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THE CAS AD HOC DIVISION REGISTERS AN APPLICATION BY REBECCA PASSLER (ITALY)

Milan, 7 February 2026 – The CAS Ad hoc Division has registered an application by biathlete Rebecca Passler (Italy) against NADO Italia Antidoping (NADO Italia), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Italian Winter Sports Federation, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Testing Agency (ITA), the International Biathlon Union (IBU) and the Italian National Olympic Committee – Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano (CONI). The application concerns a provisional suspension on the athlete following an out-of-competition anti-doping control.

Ms Passler was provisionally suspended by NADO Italia on 2 February 2026 following an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for the substance Letrozole, which is a prohibited substance on the WADA Prohibited List (S4.1 Hormone and Metabolic Modulators).

Filed on 6 February 2026, Ms Passler requests CAS to annul the suspension due to lack of intent and negligence and to allow her to participate in the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 (2026 OWG). The application argues that the AAF is a case of contamination, with no fault of the athlete.

A hearing for this procedure is expected to take place on 10 February 2026.

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