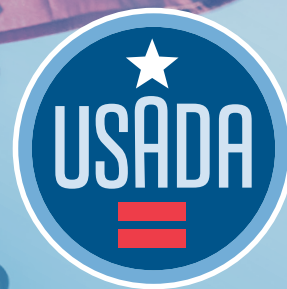


USADA-INITIATED

# U.S. ATHLETE INTERVIEW

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

## USADA-Initiated U.S. Athlete Interview Rights & Responsibilities

U.S. Athletes shall have the following rights and obligations in connection with all USADA matters which are subject to the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing.

1. An athlete may consult with the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”) Athlete Ombuds, counsel and/or other representatives before participating in an interview with USADA. The USOPC Athlete Ombuds, currently Kacie Wallace, is completely independent of USADA and available to offer cost-free, confidential, and independent advice regarding anti-doping policies and procedures. The Athlete Ombudsman may be reached by telephone at 719-866-5000, by email at [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org) or through the website [www.usathlete.org](http://www.usathlete.org).
2. An athlete may have counsel or another person who is not an athlete support person (or an athlete support person reasonably acceptable to USADA) present during the USADA interview.
3. An athlete may request that the interview be recorded or transcribed at the athlete’s expense. USADA also has the right to record or transcribe the interview at its expense.
4. An athlete is not required to travel to meet USADA for an interview. Should an athlete choose not to travel to the interview, it may be conducted by telephone, video conference, or, at USADA’s option, USADA will travel to the location of the athlete for an in-person interview.
5. Any athlete who USADA seeks to interview is required to cooperate and be truthful with USADA. (Code Art. 21.1.6; ISTI 12.2.4)
6. An athlete’s failure to cooperate or participate in a requested interview may result in disciplinary action under the rules of an International Federation, Major Event Organization, or other Anti-Doping Organization. A failure to be truthful may result in a tampering or attempted tampering anti-doping rule violation. (Code Arts. 2.5 and 21.1.6; ISTI 12.2.4)
7. Failure to cooperate in a USADA investigation or failure to appear if requested to give hearing testimony may be used against an athlete in an anti-doping rule violation hearing. (Code Art. 3.2.5)
8. Where an athlete has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the period of ineligibility otherwise applicable for that violation may be reduced if the athlete: comes forward and admits the violation to USADA before receiving notice of a sample collection which could establish an anti-doping rule violation or other notice (Code Art. 10.7.2), promptly admits the violation after being notified of the violation by USADA (Code Arts. 10.8.1 and 10.8.2), or provides substantial assistance to USADA as recognized in Code Article 10.7.1.