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ATHLETICS – ANTI-DOPING

CAS DISMISSES THE APPEAL FILED BY ALEX SCHWAZER (ITALY) AND IMPOSES AN 8-YEAR PERIOD OF INELIGIBILITY ON HIM

Lausanne, 11 August 2016 - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has dismissed the appeal filed by the Italian racewalker Alex Schwazer who challenged the provisional suspension imposed on him by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF). Furthermore, the CAS sanctioned him with an eight-year period of ineligibility starting on the date of today, less any period of provisional suspension effectively served as of 8 July 2016. All competitive results obtained by Alex Schwazer from and including 1 January 2016 are disqualified with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of medals, points and prizes. On 18 July 2016, the CAS already dismissed an urgent request for provisional measures filed by the athlete.

On 8 May 2016, the athlete returned to competition following the expiry of a period of ineligibility imposed upon him in relation to an anti-doping rule violation committed shortly before the London 2012 Olympic Games. On 8 July 2016, the athlete was provisionally suspended by the IAAF while an investigation into a new alleged anti-doping rule violation was carried out by the Italian Athletics Federation (FIDAL).

Alex Schwazer filed a statement of appeal and request for provisional measures with the CAS on 14 July 2016 challenging the IAAF's decision to impose a provisional suspension on him. Following the decision rejecting the request for provisional measures, the parties, at the suggestion of CAS, agreed to an expedited arbitration procedure with a hearing, in presence of the athlete, in Rio de Janeiro on 8 August 2016 in order that a final decision on the merits of the case be issued prior to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The IAAF, the Italian National Anti-doping Organization (NADO Italia), FIDAL and the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) were the Respondents in this arbitration procedure.

The full award with the grounds will be issued within the next days.

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