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### ANTI-DOPING – CANOE/KAYAK

#### THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) UPHOLDS THREE APPEALS FILED BY THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (WADA): ATHLETES SANCTIONED

*Lausanne, 10 June 2022* - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has upheld three appeals filed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) against decisions issued by the International Canoe Federation (ICF) on 11 March 2021 (the Challenged Decisions) and has issued the following decisions:

##### Aleksandr Dyachenko

- On or about 5 June 2014 and on or about 3 August 2014, Aleksandr Dyachenko used prohibited substances (namely, trenbolone and metenolone) in violation of Article 2.2(b) of the ICF 2009 ADR.
- He is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.2 of the International Canoe Federation's 2009 Anti-Doping Rules.
- He is sanctioned with a period of ineligibility of four (4) years starting on 9 June 2022, less any period of provisional suspension already served.
- All competitive results he achieved from 5 June 2014 through to and including 31 December 2016 are disqualified with all of the resulting consequences, including the forfeiture of any titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money.

##### Nikolay Lipkin

- On or about 5 June 2014 and on or about 19 June 2014, Nikolay Lipkin used prohibited substances (namely, trenbolone, metenolone and oxandrolone) in violation of Article 2.2(b) of the ICF 2009 ADR.
- He is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.2 of the International Canoe Federation's 2009 Anti-Doping Rules.
- He is sanctioned with a period of ineligibility of four (4) years starting on 9 June 2022, less any period of provisional suspension already served.
- All competitive results he achieved from 5 June 2014 through to and including 31 December 2016 are disqualified with all of the resulting consequences, including the forfeiture of any titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money.



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### Aleksandra Dupik

- On or about 19 April 2014, Aleksandra Dupik used a prohibited substance (namely, furosemide) in violation of Article 2.2(b) of the 2009 ICF ADR.
- She is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.2 of the International Canoe Federation's 2009 Anti-Doping Rules.
- She is sanctioned with a period of ineligibility of two (2) years starting on 9 June 2022.
- All competitive results she achieved from 19 April 2014 through to and including 31 December 2016 are disqualified with all of the resulting consequences, including the forfeiture of any titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money.

In the Challenged Decisions, the ICF agreed that evidence put before it by WADA confirmed that Russian authorities had conducted an institutionalised doping scheme and had manipulated the Moscow Laboratory data in an effort to cover up such practices. However, the ICF considered that there was insufficient evidence to bring individual cases against these athletes and concluded that it would not pursue anti-doping rule violations against them.

In March 2021, WADA filed appeals at the CAS seeking a decision that the athletes had committed anti-doping rule violations and that they be sanctioned with periods of ineligibility of between 2 and 4 years and the cancellation of competitive results.

The CAS Panel appointed to decide the matters held a hearing in November 2021 in the presence of all parties, with the exception of the athlete Nikolay Lipkin who did not participate in the CAS proceedings.

Having carefully considered all of the evidence adduced by the parties, the Panel concluded that it was comfortably satisfied that Aleksandr Dyachenko, Nikolay Lipkin and Aleksandra Dupik had each committed anti-doping violations and that the decision taken by the ICF not to pursue the matters was wrong.