



MEDIA RELEASE

ANTI-DOPING - WRESTLING

THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) UPHOLDS THE APPEAL FILED BY THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (WADA) IN THE CASE OF ANZOR BOLTUKAEV / UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

Lausanne, 13 September 2018 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has upheld the appeal filed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) against United World Wrestling (UWW) and the Russian wrestler Anzor Boltukaev. CAS has set aside the decision issued by the UWW Anti-Doping Panel on 2 February 2018 and replaced it with a new decision in which Anzor Boltukaev is declared ineligible for a period of two years, commencing on 13 September 2018, with credit given for the period of ineligibility already served between 6 June 2017 and 5 April 2018. In addition, all competitive results obtained by Anzor Boltukaev between 3 May 2017 and 6 June 2017 are disqualified, with all of the resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

A sample provided by Anzor Boltukaev at the European Championships in May 2017 returned an adverse analytical finding for Higenamine, a specified substance on the 2017 WADA prohibited list. Following an investigation, the UWW Anti-Doping Panel issued a decision on 2 February 2018 in which Anzor Boltukaev was found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation and sanctioned with a ten month period of ineligibility and the annulment of the results he achieved at the European Championships where he won the silver medal in the 97kg freestyle competition on 3 May 2017.

On 12 March 2018, WADA filed an appeal against such decision at the CAS requesting that the challenged decision be set aside and replaced with a new decision sanctioning Anzor Boltukaev with a two-year period of ineligibility and annulling all competitive results obtained by him at the 2017 European Wrestling Championships, and at any subsequent competitions until the date of provisional suspension on 6 June 2017.

The reasoned arbitral award will be communicated to the parties in due course and then published on the CAS website, unless the parties request that it is kept confidential.