

Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel
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To,

Date: 20.04.2022

Mr. Jaspreet Singh
S/o Mr. Kulwant Singh
Village – Chulang, Daduwal
Jalandhar, Punjab-148035

Subj: Decision of the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel Case No.-.174 ADDP.2021

NADA Vs. Mr. Jaspreet Singh

The order containing the decision of the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel dated 20.04.2022 in respect of final hearing of the above case held on 06.04.2022 is enclosed.

Please note that according to Article 13.2.2 of Anti-Doping Rules of NADA 2021, **the time to file an appeal to the National Anti-Doping Appeal Panel shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of this decision by the appealing party.** The appeal may be filed at the abovementioned address.

Also please note that according of Article 10.7.1- (**Substantial Assistance in Discovering or Establishing Anti-Doping Rule Violations**)- Any period of Ineligibility imposed may be partially suspended if you assist NADA in uncovering and/or establishing an ADRV by another Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel pursuant to Article 10.7.1 ADR. Further, the athlete is subjected to doping control test during the ineligibility period, therefore, athlete is required to update his residential address as and when changed.

Copy of the NADA Anti Doping Rules 2021 may be downloaded from NADA website at the following link:-www.nadaindia.org/en/anti-doping-rule-of-nada

The receipt of this communication may be acknowledged.

Encl: 04 sheets.



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Copy forwarded together with the copy of the order containing the decision of the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel for information and action deemed necessary:

1. Indian Olympic Association, Olympic Bhawan, B-29, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi- 110016.
2. World Anti-Doping Agency, Stock Exchange Tower, 800 Place Victoria (Suit 1700) P. O. Box 180, Montreal (Quebec), H4Z 1B7, Canada.
1. General Secretary, Indian Weightlifting Federation WZ-78, 1st Floor, Todapur Village, New Delhi 110012.
3. International Weightlifting Federation H-1146, Budapest, Istvanmezeiut, Hungary
4. National Anti-Doping Agency, J.L.N Stadium, 1st Floor, Hall No. 104, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 110003

IN THE CHAMBER OF ANTI DOPING DISCIPLINARY PANEL

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In the Matter of **Mr. Jaspreet Singh S/o Mr. Kulwant Singh R/o Village Chulang, Daduwal Jalandhar, Punjab** for the violation of Article 2.1 of Anti-Doping Rules of NADA 2021.

1.	Event	Weightlifting
2.	Name of Competition	National Weightlifting Championship 2021
3.	Date of Sample Collection	12.08.2021
4.	Nature of sample	Urine
5.	Urine sample Code Number	532513
6.	Name of Sample Witness	Mr. Gurmeet Singh
7.	Name of Dope Control Officer	Mr. Yogesh Sharma
8.	Date of reporting 'A' Sample	07.09.2021
9.	Result of 'A' sample	Adverse Analytical Finding for: Methyl testosterone metabolite 17 α-methyl-5 β-androstane-3α, 17β-diol, 17α-methyl-5α-androstane-3α, 17β-diol Metandienone metabolite 17β hydroxymethyl, 17α-methyl-18-nor-androst-1,4,13-trien-3-one, 17β-methyl-5β-androst-1-ene-3α, 17α-diol, 17-epimetanedienone, 17α-methyl-5β-androstane-3α, 17β-diol
10.	Date of Initial Review	09.09.2021
11.	Date of provisional suspension	09.09.2021
12.	Date of Notice of Charge	09.09.2021
13.	Date of Result 'B' Sample testing	N.A.
14.	Result of 'B' Sample	N.A.
15.	Date of hearing	06.04.2022
16.	Plea of the athlete	Chosen not to appear before panel
17.	Date of decision	20.04.2022

NADA notified its assertion relating to violation of Anti-Doping Rule 2.1 by **Mr. Jaspreet Singh** (Sports Discipline - **Weightlifting**).

Factual Background:

1. A urine sample (“Sample”) of the athlete, Mr. Jaspreet Singh (“**Athlete**”) was collected during National Weightlifting Championship 2021 at Patiala by the Doping Control Officer of NADA on 12.08.2021. As per procedure, the Sample was split into two separate bottles, hereinafter referred to as Sample A and Sample B.
2. Sample A was tested at the DoCo Lab, Belgium and was returned with an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for **Methyl testosterone metabolite 17 α -methyl-5 β -androstane-3 α , 17 β -diol, 17 α -methyl-5 α -androstane-3 α , 17 β -diol Metandienone metabolite 17 β hydroxymethyl, 17 α -methyl-18-nor-androst-1,4,13-trien-3-one, 17 β -methyl-5 β -androst-1-ene-3 α , 17 α -diol, 17-epimetanedienone, 17 α -methyl-5 β -androstane-3 α , 17 β -diol**
3. The WADA’s 2021 Prohibited List enlists methyl testosterone and methandienone, under the category S1, as Anabolic Androgenic Steroid, being a non-specified substance.
4. Consequently, NADA issued a notice of charge dated 09.09.2021 (“Notice of Charge”) for violation of Rule 2.1 of the NADA Anti-Doping Rules (“Rules”). The notice of charge was also accompanied by a Mandatory provisional suspension, with effect from the date of notice.
5. The Athlete did not opt for testing of B sample, A communication dated 04/10/2021 was issued by NADA informing him that his case for analysis of Sample B has been closed and it is deemed that the charges as framed have been accepted.
6. Hearing was held virtually on 06.04.2021 by the Hearing Panel constituted under ADR. That the Athlete was given a last chance to appear before the panel on the last date of hearing on 28.03.2021. The athlete has chosen not to appear before the panel. Hence, the panel is proceeding against the Athlete on the basis of documentary evidences present to the panel.

Submissions of the Athlete

7. No one has appeared for or on behalf of the Athlete despite several communications issued by NADA and no written submission / response has been received till the date of hearing before the Panel. The Athlete is therefore proceeded ex-parte.

Submissions of NADA

8. It is submitted by NADA that under Article 2.1.1 of the Rules, it is the personal duty of each Athlete to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters his/her body. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing use on the part of the Athlete is to be demonstrated so as to establish a case of anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1.
9. In the above background, it is submitted by NADA that the Athlete has intentionally consumed the prohibited substance in order to gain unfair advantage over other athletes and hence the athlete is liable for four years of ineligibility under Article 10.2.1.1.

Observations and Findings of the Panel

After hearing the parties at length and having considered all documentary and having considered the written / oral submissions the Panel observes as under:

10. As per Article 2.1 of the Anti-Doping Rules 2015, it is the personal duty of every athlete to ensure that no prohibited substance, as defined, enters his or her body. Reference may also be made to Article 2.1.2 which provides that presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites is sufficient proof of anti-doping rule violation where the Sample A returns an adverse finding.
11. It is the submission on behalf of NADA that in the present case, the Athlete has not appeared before the Panel to explain how the substance entered his body. Further he has not even disclosed the said substance in the dope control form. It is the submission of NADA that the Athlete's conduct has been intentional and the anti- doping violation is liable to attract an ineligibility period of 4 years under Article 10.2.1.1.
12. The Panel is of view that the athlete should has taken due precaution while consuming any medications/supplements as it is the strict liability of the athlete to ensure fair and dope free sport.

13. In view of the above facts taken as a whole, it is established that a violation under Article 2.1 of the Anti-Doping Rules has taken place.
14. Once a violation of anti-doping rules has been established, Sanctions on Individuals as provided under Article 10 of the Anti-Doping Rules 2021 must ensue. The present case involves a non-specified substance; hence the Athlete is liable for sanctions under Article 10.2.1.1, an ineligibility for a period of 4 years.
15. **The Panel holds that the Athlete Mr. Jaspreet Singh is liable for sanctions under Article 10.2.1.1 for an ineligibility for a period of 4 years. Normally, the period of ineligibility starts from the date of the order. In the present case, since the Athlete has been provisionally suspended from participating in any National Sports Federation / International Federation sanctioned Competition, as set out in Clause 5 of the Notice of Charge 09.09.2021. The period of his ineligibility for the period of 4 years shall commence from the date of provisional suspension, i.e. 09.09.2021.**
16. **We also direct that under Article 10.10 all other competitive results obtained by the athlete from the date of sample collection i.e., 12.08.2021 shall be disqualified with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of medals, points and prizes.**

Dated 20.04.2022



Dr. Rajendra Arya
Member



Ms. Charu Pragya
Chairperson



Jagbir Singh
Member