

DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL FINDS SERGEY SHUBENKOV HAS NO FAULT FOR AN ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION

22 JUNE 2021, MONACO: In an operative decision issued on Monday, the Disciplinary Tribunal found that Sergey Shubenkov of Russia bore No Fault or Negligence for an Anti-Doping rule violation resulting from an out-of-competition sample collected by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) on 15 December 2020 - and therefore would serve no period of ineligibility.

The sample was found to contain a low concentration of the specified substance known as acetazolamide (a diuretic). After a thorough investigation of the athlete's explanation during results management process, the AIU accepted that the positive finding resulted from his unintentional ingestion of residue from medication being used to treat a family member.

The AIU charge was referred to a three-person panel of the Disciplinary Tribunal, which found that it was a 'genuinely exceptional' case, accepted the Athlete's plea of No Fault or Negligence and rejected the AIU's request that a period of ineligibility be imposed. Accordingly, no sanction has been imposed.

The full decision will be issued in due course and may be appealed at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

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About the Athletics Integrity Unit

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) is the independent body created by the World Athletics that manages all integrity issues - both doping and non-doping - for the sport of athletics. The remit of the AIU includes anti-doping, the pursuit of individuals engaged in age or competition results manipulation, investigating fraudulent behaviour with regards to transfers of allegiance, and detecting other misconduct including bribery and breaches of betting rules. It is the AIU's role to drive cheats out of our sport, and to do everything within its power to support honest athletes around the world who dedicate their lives to reaching their sporting goals through dedication and hard work.

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