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ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION: CONSEQUENCES: WRITTEN DECISION

The decision is made by National Anti-Doping Agency, NADA pursuant to Article 8.3.3 of the Anti-Doping Rules (the 'ADR'). It concerns a violation of Articles 2.1 & 2.2 of ADR committed by **Mr. Ankit (Sports Discipline - Field Hockey) S/o Sh. Satish Kumar, R/o Chauhan Pana, VPO Bapora (24), Bhiwani, Haryana - 127111** and records the applicable consequences.

Factual background:

1. A urine sample ("Sample") of the athlete, **Mr. Ankit (Sports Discipline: Field Hockey)**, was collected during **Out Competition**, held at **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh** on **29.12.2023** by the Doping Control Officer of NADA. As per procedure, the Sample was split into two separate bottles, hereinafter referred to as Sample Code No- (**6553407**).
2. The samples were transported to the WADA-accredited Laboratory, National Dope Testing Laboratory (**NDTL**), Delhi, India. The Sample 'A' of **6553407** was tested at NDTL and returned with an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for **S4. Hormone and Metabolic Modulators/ Clomifene**, vide analytical report dated **18.01.2024**.
3. The WADA's 2023 Prohibited List enlists **Clomifene** under **S4**. category of Prohibited List which is *specified substance*.
4. The Athlete **Mr. Ankit** did not have a Therapeutic Use Exemption for the prohibited substances prohibited i.e. **Clomifene**.
5. NADA issued "Notification of Adverse Analytical Finding" dated **31.01.2024** in the matters for violation of Article 2.1 and 2.2 of the NADA Anti-Doping Rules ("**Rules**"). The notice of charge dated **27.02.2024** was also issued accompanied by an optional provisional suspension.
6. The Athlete waived off his right towards 'B' sample analysis on **02.02.2024**.

Admission of consequences:

7. The athlete vide letter dated **18.03.2024** does not dispute the adverse analytical finding, acknowledged the presence and use of prohibited substance accepting the consequences.
8. NADA is required as per Rule Under Article 8.3.1 in circumstances where there is no dispute.
 - a) To issue a written decision confirming the commission of the Anti-Doping Rule Violation and the Consequences imposed.
 - b) To set out the reasons for the period of Ineligibility imposed and (if applicable) a justification as to why the maximum period of Ineligibility was not imposed.
 - c) To send copies of the decision to other Organizations, viz. National Federation, International Federation and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) with a right of appeal and to make Public Disclosure
9. NADA assessed the facts of the case and arrived at a decision that athlete have committed the Anti-Doping Rule Violation referred to above.

Consequences

10. 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 ensure: -

ADR Article 10.2 states as follows:

Ineligibility for Presence, Use or Attempted Use or Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method

The period of *Ineligibility* for a violation of Article 2.1, 2.2 or 2.6 shall be as follows, subject to potential elimination, reduction or suspension pursuant to Article 10.5, 10.6 or 10.7:

10.2.1 *The period of Ineligibility, subject to Article 10.2.4, shall be four (4) years where:*

10.2.1.1 *The anti-doping rule violation does not involve a Specified Substance or a Specified Method, unless the Athlete or other Person can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional.*

10.2.2 If Article 10.2.1 does not apply, subject to Article 10.2.4.1, the period of Ineligibility shall be two (2) years.

11. The Anti-Doping Rule violation involves a specified substance and the athlete admits his guilt and submits that he has not consumed the prohibited Substance/drug deliberately or with prior knowledge and belief and requested to reduce his ineligibility period. Thus, it is difficult to hold that the anti-doping rule violation was intentional on the part of the athlete. Therefore, under Article 10.2 of the Anti-Doping Rules of NADA – 2021, the athlete has to suffer an ineligibility of two (2) years.
12. NADA considers that in these circumstances the appropriate Consequences should be a period of Ineligibility of two years. The reasons for the imposition of these Consequences are that:
 - a) The substance in question is a Specified Substance;
 - b) NADA is not required, in the circumstances, to prove anything more than the presence of the Prohibited Substance and have no advanced factors that would suggest that there is a basis for further reducing the period of ineligibility and doing so it would be unfairly discriminatory towards other athletes.
 - c) There is no basis for NADA to conclude that athlete was not negligent in these circumstances.

Sanction Period

The period of ineligibility of two (2) years will be applicable as on **18.03.2024** till **17.03.2026**.

Disqualification

13. In accordance of Article 10.10 of ADR, all other competitive results secured by the athlete from the date of sample collection i.e., **29.12.2023** shall be rendered forfeited and medals, points and prizes secured by the athlete shall also stand forfeited.
14. In accordance with ADR Article **10.14.1- Prohibition Against Participation During Ineligibility or Provisional Suspension**, the athlete shall not participate in any capacity in:
 - a. any National and International Competition;
 - b. any other Competition or activity (other than authorized anti-doping

Education or rehabilitation programs) authorized or organized by any Signatory, Signatory's member organization, or a club of other member organization of a Signatory's member organization; and/or

- c. Competitions authorized or organized by any professional league or any international or national level event organization or any elite or national-level sporting activity funded by a governmental of India.
15. An *Athlete* or other *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* shall remain subject to *Testing* and any requirement by NADA to provide whereabouts information.

Appeal

16. *In accordance with the Article 13.2.3 of the NADR 2021, World Anti-Doping Agency as well as the International Federation have a right to Appeal against this Decision.*

Dated: May 3, 2024



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