

**IOC DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION
DECISION**

**REGARDING MRS OLGA PYLEVA
BORN ON 7 JULY 1975, ATHLETE, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, BIATHLON**

(Rule 23.2.1 of the Olympic Charter)

1. On Monday, 13 February 2006, Mrs Olga Pyleva (hereinafter the “Athlete”) competed in the Women’s 15 km Individual, Biathlon, in San Sicario, in which she placed second.
2. The Athlete was requested on 13 February 2006, in Cesana San Sicario, in the afternoon, immediately following the completion of her participation in the Women’s 15 km Individual, Biathlon, to provide a urine sample for a doping control.
3. Pursuant to Article 7.2.1 of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the XX Olympic Winter Games in Torino in 2006* (the “Rules”), Dr Patrick Schamasch, as representative of the Chairman of the IOC Medical Commission, was informed at about 19:30 hours on Wednesday, 15 February 2006, by the Head of the WADA Accredited Laboratory in Torino, of an adverse analytical finding on the “A” sample of the above-noted urine.
4. Pursuant to Article 7.2.2 of the *Rules*, Dr Schamasch, in his capacity as representative of the Chairman of the IOC Medical Commission and IOC Medical Director, determined that the above-noted A sample belonged to the Athlete, and verified that it did in fact give rise to an adverse analytical finding. He also determined that there was no apparent departure from the International Standards for Testing or the International Standards for Laboratories that undermined the validity of the adverse analytical finding.
5. Pursuant to Article 7.2.3 of the *Rules*, Dr Schamasch, representing the Chairman of the IOC Medical Commission, immediately informed the IOC President, Dr Jacques Rogge, of the existence of the adverse analytical finding and the essential details available to him concerning the case.
6. Pursuant to Article 7.2.4 of the *Rules*, the IOC President, by letter dated 15 February 2006, immediately set up a Disciplinary Commission, consisting of:
 - Mr Denis Oswald (Chairman)
 - Mrs Gunilla Lindberg
 - Mr Sergey Bubka

7. Pursuant to Article 7.2.7 of the Rules, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission took a decision on 15 February 2006 that the Athlete be provisionally suspended from all competitions, with immediate effect, until the decision has been pronounced by the Disciplinary Commission.

8. Pursuant to Article 7.2.5 of the *Rules*, the IOC President by letter dated 15 February, informed the Athlete, the Chef de Mission of the Russian Olympic Committee, Mr Vladimir Vasin, and the President of the IBU, Mr Anders Besseberg, of, among other things, the adverse analytical finding, the decision of provisional suspension referred to in Paragraph 7 above and the time, date and place of the hearing of the Disciplinary Commission regarding this case.

9. The Disciplinary Commission held a hearing on Thursday, 16 February, 2006 at 14:00 hours, at the Hotel Meridian Lingotto, Centro Congressi Lingotto, Sala Berlino in Torino, in the presence of a delegation (hereinafter the "Delegation") comprised of:

Mrs Olga Pyleva, Athlete
Mr Valeriy Medvedtsev, personal coach
Mr Vladimir Vasin, Chef de Mission of the Russian Olympic Committee
Dr Nikolay Durmanov, Doctor of the Russian Olympic Committee

10. The IBU was represented at the hearing by its President, Mr Anders Besseberg.

11. Also attending the hearing was:

Dr Patrick Schamasch, IOC Medical Director
Mr Howard Stupp, IOC Director of Legal Affairs
Mr Christian Thill, IOC Doping Control Administrative Coordinator
Mr Huw Roberts, WADA Independent Observer
Mr John Coates, Member of the Juridical Commission, Observer

12. The Delegation had been informed of the results of the laboratory analysis of the "A" sample which, according to the analysis report prepared by the Head of the WADA Accredited Laboratory, indicated the presence of the prohibited substance Carphedon.

13. The Delegation confirmed, at the beginning of the hearing of the Disciplinary Commission, that the disciplinary procedure with respect to the alleged anti-doping rule violation, in accordance with Article 7 of the *Rules*, had been respected.

14. The Athlete mentioned that she was injured and twisted her foot about one month ago. In order to alleviate the pain, her personal doctor, Dr Nina Vinogradova, Director of the Medical Service of the Sport Training Centre of Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, prescribed her a medicine called phenotropile, sold as vitamins and manufactured by a Russian vitamin manufacturer. There was no mention of the substance Carphedon in the notice accompanying such medicine.

15. The Athlete mentioned that she took the medicine from 23 to 25 January, 2006, and from 10 to 12 February 2006.

16. Dr Nikolay Durmanov, Doctor of the Russian Olympic Committee, informed the Disciplinary Commission that the Russian Olympic Committee knew that the substance Carphedon was contained in the medicine phenotropile. The Russian Olympic Committee requested on several occasions the manufacturer to indicate the presence of Carphedon in the medicine, which was not done. In addition, the Russian Olympic Committee published several articles warning the athletes and other concerned persons of the presence of Carphedon in this medicine.
17. Dr Nikolay Durmanov admitted that the present adverse analytical finding was a violation of the *Rules*.
18. The Athlete expressed her regrets for this incident.
19. After hearing the Delegation and the arguments it put forward, the Disciplinary Commission retired in order to deliberate.
20. The Disciplinary Commission unanimously concluded that the Athlete had committed a doping offence pursuant to Article 2.1 of the *Rules* in that there was the presence of the prohibited substance Carphedon in her body.

CONSIDERING the above, pursuant to the Olympic Charter and, in particular, Rule 23.2.1 thereof, and pursuant to the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the XX Olympic Winter Games in Torino in 2006* and, in particular, Articles 2.1 and 8 thereof

THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
DECIDES

- I. The athlete Mrs Olga Pyleva, Russian Federation, Biathlon, Women's 15 km Individual:
- (i) is disqualified from the Biathlon, Women's 15 km Individual, where she had placed second;
 - (ii) is excluded from the XX Olympic Winter Games in Torino in 2006;
 - (iii) shall have her Olympic identity and accreditation card be immediately withdrawn.
- II The International Biathlon Union is requested to modify the results of the above-mentioned event accordingly and to consider any further action within its own competence.
- III The Russian Olympic Committee is ordered to return to the IOC, as soon as possible, the Medal and the Diploma awarded to the Athlete in relation to the above-noted event.
- IV. This decision shall enter into force immediately.

Torino, 16 February 2006

The IOC Disciplinary Commission

Denis Oswald
Chairman

Gunilla Lindberg

Sergey BUBKA