

## **Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel**

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To,

Date: 22.08.2023

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**Subject: Decision of the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel Case No.-118.ADDP.2023**

**NADA VS MR. PANKAJ (ADAMS ID: - PAPAMA50478)**

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 28/07/2023 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](http://www.nadaindia.org/en/anti-doping-rule-of-nada)

The receipt of this communication may be acknowledged.

Encl: 03 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, Powerlifting India, Midhun Palace Ward, Alappuzha, Kerala 688011.
3. International Powerlifting Federation, 1, Rue Pasteur, 4642, Differdange, Luxembourg.
4. National Anti-Doping Agency, J.L.N Stadium, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Hall No. 104, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 110003.

## **BEFORE THE ANTI DOPING DISCIPLINARY PANEL**

In the matter of **Mr. Pankaj** for violation of Articles 2.1 of National Anti-Doping Agency  
Anti-Doping Rules, 2021

(PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE)

**Quorum:**      **Mr. Vineet Dhanda, Chairman, ADDP**  
                    **Dr. Manik S. Ghadlinge, Medical Member, ADDP**  
                    **Mr. Abantika Deka, Sports Member, ADDP**

**Present:**      **Mr. Yasir Arafat, Law Officer, NADA**  
                    **Athlete in person**

### **J U D G E M E N T** **16.08.2023**

1. The present proceedings before this Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (“**this panel**”) emanate from the Adverse Analytical Finding (“**AAF**”) against Mr. Pankaj (“**the athlete**”). The athlete is a “Powerlifting Player” and his date of birth as stated by him in the Dope Control Form (“**DCF**”), happens to be **21.09.1998**.
  
2. **That the brief facts of the case are as follows:**
  - a) A urine sample (“**Sample**”) of Mr. Pankaj (“**Athlete**”) was collected during National Senior Classic Championship 2023 at Kozhikode, Kerala by the Doping Control Officer of NADA on 01 April, 2023. As per procedure, the Sample was split into two separate bottles, hereinafter referred to as Sample A and Sample B with unique Code “**6501869**.”
  
  - b) A Sample of the Athlete was tested at the National Dope Testing Laboratory, Delhi in accordance with the procedures set out in WADA’s International Standard for Laboratories and was returned with an Adverse Analytical Finding

**Anabolic Androgenic Steroids (AAS)/ 19-Norandrosterone, Methyltestosterone, Mephentermine and Furosemide.**

- c) Subsequently, the Athlete was duly notified by a letter dated 10.05.2023 (“**the Notification**”) wherein he was notified that he has been charge for violation of Rule Article 2.1 & 2.2 of ADR. In the aforesaid letter, the Athlete was informed of his right to have his B sample specimen tested and the right to an impartial hearing by the Independent Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel. The Athlete was provisionally suspended on 10.05.2023 in accordance with the mandatory provision under Article 7.9.1 of the Rules as the prohibited substance is non-specified.
- d) The Notice of Charge under the National Anti-Doping Rules, 2021 was issued to the Athlete on 29.05.2023.

**Submissions of Athlete:**

The Athlete is a national player and admit his guilt before the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel. He explained that he took the said prohibited substance on the advice of someone.

**Submission of NADA: -**

It is submitted by NADA that under Article 2.1.1 of the Rules, it is the personal duty of 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.

3. It is submitted by NADA that the Athlete has admittedly consumed a prohibited substance and 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.

4. **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) The Athlete has admitted to his mistake. 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.

5. **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., 10.05.2023.**

6. **We also direct that under Article 10.10 all other competitive results obtained by the athlete from the date of sample collection i.e., 01.04.2023 shall be disqualified with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of medals, points, and prizes.**

**Dated: 16.08.2023**



**Mr. Vineet Dhanda**  
(Chairman)



**Dr. Manik S. Ghadlinge**  
(Medical Member)



**Mr. Abantika Deka**  
(Sports Member)