

Communication No. 2352

DECISION OF COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

Further to ISU Communication No. 2274, concerning the decision of the ISU Disciplinary Commission dated June 12, 2019 and the appeal filed by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the Court of Arbitration for Sports rendered its Arbitral Award on September 30, 2020. The CAS ruled:

Decision

“The Court of Arbitration for Sports rules that:

1. The Appeal filed by WADA against the International Skating Union on 19 September 2019 against the decision rendered on 12 August 2019 by the Disciplinary Commission of the International Skating Union is upheld.
2. The decision rendered on 12 August 2019 by the Disciplinary Commission of the International Skating Union is set aside.
3. Vitali Mikhailov is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation.
4. Vitali Mikhailov is sanctioned with a two-year period of ineligibility starting on the date of this Award.
5. All competitive results obtained by Mr. Vitali Mikhailov on 2 March 2019 and any other results achieved at the 2019 ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships in Calgary, Canada, are disqualified, with all of the resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.
6. The Award is pronounced without costs, except for the Court Office fee of CHF 1,000 (one thousand Swiss francs) paid by WADA, which is retained by the Court of Arbitration for Sports.
7. ISU is ordered to contribute CHF 3,000 to WADA's legal fees and costs.
8. All further motions and requests for relief are dismissed.”

The decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sports is published in full on the ISU website.

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October 13, 2020

Lausanne,

Jan Dijkema, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General