

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
IOC DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION
DECISION OF PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION
BY THE CHAIRMAN
REGARDING LIUDMYLA BLONSKA
BORN ON 9 NOVEMBER 1977, ATHLETE, UKRAINE, ATHLETICS

(Rule 23.2.1 of the Olympic Charter)

1. On 16 August 2008, Ms Liudmyla Blonska (hereinafter the "Athlete") competed in the Women's Heptathlon Final in Beijing, in which she placed 2nd.
2. The Athlete was requested, during the night of 16 August 2008 to 17 August 2008 in Beijing, immediately following the completion of her participation in the Women's Heptathlon Final, to provide a urine sample and a blood sample for a doping control.
3. The analytical report of the laboratory analysis of the A sample, prepared by the Head of the WADA Accredited Laboratory in Beijing, indicated the presence of the prohibited substance Methyltestosterone. The Athlete requested the analysis of the B sample of the above-noted urine and attended the B sample opening and analysis on Wednesday 20 August 2008 at about 17:00.
4. On 21 August 2008, at around 11:00, the analytical report of the laboratory analysis of the B sample, prepared by the Head of the WADA Accredited Laboratory in Beijing, was communicated to the IOC. Such report indicated the presence of Methyltestosterone in the B sample, thus confirming the adverse analytical finding of the A sample.
5. On 21 August 2008, at 12:30, the Disciplinary Commission held a hearing in accordance with the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing in 2008* (the "Rules"). The Athlete was present at that hearing, accompanied by representatives of the NOC of Ukraine.
6. The Athlete had been informed of the results of the laboratory analysis of the A sample, which, according to the analysis report prepared by the Head of the WADA Accredited Laboratory, indicated the presence of the prohibited substance Methyltestosterone. At the hearing, the Athlete in particular was informed that this finding was confirmed by the results of the laboratory analysis of the B sample and was handed out a copy of such analysis report.
7. The Athlete is scheduled to compete in the Women's Long Jump on 22 August 2008.
8. At the end of the hearing, the Athlete and the delegation of the NOC of Ukraine have been informed of the following decision of the Chairman of the IOC Disciplinary Commission.

CONSIDERING the above, pursuant to Article 7.2.7 of the *IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing in 2008*

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE IOC DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
DECIDES

- I. The athlete Ms Liudmyla Blonska, Ukraine, Athletics, is provisionally suspended from all competitions, with immediate effect, until the final decision has been pronounced by the IOC Executive Board.
- II. The Olympic identity and accreditation card of the Athlete is provisionally cancelled until such final decision has been pronounced by the IOC Executive Board.
- III. This decision shall enter into force immediately.

Beijing, 21 August 2008

The Chairman of the IOC Disciplinary Commission

Thomas BACH