



ATHLETICS - ANTI-DOPING

THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) ISSUES DECISIONS IN THE CASES OF TATYANA CHERNOVA, EKATERINA SHARMINA AND KRISTINA UGAROVA

Lausanne, 29 November 2016 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has issued decisions concerning the Russian track and field athletes Tatyana Chernova, Ekaterina Sharmina and Kristina Ugarova. All three athletes have been found to have committed an Anti-doping Rule Violation (ADRV) pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the International Athletics Federation (IAAF) Competition Rules after analysis of their Athlete Biological Passports (ABP) showed evidence of blood doping.

Tatyana Chernova is sanctioned with a period of ineligibility of three years and eight months, beginning on 5 February 2016. Ms Chernova's period of suspension from 22 July 2013 until 21 July 2015, previously imposed by the Russian Anti-doping Agency (RUSADA), is to be deducted from this sanction. All results achieved by Tatyana Chernova between 15 August 2011 and 22 July 2013 are annulled and the athlete will forfeit any titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money obtained during this period.

Ekaterina Sharmina is sanctioned with a period of ineligibility of three years, beginning on 7 December 2015. All results achieved by Ekaterina Sharmina between 17 June 2011 and 5 August 2015 are annulled and the athlete will forfeit any titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money obtained during this period.

Kristina Ugarova is sanctioned with a period of ineligibility of two years, beginning on 7 September 2015. All results achieved by Kristina Ugarova between 26 June 2012 and 25 December 2012 are annulled and the athlete will forfeit any titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money obtained during this period.

The collection of the blood samples for these athletes started many years ago (dating back to 2009 for Ms Chernova, to 2011-2012 for the others), but the analysis of the blood values and of the Biological Passports was conducted in 2015. In February 2016, the IAAF, with the agreement of the athletes, referred the cases to the CAS in order for it to act as a first instance decision-making authority, substituting for the All-Russia Athletics Federation (ARAF), which was suspended at the time these matters were ready to be adjudicated (and which remains suspended).

The Arbitral Awards will be published on the CAS website in a few days.

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