Prohibited Association: Notes for Athletes

Athletes are subject to and bound to comply with the Anti-Doping Rules (ADR). Article 2.10 of the ADR provides that the following conduct will constitute an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV):

2.10 Prohibited Association

Association by an Athlete or other Person subject to the authority of an Anti-Doping Organization ("ADO") in a professional or sport-related capacity with any Athlete Support Person who:

2.10.1 If subject to the authority of an ADO, is serving a period of Ineligibility; or

2.10.2 If not subject to the authority of an ADO, and where Ineligibility has not been addressed in a Results Management process pursuant to the World Anti-Doping Code ("Code"), has been convicted or found in a criminal, disciplinary or professional proceeding to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a violation of the ADR if Code-compliant rules had been applicable to such Person. The disqualifying status of such Person shall be in force for the longer of 6 years from the criminal, professional or disciplinary decision or the duration of the criminal, disciplinary or professional sanction imposed; or

2.10.3 Is serving as a front or intermediary for an individual described in Article 2.10.1 or 2.10.2.

In order to protect clean athletes, FISav has implemented a process to ensure that all potential cases of prohibited association are identified and followed up in a timely manner.

1) Potential Cases of Prohibited Association can be reported via the FISav website, via a specific email address fisavate.antidoping@gmail.com or via another Anti-Doping Organisation.

2) On becoming aware of a potential case of Prohibited Association, the president of the FISav Anti-Doping Commission will advise the Athlete or other Person in writing of the disqualifying status of the Athlete Support Personnel (Notice under the FISav Anti-Doping Rules – Prohibited Association – first letter).

3) The Athlete or other Person is provided the opportunity to explain why he/she can’t reasonably avoid the association.

4) The Athlete or other Person is provided with the opportunity to explain why the relevant Athlete Support Personnel is not disqualified.

5) The FISav Anti-Doping Commission will examine all evidence provided by the Athlete or other Person before making the decision to begin ADRV proceedings.

6) The FISav Anti-Doping Commission will advise the Athlete or other Person about the decision, and if necessary issue a warning.

7) If the Prohibited Association continues despite the issuance of a warning addressed to the Athlete or other Person, proceedings shall be instigated.