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LG/IPC/

Anti-Doping Rule Violation of Vietnamese Athlete Van Cong LE

Dear Mr. Vu The Phiet,

Following the recommendation of the IPC Anti-Doping Committee (Article 8.5.2 of the IPC Anti-Doping Code), the IPC Governing Board hereby provides notification of the decision related to the Vietnamese Athlete, Van Cong LE (the Athlete).

Provisions of the IPC Anti-Doping Code

The decision follows the provision of the IPC Anti-Doping Code, Article 2.1: "(The following constitute Anti-Doping Rule Violations:) Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample.

Factual Background

On 25 July 2010, the Athlete was subject to an In-Competition doping control test at the 2010 IPC Powerlifting World Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. On 14 September 2010, the IPC Anti-Doping Committee Chairperson was informed of the Adverse Analytical Finding of **Prednisone, Prednisolone and 20-OH Prednisolone** (Class S9. Glucocorticosteroids) in the sample of the Athlete.

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Evidence

The IPC Anti-Doping Committee considered the Doping Control Form (dated 25 July 2010), the Analysis Report (dated 21 August 2010) and the Laboratory Documentation Package (dated 13 September 2010) related to the sample of the Athlete.

The Initial Review (Article 7.1 and 7.2 of the IPC Anti-Doping Code) concluded that:

- There was no applicable Therapeutic Use Exemption granted for the aforementioned substances; and
- There was no apparent departure from applicable standards that undermines the validity of the Adverse Analytical Finding.

Pursuant to Article 7.2, the Athlete was notified regarding the Adverse Analytical Finding on 16 September 2010.

Upon receipt of this Notification, the Athlete informed the IPC Anti-Doping Committee on 8 October 2010 of:

- not having an applicable Therapeutic Use Exemption granted or being processed, explaining the Adverse Analytical Finding;
- the acceptance of a provisional suspension starting on the date of Notification (16 September 2010);
- the acceptance of the results of the A Sample Analysis;
- the waiving of the right to request the analysis of the B Sample;
- the waiving of the right to have a hearing; and
- the acceptance of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation pursuant to Article 2.1. (Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in an *Athlete's Sample*).

Pursuant to Article 8.5.2, the IPC Anti-Doping Committee made the recommendation to the IPC Governing Board that the Athlete constituted an Anti-Doping Rule Violation. The IPC Governing Board approved this recommendation on 15 October 2010.

Decision

As a result, the IPC concludes that

- The aforementioned Anti-Doping Rule Violation was committed (Article 2.1).
- There are NO reasons to consider Elimination or Reduction of Period of Ineligibility Based on Exceptional Circumstances (Article 10.5).

Motivation to the Decision

The Prohibited Substances, '**Prednisone, Prednisolone and 20-OH Prednisolone**' (Class S9. Glucocorticosteroids) were present in the Athlete's sample during the In-Competition doping control. This constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation pursuant to Article 2.1 of the IPC Anti-Doping Code. The Athlete is personally responsible for ensuring that no Prohibited Substances enter his body (Article 2.1.1 of the IPC Code).

Sanction

Pursuant to the IPC Anti-Doping Code (Article 10.2), **two (2) years ineligibility period** is imposed on the Athlete as a result of this offence being his first Anti-Doping Rule Violation, commencing **25 July 2010**, the day of the Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

In accordance with the IPC Anti-Doping Code (Article 9 & 10.1), all individual results obtained from 25 July 2010 onwards shall be disqualified including the forfeit of any medals, points and prizes. Eventual medals won from 25 July 2010 onwards must be returned to the IPC Headquarters no later than 15 November 2010.

Immediately upon receipt of this notification it is your responsibility to inform the Athlete in writing of this decision and of the Athlete's rights pursuant to the IPC Anti-Doping Code, Article 14.1.

Pursuant to Article 14.2 of the IPC Anti-Doping Code, the IPC will publicly disclose after this notice has been provided to the Athlete.



Appeal

Please be informed that the Appeal process and procedures are outlined in Article 13 of the IPC Anti-Doping Code.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Craven". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sir Philip Craven, MBE

President International Paralympic Committee

CC: *Kerwin Clarke, Results Management (WADA)*
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