

Tribunal Arbitral du Sport



Court of Arbitration for Sport

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JOSÉ ENRIQUE ANGULO CAICEDO SANCTIONED WITH FOUR-YEAR PERIOD OF INELIGIBILITY BY THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

Lausanne, 18 December 2017 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has upheld the appeal filed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) against the decision issued by the Tribunal de Disciplina of the Confederación Sudamericana de Fútbol (CONMEBOL) dated 3 April 2017 concerning the Ecuadorian player José Angulo Caicedo.

Pursuant to the challenged decision, José Enrique Angulo Caicedo was tested on 20 July 2016, i.e. on the day of the 1st leg of the final of the 2016 Copa Libertadores, was found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation (cocaine) and sanctioned with a one-year period of ineligibility. Following the appeal of FIFA, CAS heard the parties and scientific experts on 31 October 2017. The CAS Panel in charge of the arbitration has determined that the facts submitted by the player did not match with the evidence produced by the scientific experts, has set aside the CONMEBOL decision and replaced it with a new decision in which José Enrique Angulo Caicedo is sanctioned with a four-year period of ineligibility, commencing on 20 July 2016.

The CAS Panel has issued its decision, with grounds to follow later. The reasoned award will be notified to the parties in due course.