



GUVERNUL ROMÂNIEI
AGENȚIA NAȚIONALĂ ANTI-DOPING

**THE HEARING COMMISSION FOR THE ATHLETES AND THEIR
SUPPORT PERSONNEL WHO VIOLATED THE ANTI-DOPING RULES**

To
Hargrove Darius Anton
Ploiesti University Sport Club
Romanian Basketball Federation
National Authority for Youth and Sport
International Basketball Federation
Romanian Olympic and Sport Committee
World Anti-Doping Agency

Bucharest, 23.04.2012

Regarding the case of **National Anti-Doping Agency** *versus* athlete **Hargrove Darius Anton**, registered to Ploiesti University Sport Club,
sport discipline **basketball**

DECISION

No. 6/ 23.04.2012

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**THE HEARING COMMISSION FOR THE ATHLETES AND THEIR
SUPPORT PERSONNEL WHO VIOLATED THE ANTI-DOPING RULES**

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Secretary of the Hearing Commission: **Gabriela ANDREIAȘU**

Summoned on 23.04.2012, 10:00 H, at the National Anti-Doping Agency Headquarters in Bucharest, 37 – 39 Basarabia Bvd., District 2 for the hearing of the athlete **Hargrove Darius Anton**, registered to Ploiesti University Sport Club, residing in Ploiesti, 10 Baraolt Street, Mihai Bravu entrance, Prahova County establishes:

Following the doping control conducted on 14.03.2012 on the occasion of C.S. Dinamo – C.S.U. Ploiesti match, the analytical result of the athlete's sample having the code number **1987507A** indicated the presence of the prohibited substance **acid 11-nor-9-carboxy-delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol (carboxy THC), a metabolite of delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol** included in the class S8 of the Prohibited List (Cannabinoids).

The above mentioned athlete has been notified on 12.04.2012 by the official address no. 5964/10.04.2012 that a prohibited substance was found in his sample which represented an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to the applicable legislation.

Following the decision rendered by the *Hearing Commission for the athletes and their support personnel who violated the anti-doping rules* summoned on 18.04.2012 for an expedited abbreviated hearing session, the athlete has been suspended provisionally until a final decision is established.

The hearing session in 23.04.2012 has been attended by Mr. Iacobescu Alexandru and Mr. Georgescu Ionut as representatives of Ploiesti University Sport Club and Mr. Horia Paun as representative of the Romanian Basketball Federation.

The athlete stated on this occasion that after a match for the Championship he had participated to a party in a club where he drank alcohol and then, by mistake, he had smoked cannabis with no intention to enhance his performance.

During the hearing the representative of Ploiesti University Sport Club Mr. Ionut Georgescu informed that the athlete had been suspended provisionally as of 13 April 2012 until the final hearing of 23.04.2012. During this period, the athlete should have played in other official matches as part of his team (18, 19 and 22 April against Oradea Municipal Sport Club), but he did not play.

The *Hearing Commission for the athletes and their support personnel who violated the anti-doping rules*, upon reviewing the documents within the file, namely

the analysis bulletin no. 127/04.04.2012 of Bucharest Doping Control Laboratory, the decision establishing the provisional suspension rendered by ANAD, the decision establishing the provisional suspension of the athlete rendered by the Ploiesti University Sport Club, the fact that the athlete did not play in any match as part of his team, the nature of the prohibited substance detected in his sample as well as the national and international legal provisions:

DECIDES

The ineligibility of the athlete **Hargrove Darius Anton** registered to Ploiesti Sport Club from any national or international sport event for one (1) month pursuant to the provisions of art. 39 of Law 227/2006 regarding the prevention and fight against doping in sport, republished with subsequent amendments. The athlete is guilty of violating the provisions of article 2, paragraph (2), letters a) and b) of the above-mentioned Law.

The ineligibility period begins to run from the date of the current decision, while the provisional suspension period is credited against the ineligibility period, namely **23.04-12.05.2012**.

The decision is communicated to the athlete Hargrove Darius Anton, Ploiesti University Sport Club where the athlete is registered, the Romanian Basketball Federation, the National Authority for Youth and Sport, the Romanian Olympic and Sport Committee, FIBA and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

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

The Romanian Basketball Federation has the obligation to apply the provisions of the current decision and to comply with the applicable legal provisions pursuant to article 37 and article 71 of the Law 227/2006.

Pursuant to the provisions of article 36, paragraph (4) of Law 227/2006 regarding the prevention and fight against doping in sport, republished with subsequent amendments, 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

GRAZIELA ELENA VÂJIALĂ