

CONSENT AWARD

dated 31 May 2023 and issued by the

FEI TRIBUNAL

Sitting in the following composition:

Sole Panel Member: Mr Cesar Torrente (COL)

in the matter between:

FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)

and

Abdulrahman Mohammed ALZAYED in his capacity as the **Person Responsible** in the following case:

Case: C23-0024 ALZAYED

FEI Case reference: 2023/BS03, HERA DURANCES

Person Responsible/ID/NF: Abdulrahman Mohammed ALZAYED/10026481/BRN

Horse/Passport: HERA DURANCES/106FU45/BRN

Trainer/ID/NF: Muhammad Abbas KHALID/10220213/BRN

Event/Date/ID: CH-M-E- Butheeb (UAE), 20-26.02.2023, 2023_CH-M_0011_E_S_01

Date of sample collection: 25.02.2023

Prohibited Substance(s): Stanozolol, 16-beta-hydroxystanozolol

Bar Code No.: 5620831

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 Abdulrahman Mohammed ALZAYED (FEI ID 10026481), the Person Responsible (the “PR”), is an Endurance rider from Bahrain, who competed with the horse, Hera Durances (the “Horse”) at the CH-M-E in Butheeb (UAE), between 20 and 26 February 2023 (the “Event”).

II. Factual background and initial proceedings

3. The Horse was tested during the Event and returned a positive result for Stanozolol and 16-beta-hydroxystanozolol, which are anabolic steroids used to improve performance by promoting muscular development. Stanozolol and 16-beta-hydroxystanozolol are “Banned Substances” under the FEI's Equine Prohibited Substances list.
4. The FEI informed the PR of the positive result in a notification letter dated 20 March 2023 (the “Notification Letter”). As a result of the positive finding, the PR was Provisionally Suspended as of 20 March 2023, in accordance with Art. 7.4.1 of the FEI Equine Anti-Doping Rules (the “EAD Rules”).
5. In the Notification Letter, the FEI provided the PR with an option to admit the EAD Rule violation, accept the sanctions and benefit from a six (6) month reduction of the otherwise applicable period of “Ineligibility” of two (2) years in accordance with Art. 10.8.1 of the EAD Rules. The FEI further provided the PR with the option to request the B Sample analysis within 10 days of the Notification Letter.
6. Upon request from the PR, the B Sample analysis confirmed the findings of the A Sample results, as notified by the FEI to the PR on 4 May 2023.
7. On 16 May 2023, the FEI requested the Tribunal to automatically disqualify the individual results of the PR with the Horse in the FEI World Championship in Endurance in Butheeb, in UAE, on 26 February 2023 in accordance with Art. 9.1 of the EAD Rules.
8. On 18 May 2023, the PR submitted to the FEI a duly signed Acceptance of Consequences Form (the “AOC Form”).

III. Summary of the proceeding before the FEI Tribunal

9. On 22 May 2023, the FEI submitted to the FEI Tribunal the duly signed AOC Form together with the Notification Letter and requested that the FEI Tribunal issue a "Consent Award", confirming the accepted consequences that would be imposed on the PR.
10. On 26 May 2023, the Tribunal acknowledged receipt of the FEI correspondences dated 16 and 22 May 2023, and informed the Parties of the appointment of a one-person hearing panel to adjudicate and approve this case. The Parties were asked to provide any objections to the constitution of the hearing panel by 30 May 2023. Furthermore, the Tribunal noted that, in view of the subsequent AOC Form submitted, the initial request from the FEI dated 16 May 2023 could be considered moot, since the disqualification of results was also included in the AOC Form. The Parties were asked to indicate to the Tribunal by 30 May 2023 whether they disagreed with the above. Finally, the PR was requested to provide the Tribunal with a duly signed power of attorney.
11. On 26 May 2023, the FEI informed the Tribunal that it did not have any objections to the constitution of the hearing panel.
12. On 30 May 2023, the FEI agreed that the request for disqualification became moot in view of the subsequent AOC Form, but highlighted the urgency of the disqualification to be issued, so that the actual medallists of the World Championships can be corrected. Finally, the FEI informed the Tribunal that the PR was no longer represented by its legal representatives.
13. No objection to the constitution of the hearing panel was received from the PR.
14. Neither party requested an oral hearing.

IV. Jurisdiction

15. 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, updates effective 1 January 2023, Arts. 118, 143.1, 159, 164, 165 and 167 ("GRs").

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

V. Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction

16. In accordance with Art. 10.8.1 of the EAD Rules, *"Where a Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person, after being notified by the FEI of a potential EAD Rule violation that carries an asserted period of Ineligibility of two (2) years or more years (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 EAD Rule violation charge, the Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person may receive a six (6) 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 six (6) 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

17. The PR has explicitly admitted the EAD Rule violation and accepted the following consequences (in accordance with the Article 10.8.1 of the EAD Rules):

- a period of Ineligibility of eighteen (18) 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
- a two (2) month period of Provisional Suspension of the Horse commencing as of the date of the Notification letter; 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 5'000; and
- costs of CHF 1'000.- (in case of B-sampling).

18. The sole panel member confirms that the above Accepted Consequences comply with the EAD Rules and finds no grounds to object to their terms.

ON THESE GROUNDS

1. The sole panel member hereby ratifies the Accepted Consequences in the case C23-0024 ALZAYED [2023/BS03 – HERA DURANCES] and incorporates its terms into this Consent Award.
2. Each Party is hereby ordered to perform the obligations and duties pursuant to the Accepted Consequences.
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 14.3 of the EAD Rules.

DECISION TO BE FORWARDED TO:

a. The Parties:

- FEI
- Mr Abdulrahman Mohammed ALZAYED (PR)

b. Any other:

- The NF of the PR, the Bahrain Equestrian Federation

FOR THE TRIBUNAL

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Mr Cesar Torrente (COL)