



GBPF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2020

The 2020 line-up of the GBPF disciplinary committee consisted of Emma Goodwin (replacing Kevin Green), Phil Guise, Bryn Evans, Arun Singh and Ian Finch (chair). The role of the disciplinary committee is defined in the GBPF constitution, section 10.4 and the actions and decisions taken closely follow the guidelines specified by WADA, UKAD, the IPF and section 11 of the GBPF constitution.

From the beginning of 2019 all contentious / failed drug test cases have been dealt with directly by the IPF, and as a consequence the disciplinary committee have had much less to do in 2020. That said, the committee have looked into the following complaints:

Six complaints regarding inappropriate social media posts (including perceived racism). In all cases writing to the alleged offenders has resulted in their curtailing these posts.

One case of alleged bullying! This appears to have ceased prior to our writing to the relevant parties involved.

One complaint of inappropriate behaviour. The individual received both a verbal and written warning from the DC.

One case of a former BDFPF member banned for life attempting to join British Powerlifting. Membership will be refused for a period of 4 years, as would be the suspension under WADA conditions.

Multiple complaints about a single individual with respect to his inappropriate sexual behaviour with the athletes that he coached. Action against the individual was halted when legal proceedings began. This dragged the process out past December 31st 2020, resulting in the individual no longer being a member of British Powerlifting. Consequently, no further action could be taken, however any attempt to re-join British Powerlifting by this individual will be rejected.

The following suspensions from British Powerlifting are still current:

April 2018. The case of Mr Roman Adamski who was competing at the 2018 British Classic Benchpress Championships on February 18th. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Adamski revealed banned substances. This is a violation of Article 2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016). Therefore, in accordance with Article 10.2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016) it is our decision that Mr Adamski be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from April 3rd 2018.

April 2018. The case of Mr Alan Tamlin who was competing at the 2018 Scottish Eastern District February 10th. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Tamlin revealed banned substances. This is a violation of Article 2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016). Therefore, in accordance with Article 10.2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016) it is our decision that Mr Cassidy be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from April 3rd 2018.

April 2018. The case of Mr Graeme Lamont who was competing at the 2018 Scottish Eastern District February 10th. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Lamont revealed banned substances. This is a violation of Article 2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016). Therefore, in accordance with Article 10.2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016) it is our decision that Mr Lamont be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from April 3rd 2018.

April 2018. The case of Mr Alex Spiers who was competing at the 2018 NW Novice Powerlifting Championships on January 13th. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Spiers revealed banned substances. This is a violation of Article 2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016). Therefore, in accordance with Article 10.2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016) it is our decision that Mr Spiers be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from April 3rd 2018.

December 2017. The case of Mr Daniel Ferrett who was competing at the 2017 British Classic Championships on October 22nd 2017. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Ferrett revealed banned substances. This is a violation of Article 2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016). Therefore, in accordance with Article 10.2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016) it is our decision that Mr Ferrett be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from December 3rd 2017.

November 2017. The case of Mr Declan Cassidy who was competing at the 2017 NI Autumn Advance Powerlifting Championships on October 1st 2017. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Cassidy revealed banned substances. This is a violation of Article 2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016). Therefore, in accordance with Article 10.2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016) it is our decision that Mr Cassidy be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from November 2nd 2017.

June 2017. The case of Mr Karl Merritt who was competing at the 2017 NI Push & Pull Championships on May 6th 2017. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Merritt revealed banned substances. This is a violation of Article 2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016). Therefore, in accordance with Article 10.2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016) it is our decision that Mr Merritt be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from June 12th 2017.

May 2017. The case of Mr Lorenus Mikalajunais who was competing at the 2017 Anglian Open Championships on April 9th 2017. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Mikalajunis revealed banned substances. This is a violation of Article 2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016). Therefore, in accordance with Article 10.2.1 of the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016) it is our decision that Mr Mikalajunais be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from May 15th 2017.

May 2017. The case of Mr Julian Warrick. The DC was asked to consider if the social media posts of Mr Warrick constituted bring British Powerlifting into disrepute. The DC considered this to be the case and it is our decision that he be suspended from British Powerlifting until further notice. Furthermore, his social media profile should be examined prior to accepting any future membership application from him.

April 2015. The case of Mr Arthur Hoey. The charge was that following testing at the 2011 GBPF squad training a failed drug test as reported to WADA by the Barcelona laboratory was ignored / covered up. After some investigation the DC could only conclude that Mr Hoey was guilty. Mr Hoey did make a representation to the committee but it was of no significant relevance. Consequently, a life time ban from the GBPF has been imposed.

July 2013. The case of Mr Balwinder Singh. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Singh at the 2013 GBPF Seniors event revealed banned substances. Mr Singh appealed the original disciplinary committee decision but failed to turn up for his hearing. Consequently as this was not a first offence and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a life ban was imposed.

Ian Finch

GBPF Disciplinary Committee. March 2021.