

# **DECISION**

issued by the

## **IOC Disciplinary Commission**

sitting in the following composition:

Denis Oswald, Chairman  
Juan Antonio Samaranch  
Tony Estanguet

**in the proceedings**

between

The International Olympic Committee

and

Elena NIKITINA

(SML – 008)

WHEREAS the IOC Disciplinary Commission has considered the facts and arguments submitted by the Parties,

WHEREAS the Parties have been heard at the hearing of the IOC Disciplinary Commission held on 6 November 2017,

WHEREAS the IOC Disciplinary Commission will issue its motivated decision within a reasonable time after the notification of the present decision,

PURSUANT to the Olympic Charter and, in particular, Rule 59.2.1 thereof, and pursuant to The International Olympic Committee Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, in 2014 and, in particular, Articles 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8 thereof

THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE  
RULES

- I. The Athlete, Elena NIKITINA:
  - a) is found to have committed anti-doping rule violations pursuant to Article 2 of The International Olympic Committee Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, in 2014;
  - b) is disqualified from the event in which she participated upon the occasion of the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, in 2014, namely the Women's Individual Skeleton Event, in which she ranked 3rd and for which she was awarded a bronze medal, a medallist pin and a diploma;
  - c) has the medal, the medallist pin and the diploma obtained in the Women's Individual Skeleton Event withdrawn and is ordered to return the same to the International Olympic Committee.
- II. The International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation is requested to modify the results of the above-mentioned event accordingly and to consider any further action within its own competence.
- III. Elena NIKITINA is declared ineligible to be accredited in any capacity for all editions of the Games of the Olympiad and the Olympic Winter Games subsequent to the Sochi Olympic Winter Games.
- IV. The Russian Olympic Committee shall ensure full implementation of this decision.
- V. The Russian Olympic Committee shall notably secure the return to the International Olympic Committee, as soon as possible, of the medal, medallist pin and diploma awarded in connection with the Women's Individual Skeleton Event to the Athlete.
- VI. This decision enters into force immediately.

Lausanne, 22 November 2017

In the name of the IOC Disciplinary Commission



Denis Oswald, Chairman



Juan Antonio Samaranch



Tony Estanguet