



GBPF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2015

The current line-up of the GBPF disciplinary committee consists of Bryn Evans, Arun Singh and Ian Finch (chair) and this has been so since they were voted into office at the inaugural meeting of the GBF in March 2009. The role of the disciplinary committee is clearly 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.

Since the 2014 report the GBPF disciplinary committee has had to consider the following cases brought before them.

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 and Mr Hoey by the Barcelona laboratory was not referred to the Disciplinary Committee as required by our rules. After some investigation the DC could only conclude that Mr Hoey was culpable. 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.

May 2015. The case of Mr Louis Beaumont. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Beaumont at the 2011 GBPF squad training session revealed banned substances. Mr Beaumont was offered the opportunity to make a representation to the committee but none was offered. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a 2 year ban was imposed to run until May 7th 2017.

June 2015. The case of Mr Ilya Golub. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Golub at the 2015 GBPF Scottish Championships revealed banned substances. Mr Golub was offered the opportunity to make a representation to the committee but none was offered. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a 4 year ban was imposed to run until May 27th 2019.

August 2015. The case of Mr Marc Russell. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Russell at the 2015 GBPF NIPF Push-Pull Championships revealed banned substances. Mr Russell was offered the opportunity to make a representation to the committee but none was offered. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a 4 year ban was imposed to run until 25th August 2019.

August 2015. The case of Ms Jenny Brown. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Ms Brown at the 2014 GBPF NIPF Push-Pull Championships revealed banned substances. Ms Brown offered significant mitigating circumstances which were considered by the DC. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a 16 month ban was imposed to run until 1st January 2017.

November 2015. The case of Mr Carl Robinson. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Robinson at the 2015 GBPF British Classic Championships revealed banned substances. Mr Robinson was offered the opportunity to make a representation to the committee but none was offered. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a 4 year ban was imposed to run until 23rd November 2019.

November 2015. The case of Mr Ebeneza Osiwono. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Osiwono at the 2015 GBPF British Classic Championships revealed banned substances. Mr Osiwono was offered the opportunity to make a representation to the committee but none was offered. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a 4 year ban was imposed to run until 23rd November 2019.

The following suspensions from the GBPF are still current:

May 2014. The case of Mr Leslie Steele. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Steele at the 2014 NIPF championships revealed banned substances. Mr Steele was offered the opportunity to make a representation to the committee but none was offered. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a 2 year ban was imposed to run until July 2016.

June 2014. The case of Richard Cross. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Cross at the 2014 GBPF YNE Championships revealed banned substances. Mr Cross admitted to using the banned substance. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a 2 year ban was imposed to run until July 2016.

June 2014. The case of Mr Jack Garforth. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Garforth at the 2014 GBPF YNE Championships revealed banned substances. Mr Garforth was offered the opportunity to make a representation to the committee but none was offered. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a 2 year ban was imposed to run until August 2016.

November 2014. The case of Mr Jack Greenhalf. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Greenhalf at the 2014 GBPF SE Championships revealed banned substances. Mr Greenhalf was offered the opportunity to make a representation to the committee but none was offered. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines a 4 year ban was imposed to run until January 2019.

December 2014. The case of Mr Sam Mitchell. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Mitchell at the 2014 NIPF classic event revealed banned substances. Mr Mitchell cooperated fully with the DC and a feasible explanation was offered. Consequently and in line with WADA, UKAD and IPF guidelines an 18 month ban was imposed to run until July 2016.

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. February 2016.