



To: *Weightlifting Federation of Peru*

Mr. James Paul Ballena Vidaurre ('the Athlete')

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Subject: IWF Decision

Dear Mr. Ballena,

Dear President/General Secretary,

Referring to our previous correspondence we wish to inform you about
the decision of the

International Weightlifting Federation

regarding the Athlete

Mr. James Paul BALLENA VIDAURRE

representing the

Weightlifting Federation of Peru

1. Background of the case

Mr. Ballena's urine sample was collected by IWF In-Competition on 4 April 2017 at the IWF Youth World Championships in Bangkok, Thailand. (*Annex 1 – Doping Control Form*)

His sample was analysed in the WADA Accredited Laboratory of Cologne.

Further to the A sample analysis, the Laboratory reported the presence of **Hydrochlorothiazide (S5 Diuretics and Masking Agents)** in the Athlete's sample, which constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation under Article 2 of the IWF Anti-Doping Policy (IWF ADP). (*Annex 2 – Analysis report*)

The Athlete was duly notified about the A sample finding on 1 May 2017 and was provisionally suspended as of that date. (*Annex 3 – IWF Notification*)

In its response of 13 May 2017 the Weightlifting Federation of Peru informed IWF that the Athlete had prepared a written explanation and that he had requested his deadline to ask for a hearing to be postponed. The Federation also informed IWF that due to the long distance between the Federation's Headquarters and the Athlete's location communication with Mr. Ballena was difficult.

Despite multiple reminders which were also sent to the Athlete directly IWF has not received any submissions from Mr. Ballena.

2. Sanctions

a. Ineligibility

As per the IWF records the Athlete has no prior Anti-Doping Rule Violations.

In accordance with Article 10.2.1.2 IWF ADP the applicable period of ineligibility for the presence of Hydrochlorotiazide in the Athlete's sample is two years unless IWF can establish that the Anti-Doping Rule Violation was intentional.

On the basis of the information available, IWF cannot establish that the Anti-Doping Rule Violation was intentional.

Mr. Ballena has not presented any explanations or evidence to IWF which would give rise to the elimination or reduction of his period of ineligibility as per Article 10.4 or 10.5 IWF ADP.

The period of the Athlete's Provisional Suspension shall be credited against the overall period of Ineligibility.

Based on the aforementioned facts and evidence and in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of the IWF Anti-Doping Policy

Mr. Ballena is rendered ineligible by IWF for a period of two years until

1 May 2019.

b. **Status during ineligibility:**

Article 10.11 IWF ADP shall apply to Mr. Ballena during his period of ineligibility. IWF wishes to highlight that:

*"No Athlete or other Person declared Ineligible may, during the period of Ineligibility, participate **in any capacity in a 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 or other member organization of a Signatory's member organization, or in 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 agency."

The Athlete shall remain subject to testing during his suspension period.

c. Disqualification of individual results

In line with Article 9 and 10.1 IWF ADP Mr. Ballena's individual results obtained from the date of the sample collection are hereby disqualified, with all resulting Consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, titles, points and prizes.

d. Sanctions against the Athlete's Federation

In line with Article 12.3.2 of the IWF ADP the Athlete's Federation is called to pay a fine of 5,000 USD (five thousand US dollars). The Weightlifting Federation of Peru shall pay the fine within thirty (30) days from the receipt of this letter. Should the Federation fail to perform its obligation within the set deadline, it shall not be allowed to enter any Athletes in IWF Calendar Events until the fine is paid.

3. Substantial Assistance

The Athlete may cooperate and provide substantial assistance in discovering or establishing Anti-Doping Rule Violations as described in Article 10.6.1. of the IWF ADP. Such assistance may result in partial suspension of the Athlete's ineligibility period.

4. Right to Appeal

The present decision may be appealed as set forth in Article 13 of the IWF ADP.

Yours sincerely,



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