



## **Result Management: Procedure for Provisional Suspension**

Provisional Suspension is a conservative measure imposed by a results management authority upon an athlete or athlete support personnel after notification of an anti-doping rule violation supported by sound, reliable evidence. Under Provisional Suspension the person suspended is “barred temporarily from participating in any Competition or activity” prior to the final resolution of the anti-doping rule violation.

If a provisional suspension is to be imposed as result of an adverse analytic finding then the athlete will be informed by the International Pole & Aerial Sports Federation (IPSF) Anti-Doping Commission as soon as the “A” sample result is known. This will usually be done by email.

The athlete will be offered an expedited hearing by an IPSF Anti-Doping Hearing Panel as soon as possible. The hearing will in person or by video conference. The IPSF Anti-Doping Commission is responsible for organizing the hearing.

The matter is strictly confidential. We will not disclose any information about an athlete who has been provisionally suspended as this occurs during the anti-doping rule violation results management process. As a general rule we will not publicly announce details about an alleged anti-doping rule violation until the process is concluded to ensure that the athlete or support person has their privacy protected.

Below is the general process regarding imposition of provisional suspension:



Determine type of substance involved in the adverse analytical findings



For violation of non-specified substance, mandatory provisional suspension is applicable. For violation of specified substance, contaminated products or other anti-doping rule violations, provisional suspension is optional.



Notice of provisional suspension & provisional hearing/application for an expedited hearing may be issued in parallel or separately with the notification of anti-doping rule violation



If athlete/athlete support personnel request to have a provisional hearing, disciplinary panel shall respond with a date & time for a provisional hearing within 7 working days from the date of the request.



If athlete/athlete support personnel request to have an expedited hearing, such hearing must be scheduled within 14 working days from the date of the request.



If athlete/athlete support personnel is silent whether or not to choose for an expedited hearing or a provisional hearing, provisional suspension may still be enforced on cases involving non-specified substances. The case shall undergo a full hearing and the results management authority shall notify the athlete/athlete support personnel on the date and time (within 21 working days)



Note: In determining the period of sanction at the end of a hearing, athlete/athlete support personnel who were provisionally suspended shall receive a credit for such period of provisional suspension against any period of ineligibility which may ultimately be imposed. (Refer Article 10.11.3 of the World Anti-Doping Code)

