

Russian Anti-Doping Agency 'Seeks Qualified Specialists'

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The Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) is seeking “qualified specialists” for doping control inspection work, according to an announcement on the agency's website Friday.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) suspended the organization's laboratory and ruled it non-compliant in November, after allegations of a widespread state-sponsored cheating scheme surfaced.

The position of inspector, RUSADA notes, involves bearing “a substantial share of responsibility as a representative of the organization at the national level.” They are looking for candidates from all regions of Russia to work on a part-time or ad hoc basis.

Ideal candidates must demonstrate “the highest standards of integrity” as well as “professional and ethical standards of conduct.” They must be a Russian citizen with higher or secondary specialization and experience working as a representative of a professional

organization.

The position entails collection of athlete samples at various competitions and training camps, both in and out of competition. Inspectors must be in compliance with WADA's and other international sampling procedure and investigation standards, as well as national anti-doping rules.

WADA upheld their November decision on Monday, citing "Russian state manipulation of the doping control process." In April, WADA appointed two international experts to help RUSADA rebuild their program.

In June, the International Association of Athletics Federations banned Russia's track and field team from competing at the Rio Olympics, a decision which the Court of Arbitration for Sport upheld on Thursday. The International Olympic Committee will decide on Sunday whether to ban other Russian teams from competing.

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