

CONSENT AWARD

dated 25 January 2023 and issued by the

FEI TRIBUNAL

Sitting in the following composition:

Sole Panel Member: Dr Armand Leone (USA)

in the matter between:

FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)

and

Mr Ahmed Rashed Khalifa Ebrahim ALSUWAIDI in his capacity as the Person Responsible in the following case:

Case: C23-0002 ALSUWAIDI

FEI Case reference: 2023/CM02, AP MURCIELAGO

Person Responsible/ID/NF: Ahmed Rashed Khalifa Ebrahim
ALSUWAIDI/10097265/UAE

Trainer/ID/NF: Ahmed Rashed Khalifa Ebrahim ALSUWAIDI/10097265/UAE

Horse/Passport/NF: AP MURCIELAGO/106ZJ60/UAE

Event/Date//ID: CEI1* 100, Dubai, UAE 11-12.12.2022, 2022_CI_2017_E_S_01_01

Prohibited Substance(s): Dexamethasone, Phenylbutazone, Oxyphenbutazone

Bar Code Nos.: 5620436

I. Parties

1. The Fédération Equestre Internationale (the “FEI”) is the sole IOC recognised international federation for equestrian sport. The FEI is the governing body for the FEI equestrian disciplines of dressage, jumping, eventing, driving, endurance, vaulting, and para-equestrian.
2. Mr Ahmed Rashed Khalifa Ebrahim ALSUWAIDI (FEI ID 10097265), the Person Responsible (the “PR”), is an Endurance Athlete from the United Arab Emirates, who competed with the horse, AP MURCIELAGO (the “Horse”) at the CEI1* 100 in Dubai (UAE), on 11-12 December 2022 (the “Event”).

II. Factual background and initial proceedings

3. The Horse was tested during the Event and returned a positive result for Dexamethasone, Phenylbutazone and Oxyphenbutazone. Dexamethasone is a corticosteroid with anti-inflammatory effects. Phenylbutazone is an anti-inflammatory drug used as analgesics and Oxyphenbutazone is a metabolite of Phenylbutazone. Dexamethasone, Phenylbutazone and Oxyphenbutazone are listed as a “Controlled Medication Substances” under the FEI's 2022 Equine Prohibited Substances list. The positive result gave rise to a Controlled Medication Rule Violation.
4. The FEI informed the PR of the positive result in a notification letter dated 11 January 2023 (the “Notification Letter”). As a result of the positive finding, the PR was provisionally suspended as of the 11 January 2023 pursuant to Art. 7.4.1 of the FEI Equine Controlled Medication Rules (the “ECM Rules”).
5. In the Notification Letter, the FEI had provided the PR with an option to admit the rule violation, accept the proposed consequences and benefit from a three (3) month reduction of the otherwise applicable period of “Ineligibility” of six (6) months in accordance with Art. 10.8.1 of the ECM Rules.
6. On 12 January 2023, the PR submitted to the FEI a duly signed Acceptance of Consequences Form.

III. Summary of the proceeding before the FEI Tribunal

7. On 13 January 2023, the FEI submitted to the FEI Tribunal the duly signed Acceptance of Consequences Form together with the Notification Letter and requested that the

FEI Tribunal issue a "Consent Award", confirming the accepted consequences to be imposed on the PR.

8. On 17 January 2023, the Tribunal Chair informed the Parties of the appointment of a sole panel member to adjudicate and approve this case. The Parties were asked to provide any objections to the constitution of the panel by 20 January 2023.
9. On 17 January 2023, the FEI informed the Tribunal that it did not have any objections to the constitution of the hearing panel.
10. Neither party requested an oral hearing.

IV. Jurisdiction

11. The jurisdiction of the FEI Tribunal, which is not disputed, derives from the:

Statutes 24th edition, effective 19 November 2019 ("Statutes"), Arts. 1.5, 38 and 39.

General Regulations, 24th edition, 1 January 2022, updates effective 1 January 2022, Arts. 118, 143.1, 159, 164, 165 and 167 ("GRs").

Internal Regulations of the FEI Tribunal, 3rd Edition, 2 March 2018 ("IRs").

FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations ("EADCMRs"), 3rd edition, changes effective 1 January 2021.

V. Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction

12. In accordance with Art. 10.8.1 of the ECM Rules *"Where Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person, after being notified by the FEI of a potential ECM Rule violation that carries an asserted period of Ineligibility of six (6) months or more (including any period of Ineligibility asserted under Article 10.4), admits the violation and accepts the asserted period of Ineligibility no later than twenty (20) days after receiving notice of an ECM Rule violation charge, the Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person may receive a three (3) month reduction in the period of Ineligibility asserted by the FEI. Where the Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person receives the three (3) month reduction in the asserted period of Ineligibility under this Article 10.8.1, no further reduction in the asserted period of Ineligibility shall be allowed under any other Article."*

VI. Ratification of the Accepted Consequences

13. The PR has explicitly admitted the rule violation and accepted the following consequences (in accordance with the Article 10.8.1 of the ECM Rules):

- A period of Ineligibility of three (3) months commencing from the date of the Final Decision by the FEI Tribunal (the Provisional Suspension already served shall be credited against the imposed Ineligibility Period); and
- Disqualification from the whole Event and forfeiture of all medals, points, prize money, etc. won at the Event with the Horse; and
- A Fine of CHF 2'500; and
- Costs of CHF 1'000.- (only in case of B-sampling).

14. The sole panel member confirms that the above Accepted Consequences comply with the ECM Rules and finds no grounds to object to the terms of the Accepted Consequences.

ON THESE GROUNDS

1. The sole panel member hereby ratifies the Accepted Consequences by the PR in the case C23-0002 ALSUWAIDI [2023/CM02 – AP MURCIELAGO] and incorporates its terms into the Consent Award.
2. Each Party is hereby ordered to perform the obligations and duties pursuant to the Acceptance of Consequences Form.
3. The Consent Award is pronounced without costs.
4. This Consent Award is final and is not subject to an appeal as the PR has waived this right.
5. This Consent Award shall be published in accordance with Article 13.3 of the ECM Rules.

DECISION TO BE FORWARDED TO:

a. The Parties:

- FEI
- Mr Ahmed Rashed Khalifa Ebrahim ALSUWAIDI (PR)

b. Any other:

- The UAE Equestrian and Racing Federation (NF of Mr ALSUWAIDI)

FOR THE TRIBUNAL

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Dr Armand Leone (USA)