

131st IOC Session in Lima –13, 14, 15 and 16 September 2017**Report by the Disciplinary Commission responsible for alleged doping violations by Russian athletes at the Olympic Games Sochi 2014****Missions**

Prof. Richard McLaren's mission was to determine if an institutionalised doping system had existed in Russia, particularly in 2014. He was not tasked with establishing the possible liability of individual athletes.

In order to do this and to issue any sanctions that could result from this task, the IOC President appointed a specific Disciplinary Commission made up of the undersigned, as Chair, and Juan Antonio Samaranch and Tony Estanguet.

Our Commission immediately set to work, aware of the urgency imposed on it, so that decisions could be taken as far in advance of the 2018 Winter Games as possible. As a first step, it carefully studied the McLaren Report to determine if the accusations made against certain athletes were proven and based on solid evidence. Prof. McLaren lent us his assistance in carrying out this task.

Activities

Insofar as it was suspected that the urine of Russian athletes collected in Sochi could have been exchanged with clean urine, and that the analyses conducted at the time had yielded negative results, the possible guilt of the athletes could not be based on a laboratory result as it could in usual cases. Our Commission therefore had to seek out other means of evidence, and it had forensic analyses carried out on all the B-sample bottles of the athletes concerned, in order to determine if the bottles had been opened and re-closed, which should normally not be possible. This expert analysis was entrusted to the Forensic Department of the University of Lausanne. Firstly, it had to develop a methodology that could provide incontrovertible conclusions. It was then necessary to have the methodology validated by experts, which was done in mid-July 2017. Specialised staff had to be trained and the first analyses were able to begin. This forensic expert analysis was essential to demonstrate the existence of manipulation. Once this is done, analyses of the contents – the B samples – will also have to be carried out, in several ways.

Schedule

Given the time constraints to which we are subject, as a priority we began with the cases of athletes already provisionally suspended; and we are continuing with athletes who are still active and considering competing in the events of the upcoming winter season and the Olympic qualifiers. The initial results should reach us in early September 2017; and as and when we receive the results, we will notify the athletes concerned and their NOCs of the charges against them. At the same time, we will invite them to appear before our Commission so that we can examine their case, respecting their right to be heard, and issue the appropriate sanctions. These hearings should be able to take place in early October, with the decisions following

shortly afterwards. Our work pace will naturally be linked to the forensic analyses and supplementary analyses focused on the contents of the bottles.

In parallel, we have worked with the International Federations concerned so that they can immediately take up the baton as soon as we have dealt with a case. We have also exchanged information with the Schmid Commission, which is covering another aspect of this complicated file.

Our Commission has done its utmost to move things forward quickly, but the task is far from easy. Given the circumstances and the unavoidable constraints resulting from them, our objective is for all the cases to be dealt with by the Commission by the end of 2017.

Denis Oswald
Chair