

Should the assistance of external, independent experts be required, all details of the application will be circulated without identifying the *Athlete* involved in the *Athlete's* care. The applicant must also provide written consent for the decisions of the TUEC to be distributed to other relevant *Anti-Doping Organizations* under the provisions of the *Code*.

- 5.2 The members of the TUECs and the administration of the *Anti-Doping Organization* involved will conduct all of their activities in strict confidence. All members of a TUEC and all staff involved will sign confidentiality agreements. In particular they will keep the following information confidential:
- (a) all medical information and data provided by the *Athlete* and physician(s) involved in the *Athlete's* care;
 - (b) all details of the application including the name of the physician(s) involved in the process.

Should the *Athlete* wish to revoke the right of the TUEC or the *WADA TUEC* to obtain any health information on his/her behalf, the *Athlete* must notify his/her medical practitioner in writing of the fact. As a consequence of such a decision, the *Athlete* will not receive approval for a TUE or renewal of an existing TUE.

6.0 *Therapeutic use exemption committees (TUECs)*

TUECs shall be constituted and act in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 6.1 TUEC s should include at least three physicians with experience in the care and treatment of *Athletes* and a sound knowledge of clinical, sports and exercise medicine. In order to ensure a level of independence of decisions, a majority of the members of the TUEC should not have any official responsibility in the *Anti-doping Organization*. All members of a TUEC will sign a conflict of interest agreement. In applications involving *Athletes* with disabilities, at least one TUEC member must possess specific experience with the care and treatment of *Athletes* with disabilities.
- 6.2 TUEC s may seek whatever medical or scientific expertise they deem appropriate in reviewing the circumstances of any application for a TUE.