

GBPF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2016

The current line-up of the GBPF disciplinary committee consists of Kevin Green, Tanya Bull, Bryn Evans, Arun Singh and Ian Finch (chair). The DC was expanded to 5 people with the addition of Kevin & Tanya on March 26th 2016 in order that should a member be absent a majority decision can still be reached. 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 2015 report the GBPF disciplinary committee has had to consider the following cases brought before them.

December 2016. The case of Mr Reggie Smith who was competing at the 2016 South East Championships on November 19th 2016. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Smith revealed banned substances. This is a violation of Article 2.1 of the British Powerlifting (GBPF) Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016). Therefore, in accordance with Article 10.2.1 of the British Powerlifting (GBPF) Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016) it is our decision that Mr Smith be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from December 31st 2016.

November 2016. The case of Mr Drummond McCulloch who was competing at the 2016 Fife Open Championships on October 9th 2016. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr McCulloch revealed banned substances. This is a violation of Article 2.1 of the British Powerlifting (GBPF) Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016). Therefore, in accordance with Article 10.2.1 of the British Powerlifting (GBPF) Anti-Doping Policy (Feb 2016) it is our decision that Mr McCulloch be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from November 24th 2016. This was subsequently reduced to a 12 month ban by the appeals committee.

October 2016. The case of Mr Mathew Doyle who was competing at the 2016 GBPF NIPF Autumn Advance Competition on October 15th 2016 where Mr Doyle failed to supply the requested sample and despite having a full understanding of the consequences intentionally left the venue without reasonable good cause. This is in direct contravention of article 2.1 of the 2016 GBPF anti-doping policy. Therefore, in line with article 10.3.1 of the 2016 GBPF anti-doping policy it is our decision that Mr Doyle should be ineligible to take part any GBPF/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from October 21st 2016.

October 2016. The case of Mr Alistair Anderson who was competing at the 2016 Scottish Junior Championships on August 27th 2016. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Anderson 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 Anderson be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from October 18th 2016.

August 2016. The case of Mr Robert Hazelton who was competing at the 2016 NI Raw Power Competition on June 18th 2016. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Hazelton 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 Hazelton be ineligible to take part any British Powerlifting/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from June 18th 2016.

May 2016. Mr Paul Jory who was competing at the 2016 GBPF British Masters Classic Championships on March 20th 2016. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Jory 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 Jory be ineligible to take part any GBPF/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from June 6th 2016.

April 2016. The case of Mr David Mills who was competing at the 2016 GBPF Senior Equipped Championships on February 28th 2016. The charge was that the urine sample taken from Mr Mills 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 Mills be ineligible to take part any GBPF/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from April 11th 2016.

April 2016. The case of Mr Andrew Hutchings who was competing at the 2016 GBPF Masters Classic Championships on March 20th and during these championships he was chosen to supply samples for anti-doping testing. Mr Hutchings failed to supply the requested sample and despite having a full understanding of the consequences intentionally left the venue without reasonable good cause. This is in direct contravention of article 2.1 of the 2016 GBPF anti-doping policy. Therefore, in line with article 10.3.1 of the 2016 GBPF anti-doping policy it is our decision that Mr Hutchings should be ineligible to take part any GBPF/IPF competition for a period of 4 years effective from April 4th 2016.

March 2016. The case of Mr Stephen Manuel who was representing the GBPF at the EPF Classic Championships on March 10th 2016. The charge was that during these championships he showed a lack of ethical behaviour towards the Hotel, Event organisers and the EPF. Consequently, we decided that a 6 month suspension from all GBPF activities was required. This suspension to begin on the date of the offence, March 10th 2016. However, in acknowledgment of Mr Manuel's open admission of guilt, his written statement on extenuating circumstances, his apologies offered to all parties, his previous good character and his work supporting the GBPF juniors and coaches the suspension was reduced by 50% or 3 months.

The following suspensions from the GBPF are still current:

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.

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.

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.

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 quidelines a 4 year ban was imposed to run until January 2019.

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. January 2017.