



IFI PROCESS FOR PROVISIONAL SUSPENSIONS

IFI is the Result Management Authority and takes action when an Adverse Analytical Finding is received for a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method. In such a case, a Provisional Suspension shall be imposed promptly following the review and notification described in Article 7.2., 7.3 and 7.5., except in the case of a Specified Substance. The Athlete has a right of appeal.

A mandatory Provisional Suspension may be eliminated if the Athlete demonstrates to the hearing panel that the violation is most likely to have involved a Contaminated Product. The hearing body's decision not to eliminate a mandatory Provisional Suspension on account of the Athlete's assertion regarding a Contaminated Product shall be not appealable.

A prerequisite is, however, that a Provisional Suspension may not be imposed unless the Athlete is given either: (a) an opportunity for a Provisional Hearing, either before imposition of the Provisional Suspension or in a timely manner after imposition of the Provisional Suspension; or: (b) an opportunity for an expedited hearing in accordance with Article 8 on a timely basis after imposition of a Provisional Suspension.

IFI as an IF may adopt rules, applicable to any event, if there is any need. IFI has the Result Management Authority over the alleged anti-doping rule violations, permitting Provisional Suspensions to be imposed for Anti-doping rule violations not covered by Article 7.9.1 prior to analysis of the Athlete's B Sample or final hearing as described in Article 8.

If a Provisional Suspension is imposed based on an A Sample Adverse Analytical Finding and a subsequent B Sample Analysis does not confirm the A Sample Analysis, then the Athlete shall not be subject to any further Provisional Suspension.

A reinsertion of an Athlete on whom a Provisional Sanction was imposed in a competition is possible but not mandatory (not applicable, for example), if the subsequent B Sample (if requested) does not confirm the A Sample finding.

Concerning any further questions not covered here, the relevant articles of the WADA Code apply.

The IFI Board

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