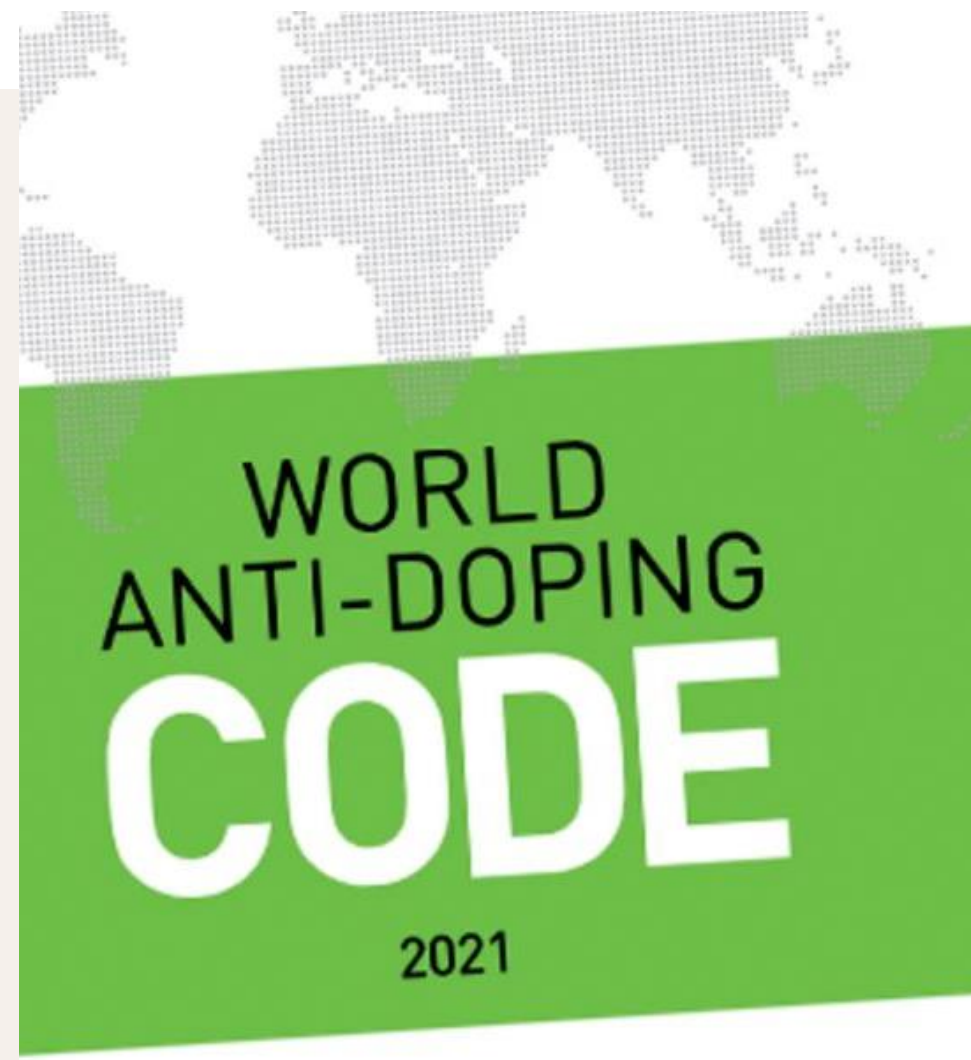
# My background

Attorney at Law with private practice focused on sports law for organized sports

Formerly secretary for the legal committee of the Norwegian Confederation of Sports

Worked on implementing WADC in Norway since 2004

External council for Anti-Doping Norway since 2003





# Establishing the Prosecution Committee

- Until 1996 – the decision to bring charges against an athlete was made by the board of the Norwegian Sports Confederation
- 1996-2003 – same, but with an advisory committee with a composition of external experts
- 2003 – Prosecution Committee established and anchored in the Articles of Association – 20 year anniversary for the Prosecution Committee as well as ADNO!
  - A consequence of COE evaluation of Norwegian Anti-Doping Model in 1999, which ultimately led to the creation of Anti-Doping Norway



# Why do we have an independent prosecution committee?

- Separate investigation from prosecution - same as in civil procedure
- Increase quality of decisions
  - Independence and objectivity – the committee cannot be instructed by ADNO or NIF.
    - Makes decisions more robust against legal challenge.
  - Expert knowledge



# Composition of the committee

- Lawyer – currently Katharina Rise, experienced prosecutor, working for the Norwegian Attorney Generals Office
- Medical expert – currently Anders Jørgensen MD, PhD Endocrinology and Internal Medicine at Oslo University Hospital
- Pharmacological expert, currently Anders Åsberg, Adjunct Professor - Section for Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Biosciences, University of Oslo



# Secure good prosecution practice

- Respect rule of law
- Adhere to general ethical standards
- No conflict of interest
- Secure objectivity
- Secure sufficient information and investigation of possible rule violations
- Quality and professionalism
- Data privacy

**Thank you!**



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