



**GUVERNUL ROMÂNIEI**  
**AGENȚIA NAȚIONALĂ ANTI-DOPING**

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

**To,**  
TIGIRLAS VICTORIA  
DUNĂREA BRĂILA SPORT CLUB  
ROMANIAN HANDBALL FEDERATION  
MINISTRY FOR YOUTH AND SPORT  
INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION  
ROMANIAN OLYMPIC AND SPORT COMMITTEE  
WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY

**Bucharest, 23.01.2014**

Regarding the case of National Anti-Doping Agency *versus* the physician Tigirlas  
Victoria, member of the athlete Irimia Raluca Ionela support personnel

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The Hearing Commission for the athletes and their support personnel who violated the anti-doping rules, named hereinafter “the Commission”, summoned on 23.01.2014, 10:00 H, at the National Anti-Doping Agency official seat in Bucharest, 37 – 39 Basarabia Blvd., District 2 for the hearing of the physician Tigirlas Victoria, as member of the athlete Irimia Raluca Ionela support personnel, residing in Braila, 5 Progresului Street, bl. B13, appt. 4, Braila County, holds the followings:

Following the doping control conducted in competition on 01.11.2013, at sport discipline rugby, on the occasion of the National Handball Championship match between Dunarea Braila Sport Club and Cetatea Deva Sport Club, that took place in Braila, the analytical result of the athlete Irimia Raluca Ionela sample, with the code number 6070157A, indicated the presence of the prohibited substance dexamethasone, included in the prohibited substances class S9 - Glucocorticosteroids.

At the Commission meeting on 02.12.2013, the athlete reported herself together with the physician Tigirlas Victoria and the coach Alexandru Viorel. The Romanian Handball Federation was represented by Mr. Marinescu Mihail, as observer. On this occasion, the athlete declared that on 17.10.2013 she went to the specialist doctor who diagnosed her with ”repeated forte contusion right shoulder with scapula – humeral periostitis” and prescribed her a local and general non-steroid anti-inflammatory treatment, ice bags and, when necessary (if the pain persists), Ketonal and Dexamethasone, intravenously. The treatment was administered to her by the sport club’s physician, Tigirlas Victoria.

Before the match held on 01.11.2013, respectively in the evening of 30.10.2013, the athlete presented insupportable shoulder pain and addressed to the physician Tigirlas Victoria and the physician decided to administer dexamethasone intravenously. We would like to mention that the physician was required to ask for a TUE, knowing the fact that the athlete was to participate to a competition the next day and the above mentioned substance is prohibited in competition.

At the Commission meeting on 23.01.2014, the physician Tigirlas Victoria, working at Dunarea Braila Sport Club, declared that on 30.10.2013 the athlete was diagnosed with post traumatic contusion of right shoulder and she administered to her the intravenous treatment with Ketonal and Dexamethasone. She also gave the same statement at the Commission meeting held on 02.12.2013 for managing the case of the athlete Irimia Raluca Ionela.

At the same time, following the physician's statements, the Commission holds that she wasn't aware of the applicable anti-doping rules, respectively of the fact that the intravenous administration of dexamethasone is prohibited in competition and requires a TUE.

The Commission holds the fact that the **physician is member of the athlete's support personnel**, as it is defined by the World Anti-Doping Code and the Law no. 227/2006, republished with subsequent amendments and completions – *”any coach, trainer, manager, agent, personnel of the team management, official, medical or paramedical personnel, parent or any other person working with, treating or advising the athletes who participate or are training to participate to sport competitions”*, and, from this position, the physician treats athletes and is required to comply with the applicable anti-doping rules.

### **Deliberating upon the case, the Commission holds the followings:**

Taking into account that the athlete addressed directly to the team's physician, Mrs. Tigirlas Victoria, working at Dunarea Braila Sport Club where the athlete is affiliated, as it results from the statement given before the Commission, who held that the athlete addressed to the support personnel entitled to give her the necessary medical assistance.

The athlete demonstrated how the prohibited substance entered her body, through the fact that the physician Tigirlas Victoria administered to her the prohibited substance although she had other allowed therapeutic alternatives or ways

of administration of the same substance, which are not prohibited. All these arguments justify the application of the provisions of Article 48 para. (4) of the Law no. 227/2006 regarding prevention and fight against doping in sport, republished with subsequent amendments and completions.

The athlete's statements regarding the fact that the physician is the one who administered to her the prohibited substance dexamethasone, represents a substantial help, according to the provisions of Article 48 para. (7) of the above mentioned Law, for establishing an anti-doping rule violation committed by the physician Tigirlas Victoria.

Thus, through the Decision no. 23/02.12.2013, the athlete Irimia Raluca Ionela was sanctioned with one (1) month ineligibility, pursuant to the provisions of Article 39 of the Law no. 227/2006 regarding prevention and fight against doping in sport, republished with subsequent amendments, as she violated the provisions of Article 2 para. (2) letter a) of the above mentioned Law, respectively the presence in her biological sample of the prohibited substance dexamethasone, included in the prohibited substances class S9 - Glucocorticosteroids.

*The Commission*, after reviewing the documents in the case file, the statements given by the athlete Irimia Raluca Ionela and the physician Tigirlas Victoria, the fact that she admitted the intravenous administration of the prohibited substance dexamethasone, found in the athlete's sample, the substantial help provided by the athlete and the physician, as well as the applicable anti-doping rules:

## **DECIDES**

The ineligibility of the physician Tigirlas Victoria, working at Dunarea Braila Sport Club, for a period of four (4) years, pursuant to the provisions of Article 40 para. (2) of the Law no. 227/2006 regarding prevention and fight against doping in sport, republished with subsequent amendments and completions, *as she violated the*

*provisions of Article 2 para. (2) letter h) of the above mentioned Law, respectively the administration of a prohibited substance to an athlete.*

The Commission also holds that, as result of the reasons presented, it cannot be invoked the lack of significant negligence, as the physician wasn't aware of the applicable anti-doping rules, although she was working in a sport club.

The ineligibility period shall begin to run from the date of the current Decision, respectively 23.01.2014 and shall end on 22.01.2018.

The current Decision shall be communicated to the physician Tigirlas Victoria, Dunarea Braila Sport Club, where she works, Romanian handball Federation, Ministry for Youth and Sport, Romanian Olympic and Sport Committee, International Handball Federation and World Anti-Doping Agency.

The current Decision may be appealed in 21 days from its communication, to the Appeal Commission besides National Anti-Doping Agency.

Romanian handball Federation is required to apply the provisions of the current Decision and to comply with the applicable legal provisions, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 37 and 71 of the Law no. 227/2006 regarding prevention and fight against doping in sport, republished with subsequent amendments and completions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 36, para. (4) of the Law no. 227/2006 regarding prevention and fight against doping in sport, republished with subsequent amendments, the above mentioned institutions are required to maintain the confidentiality of the information received, until the public disclosure of the case.

**CHAIRPERSON,  
IOAN DOBRESU**