



Final Issued Decision – Mr Douw EKSTEEN - Anti-Doping Rule Violation

This document explains the disciplinary proceedings under IMMAF's Anti-Doping Rules concerning an Anti-Doping Rule Violation committed by Mr Douw EKSTEEN and sets out consequences applied.

Background and Facts

1. IMMAF is the International Federation for Mixed Martial Arts. The IMMAF Anti-Doping Policy applies to all members and competitions, activities organised, convened, authorised or recognised by IMMAF.
2. Mr Douw EKSTEEN, participated in the Men's Welterweight category of the IMMAF All Africa Championships 2016 held in Johannesburg, South Africa, and won the Gold Medal. Following the final bout on 3rd September 2016, a no-notice in-competition doping control test carried out on Mr Eksteen, was analysed at a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratory, Qatar, in accordance with the procedures set out in the WADA International Standard for Laboratories. The analysis revealed adverse findings for the presence of the following Prohibited Substance :

Exogenous Anabolic Androgenic Steroid:

STANOZOLOL and its metabolite 3'OH-stanozolol, 4BOH-stanzolol, 16BOH-stanozolol, classified as prohibited on the 2016 Prohibited List of Substances and Methods

3. Mr Eksteen has not made IMMAF aware that he has, nor has he ever held, a Therapeutic Use Exemption in respect of this substance.
4. On 1st February 2017, IMMAF issued a 'Notification of an Adverse Analytical Finding', relating to the commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation pursuant to Article 2.1 of IMMAF's Anti-Doping Rules (Presence of Prohibited Substances). The Notification explained the facts concluding the adverse findings in the A Sample, procedures for analysis of the B Sample should these findings be disputed and consequences for admission or confirmation of an ADRV. Mr Eksteen was provisionally suspended from all competition from 1st February 2016.
5. Mr Eksteen failed to respond to IMMAF's notice. Failure to respond means that Mr Eksteen is deemed to have accepted the result of his A Sample finding, waived the B Sample analysis, thus admitting the commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation. This decision records the Consequences applied in respect of that violation.

Anti-Doping Rules, Admission and Consequences

6. Mr Eksteen is deemed to have admitted committing an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 2.1 which provides that the Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample constitutes a violation.
7. Mr Eksteen has declined to offer any evidence to dispute the conclusion the presence of the above substance is an intentional act. Therefore Mr Eksteen is not entitled to any reduction of sanction pursuant to Article 10.4 (No Significant Fault or Negligence).
8. Results obtained at the 2016 All Africa Championships are disqualified, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes. Mr Eksteen's membership of IMMAF and its national member organisations is suspended for the period of this sanction and this ineligibility to compete shall be recognised by other sports and organisations applying mutual recognition. Mr Eksteen has been subject to a Provisional Suspension since the date of the Notification; in accordance with Article 10.11.12, his suspension shall commence from the date of sample collection (3rd September 2016) through to midnight on 2nd September 2020. During this period of ineligibility, Mr Eksteen shall remain subject to testing, as a condition of eligibility to return to the sport. He may return to train with a team or use the facilities of a club or other member organisation during the last two months of the period of ineligibility.
9. Mr Eksteen, MMAF South Africa and WADA have not exercised a right of appeal against this determination or any part of it, in accordance with Article 13, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The time to file an appeal shall be 21 days from the receipt of this decision. This decision shall remain in place whilst under appeal. A full statement of the issued decision shall be published, as required by Article 14.3.
10. Summary: IMMAF has issued this decision which records that
 - Mr Eksteen has committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation pursuant to Article 2.1
 - The period of ineligibility imposed is four years.
 - Results obtained by Mr Eksteen at the 2016 All Africa Championship are disqualified.
 - No appeal has been filed against this decision.

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Chief Executive

International Mixed Martial Arts Federation

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