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**DOPING, AS A MATTER OF CRIME PROVIDED BY
ARTICLE 323 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF UKRAINE**

The use of stimulants in sport is currently a huge problem because, it seems, there is no potential to reduce it. Nowadays athletes and people related with athletes all the time are developing

new methods and substances that make its detection extremely difficult when athletes are subject to doping tests.

Dope - substances and the methods applied to increase of work capacity of athletes, are potentially dangerous to their health and are prohibited for use by the Anti-doping Code of the Olympic Movement and competent authorities of the relevant sports organizations.

Anabolic steroids (substances that increase muscle mass and physical strength) are particularly dangerous among doping agents and doping methods which are used in sports.

If previously athletes seeking to achieve results of international level got under the pernicious influence of these substances (their use dates back to 1960), then nowadays the use of anabolic substances is spread in schools, amateur sports sections, clubs of bodybuilding etc.

Abuse of anabolic substances has harmful social consequences. The use of large doses of these substances by men compromises the function of the endocrine and reproductive systems, increases the mammary glands raises blood pressure, causes headache and nasal bleeding, impairment of liver function, allergic reactions and even destroys the immune defense system of the body. Among women it causes virilization - the voice gets lower, breasts reduced in size, male baldness appears, hair grows on the face, hands and feet. Physiological defect of children manifests itself in the fact that they cannot achieve their natural growth. There is also the danger of formation of physical and psychological dependence of the human body as a result of the use of high doses of anabolic steroids.

In addition to anabolic substances, according to the Prohibited List of World Anti-Doping Code, the use of hormones and similar substances, substances with antiestrogenic activity, diuretics and other masking substances are prohibited. The prohibited methods include the following: a) enhancing the oxygen transfer (blood doping, including the use of autologous, homologous or heterologous blood products or blood cells of any origin or artificial enhancing the uptake, transporting and delivering of oxygen); b) chemical and physical manipulations; c) genetic doping.

According to the legislation, the organization and realization of anti-doping control in sports on the territory of Ukraine are carried out in compliance with the requirements of the Anti-Doping Code of the Olympic Movement and are entrusted to the National AntiDoping Center with the doping control laboratory in its structure, which is created by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Doping damages the sports integrity and it is connected with such types of crime as acceptance of the offer, promise or obtaining the illegal benefit by an official, illegal enrichment, illegal influence on the results of the official sports competitions, legalization money (laundering) proceeds of crime.

Winning in professional sports can be very profitable, for coaches, managers and other officials, increasing the motivation of players to use illegal drugs. The main slogan is «low risk - high profit» and therefore it becomes more and more attractive for organized crime groups worldwide.

Also widespread trading of stimulators has significant consequences for the public health. Often doping products are counterfeited and illegally produced, included to the commodity turnover and distributing.

As they are rarely being tested or approved for public use, their use is dangerous and poses a serious threat for the health of the professional and amateur athletes.

Abuse of doping substances in the elite type of sport reflects increased use of such substances in the amateur sport and health activities among young people too.

As the conclusion, we can point out that doping is harmful substance that negatively affects the human body and causes its disorder. Currently, this problem is very relevant both for professional and amateur athletes. To my mind the legislator should review the legal norms, where doping is the subject of a crime, and to use a more severe punishment for persons who produce, distribute and use doping substances.