



## MEDIA RELEASE

### INTERNATIONAL BIATHLON UNION (IBU) JOINS CAS ANTI-DOPING DIVISION

*Lausanne, 28 October 2019* - The Court of Arbitration for Sport's Anti-Doping Division (CAS ADD) is pleased to welcome the International Biathlon Union (IBU) as its newest signatory.

Following the IBU's Extraordinary Congress on 19 October 2019, the IBU has agreed to delegate its adjudication of any anti-doping rule violations and sanctions to the CAS ADD. As IBU President Olle Dahlin noted: *"Over the last 12 months we have spoken a lot about change. We have spoken about the urgent need for change to ensure our athletes and all our stakeholders are protected. We have spoken about how we must change to protect our integrity and build trust...With the approval of our new Constitution, aligned with international best practice, we have entered a new era for biathlon... Transparency and integrity must be at the heart of everything we do."*

John Coates, President of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS), added *"The ICAS commends the IBU for taking this important and vital step to ensure a proper separation of powers between testing and prosecutorial bodies. This is critical to a fair hearing. The CAS ADD is ready to offer an efficient and independent service to the IBU in order to solve doping-related disputes in a timely manner."*

With this agreement, the CAS ADD will now be responsible for first-instance adjudication of alleged anti-doping rule violations, including any sanctions, arising under the IBU's Anti-Doping Rules. Additionally, allegations by the new IBU Integrity Unit of non-doping violations will be adjudicated by the CAS Ordinary Division.

The CAS ADD, a separate Division of the CAS, began operating in January 2019. It has been established to hear and decide anti-doping cases as a first-instance authority upon written delegation of powers from the IOC, International Federations, International Testing Agency and any other signatories to the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC). The CAS ADD conducts its procedures in accordance with the applicable anti-doping rules of the international sports entities concerned and is tasked to decide whether or not there has been a violation of the anti-doping rules, as well as to decide any sanction, if applicable, in accordance with the WADC.