

GUVERNUL ROMÂNIEI AGENȚIA NAȚIONALĂ ANTI-DOPING

DECISION No. 27/ 12.08.2010

The Hearing Commission for athletes and their support personnel who violated the anti-doping rules, summoned on 12.08.2010, 10:00 H, at the National Anti-Doping Agency official seat in Bucharest, 37 – 39 Basarabia Bvd., sector 2, regarding the hearing of the athlete **Vlad Alexandru IONAŞCU**, registered to **Bucharest Snooker Association,** residing in Bucharest, 29 Planetei Street, District 6, establishes:

Following the doping control on 10.07.2010 conducted on sport discipline Snooker, on Snooker National Championship, which took place in Bucharest, the analytical result of the sample of the athlete Vlad Alexandru IONAŞCU with the code number 1939726A, indicated the presence of acid 11-nor-delta 9-tetrahydrocanabinol-9-carboxylic (carboxy THC), metabolite of delta 9-tetrahydrocanabinol (THC) > 15ng/mL; the substance is included in the class S8 of the Prohibited List.

The *Hearing Commission* takes note that during the doping control the athlete admitted he had used prohibited substances before signing the *Invitation for doping testing* form.

Initially the athlete refused to provide the sample as he was aware of the consequences of the second anti-doping rules violation. The Doping Control Officer (DCO) discussed with the athlete and finally he provided the sample. At the same time, the *Hearing Commission* takes note that the athlete stated he had used prohibited substances in the section *Statement with regard to medication/food supplements* of the *Doping Control Form*.

On 12.08.2010 the athlete did not submit to the hearing session, despite the fact he had been notified legally.

At the same time, the *Hearing Commission* takes note that the athlete **Vlad Alexandru IONAŞCU** commits the second anti-doping rules violation as he had served an ineligibility period on 14.01.2010 – 13.04.2010 because he had violated the provisions of art. 2 paragraph (2) letter a) of Law 227/2006 regarding prevention and fight against doping in sport, republished. The previous positive result showed the presence of the same substance in his sample, namely acid 11-nor-delta 9-tetrahydrocanabinol-9-carboxylic (carboxy THC), metabolite of delta 9-tetrahydrocanabinol (THC) over the limit of 15ng/mL.

Taking into account the nature of the sample detected in athlete's sample at the doping control conducted on 10.07.2010 as well as athlete's statements given during the doping control, *the Hearing Commission* ascertains that the provisions of art. 37, respectively art. 46 paragraph (9) of Law 227/2006 regarding prevention and fight against doping in sport are applicable in this case.

The Hearing Commission for athletes and their support personnel who violated the anti-doping rules reviewed the documents within the file, namely the analysis bulletin no. 368/21.07.2010 of Bucharest Doping Control Laboratory, the Doping Control Officer's Rapport, the Doping Control Form, and the fact that the athlete commits the second anti-doping rule violation and in compliance with the legal provisions on national and international level:

DECIDES

The ineligibility of the athlete **Vlad Alexandru IONAŞCU** registered to **Bucharest Snooker Association** for a period of one (1) year, pursuant to the provisions of art. 39 corroborated with art. 46 paragraph (9) of Law 227/2006 regarding prevention and fight against doping in sport republished, as the athlete violated the provisions of article 2, paragraph (2), letter a) of the mentioned law.

The ineligibility period begins to run from the date of the current decision,

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 43 of the mentioned law, during the ineligibility period, the athlete has the obligation to submit his whereabouts information to the Agency. Aiming to reintegrate in sport activity, during the

ineligibility period, the athlete has to undergo to four no advance notice doping testing, one of them at the moment when the sport activity is started again. When the athlete firstly retires from sport activity during the ineligibility period and then he requests to be reintegrated in sport activity, he won't be reintegrated until he informs the Agency and no advance notice doping testing is performed during a period of time equal to the ineligibility period remained when he retired.

The decision may be appealed to the Appeal Commission beside National Anti-Doping Agency in 21 days since the notification.

The decision shall be communicated to the athlete, Bucharest Snooker Sport Club, Romanian Snooker Federation, National Authority for Youth and Sport, Romanian Olympic and Sport Committee, relevant international federation and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Romanian Snooker Federation has the obligation to apply the provisions of the current decision and to comply with the legal provisions in force pursuant to the provisions of article 65, paragraph (1) of Law 227/2006 republished.

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 34, paragraph (4) of Law 227/2006 regarding the prevention and fight against doping in sport, republished, the above-mentioned institutions are required to maintain confidentiality of the information communicated until the public disclosure of the case.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE HEARING COMMISSION FOR ATHLETES AND THEIR SUPPORT PERSONNEL, WHO VIOLATED THE ANTI-DOPING RULES,

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