

GUVERNUL ROMÂNIEI AGENȚIA NAȚIONALĂ ANTI-DOPING

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

To,
Iacob Nichita
M.S.C. Bucharest
Romanian Rugby Federation
National Authority for Youth and Sport
International Rugby Board
Romanian Olympic and Sport Committee
World Anti-Doping Agency

Bucharest, 21.06.2012,

Regarding the case of **National Anti-Doping Agency** *versus* **Iacob Nichita**, registered to M.S.C. Bucharest, sport discipline rugby

DECISION

NO. 15/21.06.2012

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

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Summoned on 21.06.2012, 10:00 H, at the National Anti-Doping Agency official seat in Bucharest, 37 – 39 Basarabia Bvd., sector 2, for the hearing of the athlete **Iacob Nichita**, registered to Municipal Sport Club Bucharest, residing in Bucharest, 26 Smardan Street, Sector 3 establishes:

Following the doping control conducted on 21.04.2012 on the occasion of the match between M.S.C. Bucharest and M.S.C. Baia Mare, held in Bucharest, the analytical result of the athlete Iacob Nichita's sample, with the code number **1987113A**, indicated the presence of the metabolite 16β-OH Stanozolol, which indicates the administration of the prohibited substance Stanozolol, included in the class S1.1a of the Prohibited List (Exogenous Androgenous Anabolic Steroids).

On 15.05.2012 the athlete showed to the Hearing Commission meeting for the expedited abbreviated hearing where he stated that he had used the food supplement Big Bang, which he had also declared on the doping control form. The prohibited substance found in his sample is not mentioned on the product's label and the athlete stated that he didn't use any other supplement. The Hearing Commission decided to have the product analyzed in order to establish if the positive result is a consequence of using this food supplement and established the provisional suspension of the athlete by Decision no. 12/15.05.2012.

Following the notification of the athlete Iacob Nichita, he showed to the Hearing Commission meeting. On this occasion he was informed that the Doping Control Laboratory reported that stanozolol was not found by the analysis of the food supplement Big Bang. The athlete maintained the statement as of 15.05.2012.

The Hearing Commission for athletes and their support personnel who violated the anti-doping rules, after reviewing the documents within the file, the bulletin of analysis no. 240/07.05.2012 issued by the Bucharest Doping Control Laboratory, the analysis result of the food supplement Big Bang, the nature of the prohibited substance detected in the sample, as well as the national and international legal provisions:

DECIDES

The ineligibility of the athlete Iacob Nichita, registered to M.S.C. Bucharest for a period of two (2) years from any sport activity, pursuant to article 38 of the Law 227/2006 regarding prevention and fight against doping in sport, republished with subsequent amendments, 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, while the provisional suspension period of one month and six days from 15.05.2012 to 21.06.2012 shall be credited against the total period of ineligibility.

The decision shall be communicated to the athlete Iacob Nichita, M.S.C. Bucharest, Romanian Rugby Federation, National Authority for Youth and Sport, Romanian Olympic and Sport Committee, International Rugby Board and World Anti-Doping Agency.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 45 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.

Romanian Rugby 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 articles 37 and 71 of the Law 227/2006.

Pursuant to the provisions of art.36, paragraph (4) of Law 227/2006 regarding 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

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