

## MEDIA RELEASE: FISA announces disqualification of the Russian Men's Quadruple Scull

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On 17 May 2016, rower Sergej Fedorovtsev provided a urine sample at an out-of-competition test conducted by the Russian Anti-Doping Agency. Mr Fedorovtsev was a member of the Russian Men's Quadruple Scull that qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games at the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta on 24 May 2016 in Lucerne, Switzerland.

On 16 June 2016, the analysis of this urine sample indicated a positive result for the prohibited substance Trimetazidine which is a substance listed in Section 4 of the banned substance list in the category Hormone and Metabolic Modulators, paragraph 5, metabolic modulators. He was suspended provisionally on this date.

Today, 30 June 2016, the B sample was opened in the presence of the rower and the subsequent analysis confirmed the result of the A sample. Therefore it is considered that an anti-doping rule violation has taken place.

In accordance with Article 10.8 of the World Anti-Doping Code (listed below), the results of all competitions in which the rower participated after 17 May 2016 are therefore automatically disqualified.

### Article 10.8 Disqualification of Results in Competitions

#### Subsequent to Sample Collection or Commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation

in addition to the automatic *disqualification* of the results in the *Competition* which produced the positive *Sample* under Article 9, all other competitive results of the *athlete* obtained from the date a positive *Sample* was collected (whether *In-Competition* or *out-of-Competition*), or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, through the commencement of any *Provisional Suspension* or *Ineligibility* period, shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be *disqualified* with all of the resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

The Olympic qualification place for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games earned by the Russian Men's Quadruple Scull on 24 May 2016 is hereby withdrawn and the FISA Executive Committee has decided that the New Zealand Men's Quadruple Scull, which was placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, is hereby attributed this Olympic qualification quota spot.

As outlined in its Anti-Doping Bye Laws, FISA follows the World Anti-Doping Code's procedure for testing, notification and the hearing of all doping cases. FISA considers the right of each person to be heard before the determination of an ineligibility period to be a fundamental right of process. Any doping case involving rowers and other persons under FISA's jurisdiction shall be determined by reference to and in accordance with Article 7 of the World Anti-Doping Code.

FISA's Anti-Doping Bye-Laws can be found here:

[http://www.worldrowing.com/mm/Document/General/General/11/81/20/Website\\_Revised2015FISAAntiDopingBye-Laws181214CLEAN\\_Neutral.pdf](http://www.worldrowing.com/mm/Document/General/General/11/81/20/Website_Revised2015FISAAntiDopingBye-Laws181214CLEAN_Neutral.pdf)

The fight against doping and protecting the integrity of rowing and its athletes are top priorities for FISA which has spearheaded the implementation of doping controls as well as other important anti-doping measures. For more information on FISA's anti-doping initiatives, click here:

[http://www.worldrowing.com/mm//Document/General/General/12/39/81/HistoryofFISAandAnti-doping30November2015\\_Neutral.pdf](http://www.worldrowing.com/mm//Document/General/General/12/39/81/HistoryofFISAandAnti-doping30November2015_Neutral.pdf)

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