

## PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF DISPOSITION OF ANTI-DOPING MATTER UNDER RULE 14.3.2 - CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR (JAM)

1. On 18 November 2022, the AIU received information concerning an apparent failure to submit to Sample collection by Mr Christopher Taylor (“the **Athlete**”)<sup>1</sup> in the context of an Out-of-Competition Testing attempt undertaken in Kingston, Jamaica, on 16 November 2022, in accordance with Whereabouts information provided by the Athlete.
2. The AIU immediately commenced an investigation to obtain additional information in relation to a possible Failure to Comply in accordance with Article A.2.3 of the International Standard for Results Management (“**ISRM**”).
3. Following the initial investigation, on 10 January 2023, the AIU informed the Athlete of the possible Failure to Comply by issuing to the Athlete a Notice of Investigation which confirmed that the AIU had opened an investigation into a potential Failure to Comply and requested that the Athlete attend an interview in the context of that investigation.
4. On 19 January 2023, the Athlete responded (through his appointed legal representative) indicating that he would like to discuss an admission that he had committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (“**ADRV**”) on a without prejudice basis in accordance with Rule 10.8.2 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules (“the **ADR**”) and confirmed his availability for an interview with the AIU. The Athlete also voluntarily accepted a Provisional Suspension as of 19 January 2023 pending the determination of the matter.
5. On 2 February 2023, the Athlete attended an interview with AIU representatives (accompanied by his legal representative) and provided his full explanation for the circumstances of the possible Failure to Comply on 16 November 2022.
6. Following the interview, the AIU conducted additional follow-up enquiries with the Doping Control Personnel (and others) in relation to the possible Failure to Comply.
7. On 25 May 2023, following a review of the information obtained by the AIU during the investigation into the possible Failure to Comply, the AIU issued the Athlete with a Notice of Allegation of Anti-Doping Rule Violation (specifically for an ADRV pursuant to Rule 2.3, Evading, Refusing or Failing to Submit to Sample Collection by an Athlete ADR) in accordance with Article A.2.2 and Article 5.3.2 of the ISRM.
8. The Notice of Allegation set out the mandatory Consequences for an ADRV under Rule 2.3 ADR and the Athlete’s rights to admit the ADRV and receive an automatic one (1) year reduction under Rule 10.8.1 ADR, or to confirm his request to discuss an admission that he had committed an ADRV on a without prejudice basis in accordance with Rule 10.8.2 ADR.
9. On 1 June 2023, the Athlete confirmed his request to discuss an admission that he had committed an ADRV on a without prejudice basis pursuant to Rule 10.8.2 ADR.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://worldathletics.org/athletes/jamaica/christopher-taylor-14635736>

10. The AIU, the Athlete and the World Anti-Doping Agency (the “**Parties**”) subsequently entered into a Case Resolution Agreement in accordance with Rule 10.8.2 ADR pursuant to which:
  - 10.1. the Athlete admits to having committed an ADRV under Rule 2.3 ADR, specifically for Failing to Submit to Sample Collection on 16 November 2022;
  - 10.2. the Parties agree that the Athlete is to be sanctioned with **a period of Ineligibility of thirty (30) months** in accordance with Rule 10.3.1(ii)<sup>2</sup>;
  - 10.3. the Parties agree that, taking into consideration the criteria in Rule 10.8.2 ADR, the period of Ineligibility shall commence on the date of the violation, i.e., 16 November 2022. Therefore, the period of Ineligibility shall be in effect until, and including, **15 May 2025**; and
  - 10.4. in accordance with Rule 10.10 ADR the Athlete’s competitive results from 16 November 2022 until and including the date of the Athlete’s voluntary Provisional Suspension viz. 19 January 2023, are Disqualified with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prize money/prizes.
11. The disposition of the Athlete’s case is now final under the ADR and is published in accordance with Rule 14.3.2 ADR.

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<sup>2</sup> Rule 10.3.1 provides (in relevant part) as follows:

“10.3.1 For violations of Rule 2.3 and Rule 2.5, the period of Ineligibility will be four (4) years except: [...] (ii) in all other cases, if the Athlete can establish exceptional circumstances that justify a reduction in the period of Ineligibility, the period of Ineligibility will be in a range from two (2) year to four (4) years depending on the Athlete or other Person’s degree of Fault; [...]”