Results Management: Procedure in determining provisional suspension

Provisional Suspension is a conservative measure imposed by a results management authority upon an athlete or athlete support personnel after notification of an anti-doping rule violation supported by sound, reliable evidence. Under Provisional Suspension the person suspended is "barred temporarily from participating in any Competition or activity" prior to the final resolution of the anti-doping rule violation.

Provisional Suspension protects the integrity of competition, and strikes a balance between the rights of an individual athlete or athlete support personnel and the rights of others involved in sport. Provisional Suspension is mandatory in certain situations; in others, it is discretionary.

We will not disclose any information about an athlete who has been provisionally suspended as this occurs during the anti-doping rule violation results management process. As a general rule we will not publicly announce details about an alleged anti-doping rule violation until the process is concluded to ensure that the athlete or support person has their privacy protected.

Below is the general process regarding imposition of provisional suspension.

