

## **IBU Executive Board Meeting 132**

At its 132<sup>nd</sup> meeting, held in Frankfurt, Germany on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November 2017, the IBU Executive Board discussed proposals from the Technical Committee, Medical Committee, the Legal Committee and the working group<sup>1</sup> established by the extraordinary IBU Congress in February 2017 during the IBU World Championships in Hochfilzen. Moreover the current status of the investigations and result management following the McLaren report was reported and discussed.

### **Anti-Doping Update**

The International Biathlon Union was informed by the International Olympic Committee that the re-testing of samples provided by the Slovenian athlete Teja Gregorin (37) collected during the Olympic Winter Games Vancouver 2010 had resulted in adverse analytical findings (AAFs). The IOC Disciplinary Commission will hear the case at the end of November. After the decision of the IOC Disciplinary Commission, the IBU's Anti-Doping Hearing Panel will consider further action within its own area of jurisdiction. The IBU Anti-Doping Hearing Panel conducted a hearing in the Glazyrina case in October 2017, the ruling of which has not yet been announced. Glazyrina was provisionally suspended during the IBU WCH 2017 in Hochfilzen.

Based on the investigations following the publication of the McLaren II report, the IOC Disciplinary Commission recently held hearings in the cases against the Russian female biathletes Romanova and Vilukhina. The rulings are yet to be announced. The IOC Hearing against Zaitseva will follow later this months. All three athletes retired meanwhile but were also provisionally suspended by the IBU and will therefore not be competing in the upcoming season or in any qualification events. Upon receipt of the reasoned decision of the IOC Disciplinary Commission pending, the IBU Anti-Doping Panel will consider appropriate consequences under the IBU Anti-Doping Rules.

The Executive Board is pleased to note that all Russian athletes have been included in the IBU registered testing pool since February 2017 and have been tested multiple times in the past months both by the IBU and also by UK Anti-Doping. In preparation of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games, the IBU has also implemented all recommendations given by the independent tasks force set up by the General Association of International Federation (GAIFS).

As tasked by the IBU Congress 2017, the Executive Board decided on a proposal of the Legal Committee to amend the IBU Anti-Doping Rules and Disciplinary Rules in order to implement harsher sanctions on National Federations for Anti-Doping Rule violations, such as the reduction of start quotas for federations and higher fines. These new rules will enter into effect as of immediately. (*Annexes*)

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<sup>1</sup> The working group was tasked to propose IBU rule amendments for harder sanctions, such as start quota reductions and higher disciplinary fines to national federations for anti – doping rule violations.

The IBU Executive Board welcomes the recent establishment and goals of the Independent Testing Authority (ITA) under the leadership of the IOC in collaboration with the International Federations. The Board is also pleased to note that the IBU does not automatically accept any Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) by any National Anti – Doping Agency (NADA) but has its own standards. As a result, there are only four (4) IBU TUEs for the time being.

### **Athletes Committee**

The IBU Executive Board decided on a new election procedure for the Athletes Committee that will allow World Cup athletes to vote by secret online ballot.

### **Sport technical decisions**

Based on a proposal from the Technical Committee, the IBU Executive Board has decided the 2020 IBU WCH program and the allocation of the World Cups for the season 2018/2019.

SLO/Pokljuka	03-09.12.2018
AUT/Hochfilzen	10-16.12.2018
CZE/ Nove Mesto	17-23.12.2018*
GER/Oberhof	07-13.01.2019
GER/Ruhpolding	14-20.01.2019
ITA/Antholz	21-27.01.2019
CAN/Canmore	04-10.02.2019
USA/Soldier Hollow	11-17.02.2019
<i>WCH Östersund/SWE</i>	<i>07-17.03.2019</i>
NOR/Oslo	18-24.03.2019

\* dates to be confirmed)



### **Good Governance**

The IBU Executive Board discussed various important areas of IBU governance, including a review of the IBU's communications strategy.

### **Next Executive Board meeting**

The next Executive Board meeting will take place on 9-10 December 2017 at the IBU WC in Hochfilzen, and discuss the question of whether any steps should be taken within the IBU based on the outcome of IOC Executive Board decision into consequences to the Russian Olympic Committee following the McLaren report II investigation, which is scheduled for 5-7 December.

An IBU press conference and a meeting with the athletes is scheduled for after the meeting on **10 December 2017**.