

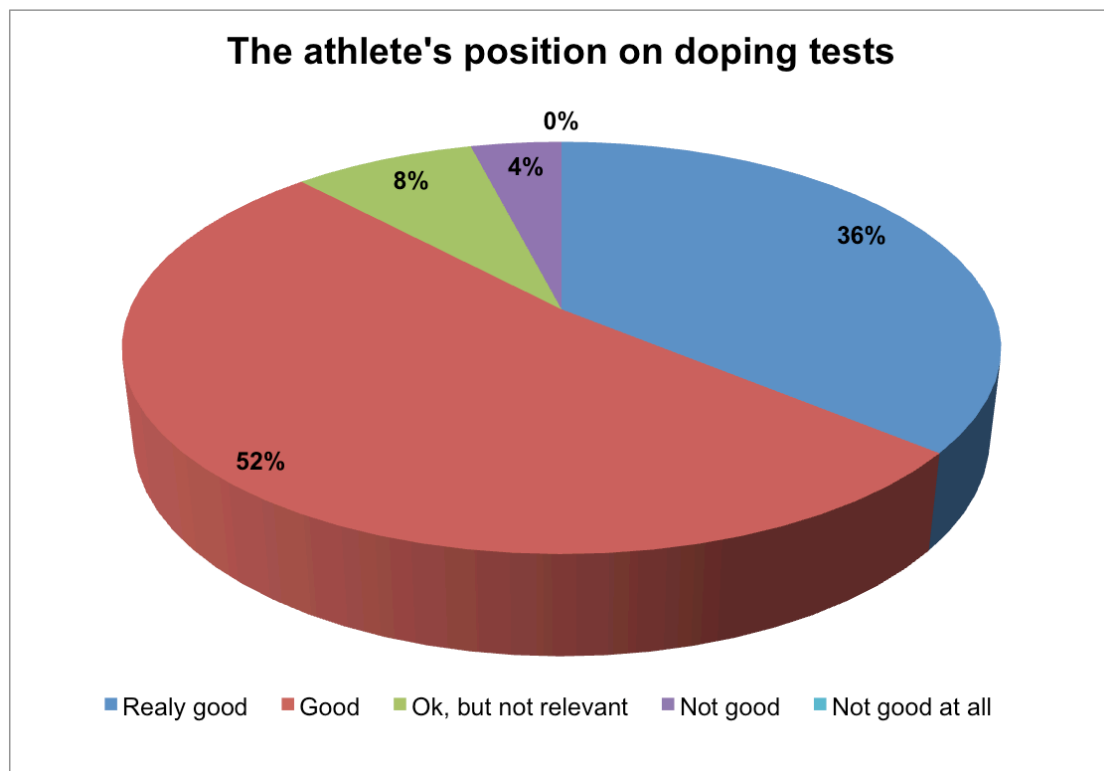
The Athlete's position on doping tests

For those of you who didn't went to the pre-WRC in October, the organization at the Dutch Water Dreams (DWD) held a pleasant and well-organized event in Holland, Zoetemeer. The race took place at an artificial course, which seems to be great for media and spectators. This is a major step towards a more audience-friendly sport, which in the end would create a greater focus on the rafting sport.

At the final day all teams were handed out an evaluation form to express their satisfaction for the event, and to give the DWD organization an opportunity to improve the upcoming WRC in 2010.

One of the questions was: What do you think about doping tests at the WRC 2010? This was a good way to foster discussion among the athletes about doping tests in the rafting sport, and finally to address the athletes' interests and concerns.

On the specific question about doping tests, 25 out of 54 teams answered the question. The outcome is translated into 5 categories that are seen in the following chart.



After reviewing the chart above we can conclude that 88 % of the athletes agree that we should do doping tests at big events. Only 4 % of the respondents think it is an objectionable idea.