This year, 1964, is of course an Olympic Year, and in the autumn most of the world's great athletes will meet in Tokyo to celebrate the great festival of sport. Many other people will be going to Tokyo as well, some as spectators, and some to take part in the many conferences on various aspects of sport which coincide with the Games.

Among the many subjects to be discussed at these conferences will be the thorny problem of "DOPING". Already tremendous interest has been aroused, as can be seen from the number of meetings, seminars and conferences that have already been held to discuss doping, and the publicity given to the whole business in so many newspapers and journals.

In this country the whole question of doping tends to be conveniently ignored or forgotten by many people. Many there are who will say that our athletes and sportsmen do not use dope, but they cannot or will not at the same time say what they mean when they talk about doping, nor are they aware of its implications and ramifications. Your Committee has now taken the bull by the horns and drafted a statement of policy for the corporate approval of the members of the Association. This statement, which defines the Association's official attitude to doping, is set out in full in this edition of the Bulletin. It has been prepared with great care and after much deliberation. It will not meet with universal approval, but it is an honest and serious attempt to produce a practical code upon which real attempts to stamp out the practice of doping can be based.

Once this statement of policy has the approval of the members of the Association it will, with any necessary amendments, be sent to all Governing Bodies of Sport in this Country and to the medical press. Its general acceptance will, it is hoped, follow in due course, for the benefit of our athletes and sportsmen, and indeed for the country at large.