

DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL UPHOLDS THE PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION OF IAAF COUNCIL MEMBER FRANK FREDERICKS

17 August 2017, Monaco: The IAAF Disciplinary Tribunal has upheld the decision of its Chairman, Michael Beloff QC, to impose an order for provisional suspension on IAAF Council Member, Frank Fredericks.

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) announced on 17 July 2017 that Mr. Fredericks had been provisionally suspended by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Tribunal pending the AIU's investigation into a potential breach of the former IAAF Code of Ethics. The investigation concerns payments received by Mr Fredericks' company, Yemi Limited, from a company owned and controlled by Papa Massata Diack, Pamodzi Sports Consulting, which were made on or close to the date of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) vote awarding the 2016 Olympic Games to Rio de Janeiro.

Mr Fredericks appealed against the order for provisional suspension and his appeal was heard by an enlarged panel of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Having heard from both parties, the enlarged panel agreed with the AIU's submissions and it declined to lift the order for provisional suspension.

Mr Fredericks therefore remains suspended from all IAAF duties pending the investigation which the AIU is now conducting. The order for provisional suspension does not prejudge the outcome of that investigation. Mr Fredericks continues to enjoy the presumption of innocence until the conclusion of the investigative process and any disciplinary process that may follow depending on the results of the investigation. The investigation will be led by Sir Anthony Hooper, a former judge of the English Court of Appeal and an experienced investigator in the context of sports integrity.

The full decision of the enlarged panel of the Disciplinary Tribunal can be read here.

The original statement regarding Mr. Frederick's provisional suspension can be read here.

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About the Athletics Integrity Unit

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) is the independent body that manages all doping and nondoping integrity- related matters for the sport of athletics. The remit of the AIU includes antidoping, the pursuit of individuals engaged in age or competition results manipulation, investigating fraudulent behavior 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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