

# **DECISION**

of the

## **IOC Disciplinary Commission**

sitting in the following composition:

Denis Oswald, Chairman  
Gunilla Lindberg  
Patrick Baumann

**in the proceedings**

against

**Alexander BESSMERTNYKH**

(SML – 041)

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 20 December 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, 8 and 9 thereof

**THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE  
RULES**

- I. The Athlete, Alexander BESSMERTNYKH:
  - a) is found to have committed anti-doping rules 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 events in which he participated upon the occasion of the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, in 2014, namely:
    - (i) the Men's 15km Cross Country Skiing Event, in which he ranked 7<sup>th</sup> and for which he was awarded a diploma;
    - (ii) the Men's 4x10km Relay Cross Country Skiing Event, in which he ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> and for which he was awarded a silver medal, a medallist pin and a diploma;
  - c) has the medal, the medallist pin and the diplomas obtained in the above-mentioned events withdrawn and is ordered to return the same to the International Olympic Committee.
- II. The Russian Team is disqualified from the Men's 4x10km Cross Country Skiing Event<sup>1</sup>. The corresponding medals, medallist pins and diplomas are withdrawn and shall be returned to the International Olympic Committee
- III. The International Ski Federation is requested to modify the results of the above-mentioned events accordingly and to consider any further action within its own competence.
- IV. Alexander BESSMERTNYKH 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.
- V. The Russian Olympic Committee shall ensure full implementation of this decision.

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<sup>1</sup> Two other athletes of the team, Mr Alexander LEGKOV (SML – 006) and Mr Maksim Vylegzhanin (SML – 026), have already been disqualified as per the decisions of the Disciplinary Commission dated 1 November 2017 and 9 November 2017.

- VI. The Russian Olympic Committee shall notably secure the return to the International Olympic Committee, as soon as possible, of the diploma awarded in connection with Men's 15km Cross Country Skiing Event to the Athlete.
- VII. The Russian Olympic Committee shall notably secure the return to the International Olympic Committee, as soon as possible, of the medals, the medallist pins and the diplomas awarded in connection with Men's 4x10km Cross Country Skiing Event to the members of the Russian Team.
- VIII. This decision enters into force immediately.

Lausanne, 22 December 2017

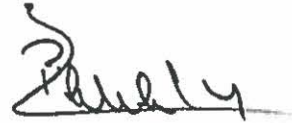
In the name of the IOC Disciplinary Commission



Denis Oswald, Chairman



Gunilla Lindberg



Patrick Baumann