



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L' AUTOMOBILE

FIA ANTI-DOPING DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Mr Igor WALILKO

Decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport

Reminder of the facts:

Mr Igor Walilko, who is a minor, tested positive for Nikethamide, a specified substance belonging to the group S6b, stimulants of the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List, during the “ADAC Kartrennen Ampfing” DKM Weekend event held in Ampfing, Germany on 18 July 2010, an FIA International Event registered on the 2010 CIK-FIA International Sporting Calendar.

By a decision dated 11 October 2010, the FIA Anti-doping Disciplinary Committee (named “Anti-Doping Committee – FIA Medical Commission” at that time) stripped Mr Igor Walilko of the individual result achieved in the “ADAC Kartrennen Ampfing” DKM Weekend event, and of any competitive results achieved as from 18 July 2010, and suspended him for two years.

Mr Igor Walilko decided to appeal this decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), based in Lausanne, Switzerland. The hearing before the Panel of the CAS took place on 31 March 2011.

CAS Decision:

By a decision dated 15 September 2011, the Panel of the CAS decided to reduce the suspension initially pronounced by the FIA Anti-Doping Committee against the driver Igor Walilko from 24 months to 18 months.

The FIA duly notes that the Panel of the CAS has on the whole matched the position of the FIA in recognising the submission of minors to the FIA anti-doping rules, the violation of these rules in the case in point, the fact of the presence of a prohibited substance, and thus the need to strip the driver of his points and impose a suspension, in the absence of any explanation by the athlete concerning the presence of the substance.

Nevertheless, considering the case to be exceptional on account of the athlete’s very young age and the level of competition concerned, reserved for minors under the age of 15, the Panel reduced the suspension of the athlete from 24 to 18 months in application of the principle of proportionality, while specifying that this decision cannot stand as a precedent and that such a suspension remains essential in order to protect young athletes and encourage them, and those around them, to exercise extreme caution.