

**No Sympathy For Dope Cheats - Khairy  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 4 (Bernama) -- The Ministry of Youth and Sports or the National Sports Council (NSC) will not condone the involvement of athletes in drugs or the use of banned substances said its minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

"If any athlete was found to have failed a dope tests or failed to undergo doping tests, they will be punished. We will not sympathize or tolerate such nuisance in sports as we view doping seriously," he told reporters after visiting the National Sports Institute (ISN), here, today.

Speaking of the punishment meted out by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland to a coach and six national athletes, for not attending a dope test, Khairy said such instances must serve as a lesson for other athletes.

The six athletes had skipped a dope test conducted by the ISN, purportedly after being advised by their coach.

The six were investigated and let off with a stern warning by the Malaysia Athletics Union (MAU) forcing the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) to drag the Union to CAS.

The CAS later handed the coach (Harun Rasheed) a 10-year suspension effective Sept 12, 2011.

Five of the six athletes who skipped the dope test - Norjannah Hafiszah Jamaludin, Nurul Sarah Abdul Kadir, Mohamad Noor Imran Hadi, Siti Zubaidah Adabi, Yee Yi Ling - were each handed a two-year ban effective May 24, 2013 while Siti Fatimah Mohamad who later became the witness was handed an 18-month suspension.

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