Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel

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To, Date: 22.08.2023

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Subj: <u>Decision of the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel Case No.-116.ADDP.2023</u>

NADA Vs. MS. AKSHATA BASAVANT KAMATI (ADAMS ID -KAAKFA71970)

The order containing the decision of the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel dated 16.08.2023 in respect of final hearing of the above case held on 27.07.2023 is enclosed.

Please note that according to Article 13.2.2 of Anti-Doping Rules of NADA 2021, the time to file an appeal to the National Anti-Doping Appeal Panel shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of this decision by the appealing party. The appeal may be filed at the abovementioned address.

Also please note that according of Article 10.7.1- (**Substantial Assistance in Discovering or Establishing Anti-Doping Rule Violations**)- Any period of Ineligibility imposed may be partially suspended if you assist NADA in uncovering and/or establishing an ADRV by another Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel pursuant to Article 10.7.1 ADR. Further, the athlete is subjected to doping control test during the ineligibility period, therefore, athlete is required to update his residential address as and when changed.

Copy of the NADA Anti-Doping Rules 2021 may be downloaded from NADA website at the following link:-www.nadaindia.org/en/anti-doping-rule-of-nada

The receipt of this communication may be acknowledged.

Encl: 04 sheets

(Yasir Arafat) Law officer

Copy forwarded together with the copy of the order containing the decision of the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel for information and action deemed necessary:

- 1. World Anti-Doping Agency, Stock Exchange Tower, 800 Place Victoria (Suit 1700) P. O. Box 180, Montreal (Quebec), H4Z 1B7, Canada.
- 2. General Secretary, Indian Weightlifting Federation WZ-78, 1st Floor, Todapur Village, New Delhi 110012.
- 3. International Weightlifting Federation H-1146, Budapest, Istvanmezeiut, Hungary.
- 4. National Anti-Doping Agency, J.L.N Stadium, 1st Floor, Hall No. 104, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 110003.

BEFORE THE ANTI DOPING DISCIPLINARY PANEL

In the matter of **Ms. Akshata Basavant** for violation of Articles 2.1 of National Anti-Doping AgencyAnti-Doping Rules, 2021

(PROCEEDING CONDUCTED THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE)

Quorum: Ms. Charu Pragya, Chairman, ADDP

Dr. D S Arya, Member

Ms. Abantika Deka, Member

Present: Mr. Yasir Arafat for NADA

Athlete in person

JUDGEMENT 16.08.2023

1. The present proceedings before this Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel ("this panel") emanate from the Adverse Analytical Finding ("AAF") against Ms. Akshata Basavant ("the athlete"). The athlete is a "Weightlifting Player" and her date of birth as stated by her in the Dope Control Form ("DCF"), happens to be 02.08.1999.

2. That the brief facts of the case are as follows:

- a) The athlete was selected for the Dope Test during IWLF Youth Junior and Senior National Weightlifting Championship held in Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu during a sample collection process was conducted on **06.01.2023** wherethe urine samples of the athlete were conducted by the NADA's Dope Control Officer ("**DCO**").
- b) The said collected sample was split into two parts A and B with a unique codeassigned to them being "6502212".
- c) The A sample of 6502212 of the Athlete was tested at the National Dope Testing Laboratory, Delhi (NDTL) in accordance with the procedures set out in

WADA's International Standards for Laboratories and was returned with an Adverse Analytical Finding ("AAF") for S.1 Anabolic Androgen Steroids (AAS)/Stanozolol metabolites 16 beta-hydroxy-stanozolol S.1.1 Anabolic **Steroids** (AAS) Metandienone metabolite Androgen betahydroxymethyl, 17alpha-methyl-18-nor-androst-1,4,13-triene-3-one /S1.1 Anabolic Androgen Steroids (AAS) Dehydrochloromethyl-testosterone alpha-chloro-18-nor-17beta-hydroxy, 17alpha-methylmetabolite (4 5alpha-androst-13-en-3alpha-ol. The said Substance is a is listed under S1, category of WADA's 2023 Prohibited List being a non-specified substance.

- d) The initial review of samples A showed that the Athlete has no TUE and there was no apparent departure from the International Standard for Testing and Investigations ('ISTI') or the International Standard for Laboratories ('ISL') that could undermine the validity of the AAF.
- e) Notification was issued to the Athlete on 15.02.2023 informing her about the AAF and that she was provisionally suspended from participating any further sporting events till the conclusion of disciplinary proceeding pending against her. Through the said notification the athlete was informed about her rights and that in case the athlete is unwilling to accept the result of Sample A, she has the right to request for the opening of Sample B at his own cost.
- f) The Notice of Charge was issued to the Athlete on 29.05.2023 and final opportunity for explanation was granted to the Athlete.

3. Submissions of Athlete: -

The Athlete denied the intentional use of the substance and requested for a reduced sanction.

4. Submission of NADA: -

a) It is submitted by NADA that under Article 2.1.1 of the Rules, it is the personal dutyof each Athlete to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters his/her body. Further it was

stated the substance found is of non-specified category and whether the consumption was knowingly or unknowingly, the responsibility lies on the athlete and that he is guilty of ADRV.

5. It is submitted by NADA that the Athlete has not exercised any, much less the basic degree of caution expected of an athlete at this level. In light of the same, it is submitted that a doping violation has occurred and the Athlete is liable for sanctions under applicable rules.

6. **Observation and findings of Panel: -**

After hearing the parties at length and having considered all documentary and having considered the written / oral submissions the Panel observes as under:

- a) It is undisputed that the Athlete's Sample has tested positive for Anabolic Androgen Steroids (AAS)/Stanozolol metabolites 16 beta-hydroxy-stanozolol S.1.1 Anabolic Androgen Steroids (AAS) Metandienone metabolite 17 beta-hydroxymethyl, 17alpha-methyl-18-nor-androst-1,4,13-triene-3-one, Anabolic Androgen Steroids (AAS) Dehydrochloromethyl-testosterone metabolite (4 alpha-chloro-18-nor-17beta-hydroxy, 17alpha-methyl-5alpha-androst-13-en-3alpha-ol anabolic androgenic steroids as per Category S1 of the WADA's 2023 Prohibited List.
- b) The Panel concludes that the Athlete has failed to establish that the violation was not intentional nor how the prohibited substances entered her system.
- c) In view of the above facts taken as a whole, it is established that a violation under Article 2.1 of the Anti-Doping Rules has taken place. Once a violation of anti-doping rules has been established, Sanctions on Individuals as provided under Article 10 of the Anti-Doping Rules 2021 must ensue. The present case involves a non-specified substance, hence the Athlete is liable for sanctions under Article 10.2.1.1, an ineligibility for a period of 4 years.

- 7. In view of the facts and circumstances stated above, the Panel holds that the Athlete is liable for sanctions under Article 10.2.1 and liable for ineligibility for a period of 4 years. In the present case, since the Athlete had been provisionally suspended, the Panel accordingly holds that the Athlete's period of his ineligibility for the period of 4 years shall commence from the date on which the notification was sent, i.e., 15.02.2023.
- 8. We also direct that under Article 10.10 all other competitive results obtained by the athlete from the date of sample collection i.e., 06.01.2023 shall be disqualified with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of medals, points, and prizes.

Dated: 16.08.2023

CHARU PRAGYA

Chombodia

(CHAIRMAN)

DR. D S ARYA

(MEMBER)

MS. ABANTIKADEKA

(MEMBER)