

RECOGNITION OF DECISION

As per Article 36.2 of the World Aquatics Integrity Code

Regarding:

Decision no.1/2024 issued by the Disciplinary Commission of the Bulgarian Swimming Federation

In the matter related to:

Mr. Antani Antonov Ivanov (Bulgaria)

Lausanne, 23 May 2024

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I. FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 18 April 2024, the Aquatics Integrity Unit received the decision no. 1/2024 issued by the Disciplinary Commission of the Bulgarian Swimming Federation (the “Decision”) against the athlete Mr. Antani Antonov Ivanov (“Mr. Ivanov”).
2. With the Decision, Mr. Ivanov is sanctioned with a two-year suspension and with a fine of BGN 1,000 (one thousand) for violating article 26, par. 1 and par. 3 and article 31, par. 1 and par. 3 of the Disciplinary Rules of the Bulgarian Swimming Federation:

- i. Art. 26 (1) Actions or omissions that constitute indecent behaviour or an offence of an official or an athlete before, during or after a sports event;
(3) In case of a repeated offence under art. 1, the relevant individual is punished with efficient deprivation of sports/coaching rights in the system of the Bulgarian Swimming federation for a certain period of time at the discretion of the competent body and is imposed a fine.*
- ii. Art. 31 (1) Media appearances, including in the social networks in the Internet, during which unreasonably disrespectful attitude to the activity and the contribution of the Bulgarian Swimming Federation, respectively its bodies, is demonstrated, and generally the Bulgarian Swimming Federation is ignored or its reputation is infringed.
(3) In case of a repeated offence under art. 1, the relevant individual is punished with efficient deprivation of sports/coaching rights in the system of the Bulgarian Swimming federation for a certain period of time and is imposed a fine.*

3. As per Article 36.2 of the World Aquatics Integrity Code:

“World Aquatics, all Continental Organisations and all World Aquatics Members shall recognise and take all necessary and reasonable steps within their powers to enforce and give effect to all decisions taken under the regulations of a Continental Organisation or World Aquatics Member adopted in accordance with Article 3. World Aquatics may decide not to recognise such a decision if it violates the World Aquatics Constitution or important principles of law”.

II. DECISION OF THE ADJUDICATORY BODY

4. The Adjudicatory Body of the Aquatics Integrity Unit, after reviewing the Decision, as well as the World Aquatics Constitution, the World Aquatics Integrity Code and other relevant Rules and Regulations concluded that:
 - (i) The Decision and the consequent sanction imposed by the Disciplinary Commission of the Bulgarian Swimming Federation is recognised and extended worldwide to all competitions and activities organised by World Aquatics.**
 - (ii) During the suspension which runs from 14 March 2024 until 14 March 2026, Mr. Ivanov is not allowed to take part in any Aquatic-related activities or events on behalf of World Aquatics or any**

other World Aquatics Continental Organisation, Member Federation and recognised body.

(iii) This decision is rendered without costs.

For the Aquatics Integrity Unit:



Raymond Hack
Chair of the Adjudicatory Body