

Final Issued Decision – Grigoriy PONOMAREV (RUSSIA) - 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 Grigoriy Ponomarev 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 Grigoriy PONOMAREV, participated in the **Male Super Heavyweight** category of the IMMAF World Championships 2018 held in Bahrain. Following the final bout on 17th November 2018 in which Mr Ponomarev won the Silver Medal, a no-notice in-competition doping control test was carried out on Mr Ponomarev and analysed at a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratory, 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:

S1 Anabolic Agents, Anabolic Androgenic Steroids, a, Exogenous

Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone LTM (DHCMT-LTM)

i.e. 4-chloro-18-nor-17b hydroxy methyl, 17a-methyl-5a-androst-13-en-3a-ol.

as classified on the 2018 Prohibited List of Substances and Methods adopted by IMMAF as part of its Anti-Doping Policy.

3. Mr Ponomarev does not have, nor has he ever held, a Therapeutic Use Exemption in respect of this substance.
4. On 16th January 2019, 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 Ponomarev was provisionally suspended from all competition from 16th January 2019.

5. Mr Ponomarev has not offered any evidence by way of explanation for the result of his A Sample finding and waived the B Sample analysis, thus admitting the commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation. This decision records the Consequences to be applied in respect of that violation.

Anti-Doping Rules, Admission and Consequences

6. Mr Ponomarev has admitted committing a 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 Ponomarev has not confirmed an intention to cheat, or provided an explanation that could be construed to reduce any fault for the presence of the above substance.
8. Article 10.6.3 provides that Mr Ponomarev may receive a reduction in the period of Ineligibility down to a minimum of two years' if he has made a prompt admission; any reduction depends on "the seriousness of the violation and Mr Ponomarev's 'degree of Fault'. Mr Ponomarev made a prompt admission of the Anti-Doping Rule Violation and acceded to the consequences specified by IMMAF (or is deemed to have done so in accordance with Article 7.10), waiving B Sample Analysis and accepting the result of his A Sample. IMMAF has grounds to exercise its discretion to reduce the period of ineligibility. Consequently, the period of ineligibility from competitions, activities organised, convened, authorised or recognised by IMMAF, its member organisations, of four (4) years, shall, at IMMAF's discretion be reduced by 2 years, subject to certain conditions.
9. Results obtained at the 2018 World Championships are disqualified, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes. Mr Ponomarev'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 Ponomarev 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 (17th November 2018) through to midnight on 16th November 2019. During this period of ineligibility, Mr Ponomarev 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.
10. Mr Ponomarev, MMAF Russia 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.

Summary: IMMAF has issued this decision which records that

- Mr Ponomarev has committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation pursuant to Article 2.1 for the presence of **Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone LTM (DHCMT-LTM)**
- The period of ineligibility imposed is two years.
- Results obtained at the 2018 World Championship are disqualified.
- Silver Medal Super Heavy Weight Male to be rescinded.

To include: From 1 March 2019, (subject to no appeal being lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport)

- No appeal has been filed against this decision.

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Chief Executive

International Mixed Martial Arts Federation

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