

AIU URGES VIGILANCE AMID UJAH'S BAN

10 OCTOBER 2022, MONACO: The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) has banned British athlete Chijindu (CJ) Ujah for 22 months from 6 August, 2021 until 5 June, 2023.

This is the outcome of the Case Resolution Agreement which the AIU and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) have reached with Ujah who tested positive at last year's rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games for two prohibited substances (Ostarine and S-23) which are Selective Androgen Receptor Modulators (SARMs). The AIU and WADA were satisfied that the sprinter's anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) was not intentional as a result of his ingestion of a contaminated supplement and the applicable two-year period of ineligibility was reduced by two months on account of how promptly he admitted the violation. Under the Case Resolution Agreement, the 22-month period runs from 6 August 2021, the date of the ADRV.

Commenting in the wake of the announcement, AIU Head Brett Clothier noted all the relevant rules and related information are readily available for athletes, especially at elite level, to understand the serious consequences of their actions.

"In this case, after a thorough examination of the facts, we were satisfied that Mr Ujah did indeed ingest a contaminated supplement, but he was unable to demonstrate that he was entitled to any reduction in the applicable period of ineligibility based on his level of fault," said Clothier.

"Taking supplements is risky for athletes as they can be contaminated or even adulterated with prohibited substances. Athletes owe it to their fellow competitors to be 100 per cent certain before putting anything into their body. If there's the slightest doubt, leave it out."

After being part of Great Britain's team which finished second in the Olympic Games Men's 4x100-metre relay final, Ujah provided an in-competition sample which returned an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF). Analysis of his B sample confirmed the AAF. The International Testing Agency (ITA), acting on behalf of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), referred this matter to the Anti-Doping Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for determination of the ADRV and the imposition of consequences under the IOC's Anti-Doping Rules.

Due to the resulting sanction from CAS in February, Ujah and his team-mates automatically forfeited their Olympic sprint-relay silver medals. That decision also requested that World Athletics (WA) consider any further action within its own jurisdiction and pursuant to its own rules. Following extended enquiries to establish the contamination of Ujah's supplements, the results management process – in which Ujah co-operated fully – has now been completed via the Case Resolution Agreement.

Details [here](#).

Decision rendered by the Anti-Doping Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS ADD)

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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