

Montreal, 27 January 2017

Ms. Nicole Resch
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Dear Ms. Resch,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 24 January 2017 in relation to the letter signed by IBU athletes suggesting potential amendments to the IBU Anti-Doping Rules.

As requested, WADA's position in relation to these proposed amendments can be found below.

1. Longer bans (up to eight years) for athletes convicted of anti-doping rule violations

Article 10 of the World Anti-Doping Code (the "Code"), which covers "sanctions for individuals", is mandatory for all Code Signatories and "must be implemented by Signatories without substantive change" in accordance with Article 23.2.2 of the Code.

Consequently, in order to comply with the mandatory requirements of the Code, IBU cannot amend its Anti-Doping Rules in a manner that would permit imposing sanctions that are stricter than those foreseen by the Code.

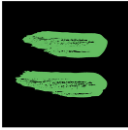
2. Higher fines (up to €1,000,000) for those member federations with athletes convicted of anti-doping infractions

Article 12 of the Code states that Signatories can impose sanctions on bodies over which they have authority. Each Signatory has the discretion to assess whether/which sanctions shall be enforced in its own Anti-Doping Rules.

3. Reduction of seasonal start quotas at World Cup, World Championship, and Olympic competitions for member federations with one or more athlete anti-doping infractions

This proposal does not contradict any provision of the Code. The adoption of such a rule is therefore at the discretion of IBU.

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Concerning Article 12 of the Code, we kindly refer you to our considerations under point 2 above.

We trust the information and clarifications above are of help to IBU in the lead-up to the Congress and we thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "N. Niggli". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Olivier Niggli
Director General