

40. Measures and Sanctions, Disciplinary Procedures and Dispute Resolution

Measures and sanctions

In the case of any violation of the FIAS Statutes, the FIAS Anti-Doping Rules, FIAS Disciplinary Code, the FIAS Code of Ethics, FIAS Rules on Betting and Anti-Corruption or any other regulation, the measures or sanctions which may be taken by the FIAS Congress, the FIAS Executive Committee or the disciplinary commission referred to under 2.4 below are:

1 In the context of the FIAS:

- 1.1 with regard to FIAS members, FIAS EC members, the Honorary President, honorary members and honour members:
 - a) a reprimand, pronounced by the FIAS Executive Committee;
 - b) suspension, for a specific period, pronounced by the FIAS Executive Committee.

The suspension may be extended to all or part of the rights, prerogatives and functions deriving from the legal status of the person concerned.

The above-mentioned sanctions may be combined. They may be imposed on FIAS members, FIAS EC members, the Honorary President, honorary members or honour members who, by their conduct, jeopardise the interests of the FIAS, also regardless of any specific violation of the FIAS Statutes or any other regulation.

1.2 with regard to FIAS Members:

- a) withdrawal from the FIAS Events:
 - a sport (FIAS Congress),
 - a discipline (FIAS Executive Committee),
 - an event (FIAS Executive Committee);
- b) withdrawal of provisional recognition (FIAS Executive Committee);
- c) withdrawal of full recognition (FIAS Congress).



1.3 with regard to associations:

- a) withdrawal of provisional recognition (FIAS Congress);
- b) withdrawal of full recognition (FIAS Congress).

1.4 with regard to other recognised associations and organisations:

- a) withdrawal of provisional recognition (FIAS Executive Committee);
- b) withdrawal of full recognition (General Assembly).
- In the context of the FIAS Events, in the case of any violation of the FIAS Statutes, the FIAS Anti-Doping Rules, FIAS Disciplinary Code, or any other decision or applicable regulation issued by the FIAS or any member association, including but not limited to the FIAS Code of Ethics, FIAS Rules on Betting and Anti-Corruption or any other regulation, or of any applicable public law or regulation, or in case of any form of misbehaviour:
 - 2.1 with regard to individual competitors and teams: temporary or permanent ineligibility or exclusion from the FIAS Events, disqualification or withdrawal of accreditation; in the case of disqualification or exclusion, the medals and diplomas obtained in relation to the relevant infringement of the FIAS Statutes or FIAS Event Rules and Regulation shall be returned to the FIAS. In addition, at the discretion of the FIAS Executive Committee, a competitor or a team may lose the benefit of any ranking obtained in relation to other events at the FIAS Events at which he or it was disqualified or excluded; in such case the medals and diplomas won by him or it shall be returned to the FIAS (FIAS Executive Committee);
 - 2.2 with regard to officials, managers and other members of any delegation as well as referees and official team members: temporary or permanent ineligibility or exclusion from the FIAS Events (FIAS Executive Committee);
 - 2.3 with regard to all other accredited persons: withdrawal of accreditation (FIAS Executive Committee);
 - 2.4 the FIAS Executive Committee may delegate its power to a disciplinary commission.



- 2.5 the competent FIAS body (FIAS Congress, FIAS Executive Committee, FIAS Disciplinary Commission) may also, or in lieu of the measures and sanctions authorised by such Rules, impose financial sanctions on the relevant individuals, teams or entities, taking into account factors such as the gravity and extent of the violation and the ability of those concerned to bear the financial consequences of the sanctions. The sanctions may include fines and/or the suspension or cancellation of any form of financial support by or emanating from the FIAS. In all cases, the FIAS shall be entitled to recover its related expenses and costs.
- 3 Before applying any measure or sanction, the competent FIAS body may issue a warning.
- 4 All sanctions and measures are taken without prejudice to any other rights of the FIAS and of any other body, including but not limited to FIAS members and Associate members.
 - 4.1 Any inquiry relating to facts that may lead to any measure or sanction is conducted under the authority of the FIAS Executive Committee, which may delegate all or part of its authority to that effect.
 - 4.2 Throughout any inquiry, the FIAS Executive Committee may provisionally withdraw from any concerned person or organisation all or part of the rights, prerogatives and functions deriving from such person's or organisation's membership or status.
 - 4.3 Any individual, team or any other individual or legal entity has the right to be heard by the FIAS body competent to apply a measure or sanction to such individual, team or legal entity. The right to be heard in the sense of this provision includes the right to be acquainted with the charges and the right to appear personally or to submit a defence in writing.
 - 4.4 Any measure or sanction decided by the FIAS Congress, the FIAS Executive Committee or the disciplinary commission referred to in Rule 59.2.4 shall be communicated in writing to the party concerned.
- 5 All measures or sanctions shall be effective forthwith unless the competent body decides otherwise.



Challenging FIAS decisions

Notwithstanding the applicable rules and deadlines for all arbitration and appeal procedures, and subject to any other provision of the World Anti-Doping Code, no decision taken by the FIAS concerning an edition of the FIAS Events, including but not limited to competitions and their consequences such as rankings or results, can be challenged by anyone after a period of three years from the day of the closing ceremony of such FIAS World Championships.

Dispute resolution

- 1 The decisions of the FIAS are final. Any dispute relating to their application or interpretation may be resolved solely by the FIAS Executive Committee and, in certain cases, by arbitration before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
- 2 Any dispute arising on the occasion of, or in connection with, the FIAS Official Events shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, in accordance with the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration.