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THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) UPHOLDS SIX APPEALS FILED BY THE IAAF AGAINST RUSSIAN ATHLETES

Lausanne, 24 March 2016 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has issued its decisions in the following arbitration procedures:

- IAAF v. ARAF & Sergey Kirdyapkin & RUSADA
- IAAF v. ARAF & Sergey Bakulin & RUSADA
- IAAF v. ARAF & Olga Kaniskina & RUSADA
- IAAF v. ARAF & Valeriy Borchin & RUSADA
- IAAF v. ARAF & Vladimir Kanaikin & RUSADA
- IAAF v. ARAF & Yuliya Zaripova & RUSADA

The appeals concern one element of decisions issued by the disciplinary committee of the Russian Anti-doping Agency (“RUSADA”) in anti-doping cases brought against the athletes, based on irregularities observed in the athletes’ biological passports. The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) claimed that RUSADA had incorrectly applied the applicable anti-doping rules adopted by IAAF (the “IAAF ADR”) to implement the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code with respect to the disqualification of competitive results (disqualification of results split in different periods). The IAAF challenged what it felt was a “selective” disqualification of results, submitting that all results achieved by the athletes from the date of their first abnormal sample to the date they accepted a provisional suspension should be disqualified.

In each case, the appeal filed by the IAAF has been upheld and the decision issued by the Disciplinary Anti-Doping Committee of the Russian Anti-Doping Agency for each athlete has been modified, as follows:

Sergey Kirdyapkin

All competitive results obtained by Mr Sergey Kirdyapkin from 20 August 2009 to 15 October 2012 are disqualified.



Sergey Bakulin

All competitive results obtained by Mr Sergey Bakulin from 25 February 2011 to 24 December 2012 are disqualified.

Olga Kaniskina

All competitive results obtained by Ms Olga Kaniskina from 15 August 2009 to 15 October 2012 are disqualified.

Valeriy Borchin

All competitive results obtained by Mr Valeriy Borkin from 14 August 2009 to 15 October 2012 are disqualified.

Vladimir Kanaikin

Mr Vladimir Kanaikin is declared ineligible for a period of 8 (eight) years starting on 17 December 2012. All competitive results obtained by Mr Vladimir Kanaikin from 25 February 2011 to 17 December 2012 are disqualified.

Yuliya Zaripova

All competitive results obtained by Ms Yuliya Zaripova from 20 July 2011 to 25 July 2013 are disqualified.

The above-mentioned disqualifications are ordered with all resulting consequences in accordance with Article 40.9 of the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules.

The CAS is unable to comment on the corrections in the various rankings which may be affected by the present decision and the possible re-allocation of medals, titles, awards or prizes, as this is a matter for IAAF to determine.

With the exception of the case of Vladimir Kanaikin, where the life ban ordered by RUSADA is annulled and replaced by an 8-year ban, the remaining elements of the RUSADA Decisions, whereby the athletes were found guilty of an anti-doping rule violation and were declared ineligible for a certain period of time, were not challenged and are therefore final.

The full awards with the grounds will be notified to the parties in the coming weeks.