

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

**IOC DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION
DECISION**

**REGARDING MRS VICTORIA BARANOVA
BORN ON 6 FEBRUARY 1990, ATHLETE, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, CYCLING TRACK**

(Rule 59.2.1 of the Olympic Charter)

1. Mrs Victoria Baranova (hereinafter the “**Athlete**”) was requested on 24 July 2012, in Ratomka (Belarus) at around 7:00 p.m., to provide a urine sample for a doping control.
2. Pursuant to Article 6.2.1 of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules Applicable to the Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012* (the “**Rules**”), Dr Patrick Schamasch (the “**IOC Medical Director**”), as representative of the Chairman of the IOC Medical Commission, was informed at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 31 July 2012 by the Head of the WADA Accredited Laboratory in Cologne, of an adverse analytical finding on the A sample of the above-noted urine.
3. Pursuant to Article 6.2.2 of the *Rules*, the IOC Medical Director determined that the above-noted A sample belonged to the Athlete, and verified that it did in fact give rise to an adverse analytical finding. He also determined that there was no apparent departure from the International Standards for Testing or the International Standards for Laboratories that undermined the validity of the adverse analytical finding.
4. Pursuant to Article 6.2.3 of the *Rules*, the IOC Medical Director immediately informed the IOC President, Dr Jacques Rogge, of the existence of the adverse analytical finding and the essential details available to him concerning the case.
5. Pursuant to Article 6.2.5 of the *Rules*, the IOC President, by letter dated 31 July 2012, promptly set up a Disciplinary Commission, consisting of:
 - Thomas Bach (Chairman)
 - Denis Oswald
 - Frank Fredericks

The IOC President also informed the Disciplinary Commission that, pursuant to Rule 59.2.4 of the Olympic Charter and Article 6.1.6. of the *Rules*, the decision of the Disciplinary Commission in this case would constitute the decision of the IOC.

The IOC President has in this case decided that the procedure may be extended beyond the 24 hour time limit as per Article 6.2.14 of the *Rules*.

6. The analytical report of the laboratory analysis of the A sample, issued by the WADA Accredited Laboratory in Cologne, Germany, dated 31 July 2012, indicated the presence of **testosterone** of exogenous origin.
7. Pursuant to Article 6.2.6 of the *Rules*, by letter dated 31 July 2012 notified to the Athlete, to the Chef de Mission of the NOC of the Russian Federation, Pavel Kolobkov, to the Union Cycliste Internationale and to the Head of the Independent Observers’ Programme, the IOC President advised of the above-mentioned adverse analytical finding and of the time, date and place of the hearing of the Disciplinary Commission regarding this case.
8. The Athlete was due to compete in the Women’s Sprint on 5 August 2012, the qualifications being scheduled to start at 10:58 a.m..
9. On 1 August 2012, the Athlete confirmed in writing she did not request the B sample to be analysed.

10. On 1 August 2012, the Athlete also provided a written submission in which she admits having taken a prohibited substance, testosterone. She declared to have purchased, on her own, a product she believes is called Andriol at a pharmacy in Minsk (Belarus), knowing that it contained testosterone. The Athlete also explained that she heard that the prohibited substance could improve sports performances. The Athlete decided to take the product because she felt tired and her performance was down. She declared not having informed her coach, because she knew it was a prohibited substance.

The Athlete indicated that she regretted the situation and felt sorry she had taken the product.

Finally, the Athlete indicated she would not attend a hearing of the Disciplinary Commission.

11. The NOC of the Russian Federation declared in a written submission on 2 August 2012 not to have anything to add to the Athlete's declaration and waived its right to attend a hearing of the Disciplinary Commission. The NOC also indicated that the Athlete had already left the Olympic Village.
12. The Union Cycliste Internationale declared it would not make a submission and took note that there would be no hearing.
13. The Head of the Independent Observer Program acknowledged that there would be no hearing.
14. The Disciplinary Commission met on 3 August 2012 starting at around 16:45 hours, at the London Hilton on Park Lane.
15. Also attending the meeting were:

Dr Patrick Schamasch, IOC Medical Director
Howard Stupp, IOC Director of Legal Affairs
Christian Thill, IOC Doping Control Administrative Coordinator
Soheyla Behnam, Susan Greinig and Sarah Friberg, Assistants
Kate O'Neill, Minute-taker
16. Based on the result of the analysis of the A sample and the admission made by the Athlete, the Disciplinary Commission unanimously concluded that the Athlete had committed an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 2.1 of the *Rules* in that there was the presence of the prohibited substance **testosterone** in her body.

CONSIDERING the above, pursuant to the Olympic Charter and, in particular, Rule 59.2.1 thereof, and pursuant to the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012* and in particular, Articles 1.2, 2 and 7 thereof and pursuant to the World Anti-Doping Code and, in particular, Articles 2.1 and 10 thereof

THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
DECIDES

- I. The athlete Mrs Victoria Baranova, Russian Federation, Cycling Track:
 - (i) is excluded from the Games of the XXX Olympiad in London in 2012;
 - (ii) shall have her Olympic identity and accreditation card immediately cancelled and withdrawn.
- II. The Athlete's file shall be transmitted to the Union Cycliste Internationale, which is requested to consider any further action within its own competence.

- III. The NOC of the Russian Federation and LOCOG shall ensure full implementation of this decision.
- V. This decision shall enter into force immediately.

London, 4 August 2012

The IOC Disciplinary Commission

Dr Thomas BACH
Chairman

Mr Denis OSWALD

Mr Frank FREDERICKS