

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE BOARD
DECISION REGARDING
(i) MS DONG FANGXIAO, ATHLETE, CHINA, GYMNASTICS; AND
(ii) THE WOMEN'S TEAM EVENT, IN WHICH DONG FANGXIAO
PARTICIPATED

- A. WHEREAS, on 26 February 2010, the Executive Board of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (“**FIG**”) issued a decision (the “**FIG Decision**”) to cancel all results obtained by Ms Dong Fangxiao (the “**Athlete**”) at the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney in 2000 (“**2000 Sydney Olympic Games**”), as a consequence of violating the FIG Statutes and Regulations;
- B. WHEREAS, at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, the Athlete had placed: 3rd in the women’s team event; 6th in the women’s individual floor exercises; 7th in the women’s individual vault; 15th in the women’s individual uneven bars; 25th in the women’s individual all-around, and 48th in the women’s individual balance beam;
- C. WHEREAS, the FIG Executive Board recommended that the IOC Executive Board adjust the Olympic ranking and withdraw the bronze medals of the Chinese Women’s team obtained at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games;
- D. WHEREAS, pursuant to the FIG Decision, the FIG Executive Board decided that it could only take into account the official documents in force, which the Athlete had used in her daily affairs, as evidence of her true date of birth (i.e. -23 January 1986). Therefore, the Athlete was (only) 14 years old during the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, whereas the FIG qualification rules for the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games required that an athlete be at least 16 years old in the year of the Olympic Games;
- E. WHEREAS, neither the Athlete nor the Chinese Gymnastics National Federation appealed the above-noted FIG Decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (“**CAS**”);
- F. WHEREAS, as a result of the above-noted FIG Decision, the Athlete is disqualified from all events in which she participated in at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, namely, the women’s team event; the women’s individual floor exercises; the women’s individual vault; the women’s individual uneven bars; the women’s individual all-around, and the women’s individual balance beam;
- G. WHEREAS, a consequence of the FIG Decision, depriving the Athlete of her rankings, is to re-allocate medals and diplomas accordingly.

Considering the above, pursuant to the Olympic Charter (including Rules 45 and 47 of the Olympic Charter in force at the time of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games (i.e. the version in force as from 11 September 2000)),

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
DECIDES

- I. The medal and diplomas of the Athlete, Dong Fangxiao, with respect to the following events, are hereby withdrawn and re-allocated accordingly:
 - a. The women's individual floor exercises, in which the Athlete placed 6th; and
 - b. The women's individual vault, in which the Athlete placed 7th;
- II. The medals and diplomas of the Chinese women's team, in which the Athlete, Dong Fangxiao participated, namely, the women's team event, in which the team placed 3rd, are hereby withdrawn and re-allocated accordingly;
- III. The National Olympic Committee of China is ordered to return to the IOC, as soon as possible, the medals and diplomas awarded to the Athlete and the Chinese women gymnasts in the team event, in order that the IOC can re-award such medals and diplomas accordingly;
- IV. The IOC administration is charged with carrying out the reallocation of the medals and diplomas accordingly in the above-noted events; and
- V. The National Olympic Committee of China is reminded to ensure, by all means, that the athletes and officials of its delegation comply with all rules and regulations of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique, particularly with regard to age-limits.
- VI. This decision shall enter into force immediately.

Dubai, 28 April 2010

On behalf of the IOC Executive Board

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