

CAS 2024/A/10625 International Canoe Federation v. Anamaria Govorčinović & Croatian Institute of Public Health

ARBITRAL AWARD

delivered by the

COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

sitting in the following composition:

Sole Arbitrator: Dr. Heiner Kahlert, Attorney-at-Law, Munich, Germany

in the arbitration between

International Canoe Federation, Lausanne, Switzerland

Represented by Ms. Dominique Leroux-Lacroix, Head of Legal Affairs, and Ms. Ayesha Talpade, Senior Legal Counsel, International Testing Agency, Lausanne, Switzerland

Appellant

and

Ms. Anamaria Govorčinović, Zagreb, Croatia

First Respondent

Croatian Institute of Public Health, Zagreb, Croatia

Represented by Mr. Lovro Badžim, Attorney-at-law, Zagreb, Croatia

Second Respondent

ON THESE GROUNDS

The Court of Arbitration for Sport rules that:

- 1. The appeal filed by the International Canoe Federation on 27 May 2024 against the decision rendered by the Croatian Institute of Public Health on 24 April 2024 in the matter concerning Anamaria Govorčinović is partially upheld.
- 2. The decision rendered by the Croatian Institute of Public Health on 24 April 2024 in the matter concerning Anamaria Govorčinović is set aside.
- 3. Anamaria Govorčinović is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 of the July 2022 edition of the CIPH Anti-Doping Rules. However, pursuant to Article 10.5 of the July 2022 edition of the CIPH Anti-Doping Rules, she bears no fault or negligence and no period of ineligibility shall be imposed on her.
- 4. The Croatian Institute of Public Health shall publicly disclose the disposition of the anti-doping rule violation and the consequences imposed in accordance with Article 14.3.2 of the July 2022 edition of the CIPH Anti-Doping Rules.
- 5. The costs of the arbitration, to be determined and served separately to the Parties by the CAS Court Office, shall be borne by the International Canoe Federation to 25% and by the Croatian Institute of Public Health to 75%.
- 6. The Croatian Institute of Public Health is ordered to pay a total amount of CHF 2,500 (two thousand five hundred Swiss francs) as contribution towards the legal fees and expenses incurred by the International Canoe Federation in connection with this arbitration proceeding.
- 7. All other motions or prayers for relief are dismissed.

Seat of arbitration: Lausanne, Switzerland

Date: 15 July 2024

THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

Solo Arbitrator