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The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Ad Hoc Division registers its fourth case:
Maxim Agapitov v. International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Tokyo, 21 July 2021 – The Ad Hoc Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has registered its fourth arbitration procedure: CAS OG 20/04 Maxim Agapitov v. International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Mr Maxim Agapitov (the Applicant), Acting President of the European Weightlifting Federation and President of the Russian Weightlifting Federation, has filed an application with the CAS Ad hoc Division seeking a ruling that the decision taken by the IOC on 16 July 2021 to withdraw his accreditation for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games be set aside, that he be declared eligible to participate in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games as a member of the IWF delegation, and that the IOC be ordered to reinstate his accreditation for the Games.

On 16 July 2021, the IOC officially informed Mr Agapitov that he did not meet the criteria for accreditation of International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) officials for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, in particular point B, that officials must “not have a personal history linked to any anti-doping rule violation and/or sanction”.

The Panel of arbitrators appointed to decide this selection dispute, composed of Ms Carine Dupeyron, President, (France), Mr Manfred Nan (Netherlands) and Mr Chico Müssnich (Brazil), will hold a hearing on 22 July 2021.