

Annex 2: Media Release

Kostner eligible to compete in 2016 after settling dispute with WADA and the Italian NADO

The disciplinary case involving the Italian figure skating athlete, Ms. Carolina Kostner, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the Ufficio di Procura Antidoping (UPA) of the NADO Italia relating to an alleged violation of the Italian Anti-Doping Rules by Ms. Kostner, has been settled by means of an agreement between the parties.

On 30 July 2012, a Doping Control Officer (DCO) attempted to conduct a doping control on Ms. Kostner's then partner, Mr. Alex Schwazer at the home of Ms. Kostner. Ms. Kostner falsely advised the DCO that Mr. Schwazer was not at the premises. Ms. Kostner has since recognized that she committed a serious error of judgment by misleading the doping control officer, and she has accepted that her conduct violated the Italian Anti-Doping Rules.

The parties have agreed to increase the sixteen-month sanction imposed at first instance by the Italian National Anti-Doping Tribunal by five months. The resulting twenty one month ineligibility period is backdated to 1 April 2014 based on procedural delays that are not attributable to Ms. Kostner. Ms. Kostner will therefore be eligible to participate in competitions from 1 January 2016.

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