



## ATHLETICS - ANTI-DOPING

### THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) IMPOSES FOUR-YEAR PERIOD OF INELIGIBILITY ON RUSSIAN ATHLETE MARIYA SAVINOVA-FARNOSOVA

*Lausanne, 10 February 2017* – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has issued its decision in the arbitration procedure between the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), the Russian Athletics Federation (RusAF) and the Russian middle-distance runner Mariya Savinova-Farnosova.

On the basis of clear evidence, including the evidence derived from her biological passport (ABP), Mariya Savinova-Farnosova is found to have been engaged in using doping from 26 July 2010 (the eve of the European Championship in Barcelona) through to 19 August 2013 (the day after the World Championship in Moscow) and accordingly to have violated Article 32.2(b) of the IAAF Competition Rules (the IAAF Rules) which concerns “*Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method*”. As a consequence, a four-year period of ineligibility, beginning on 24 August 2015, has been imposed on Mariya Savinova-Farnosova and all results achieved by her between 26 July 2010 and 19 August 2013, are disqualified and any prizes, medals, prize and appearance money forfeited.

The CAS acted as first instance decision-making authority for this matter, substituting for RusAF, which was suspended at the time the matter was ready to be adjudicated (and which remains suspended).