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## MEDIA RELEASE

## SWIMMING

## TAE HWAN PARK FILES AN APPEAL AT THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

*Lausanne, 29 June 2016* - The Korean swimmer Tae Hwan Park has filed an appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against the Korean Sport and Olympic Committee (KOC) and the Korea Swimming Federation (KSF). Mr Park seeks an urgent ruling that would potentially allow him to compete at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

In March 2015, the Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) imposed an 18-month period of ineligibility on Tae Hwan Park following a positive anti-doping control for testosterone. His ban started on 3 September 2014 and ended on 2 March 2016. KOC regulations prohibit an athlete from competing for the Korean national team for three years after the completion of a doping sanction. Accordingly, the KOC has announced that it will not select Tae Hwan Park for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Tae Hwan Park is challenging such announcement before the CAS and seeks an urgent ruling by 8 July 2016, the cut-off date for selection to the Korean national swimming team for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The final decision will be announced and published by CAS when it is available. In the meantime, the CAS will not comment further.

For further information related to the CAS activity and procedures in general, please contact either Matthieu Reeb, CAS Secretary General, or Katy Hogg, Communications Officer. Château de Béthusy, Avenue de Beaumont 2, 1012 Lausanne, Switzerland. <u>media@tas-cas.org</u>; Tel: (41 21) 613 50 00; fax: (41 21) 613 50 01, or consult the CAS website: <u>www.tas-cas.org</u>

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