

McLaren Report used to help ban Russian triple jumper for doping, CAS ruling reveals

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Photo: Russian triple jumper Anna Pyatykh was given a four-year doping ban by the CAS

By Liam Morgan for Inside the Games website, Oct 12, 2017 The credence of Richard McLaren's report has been given a boost ©Getty Images Richard McLaren's report into widespread doping in Russian sport has been given added credibility after a Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) ruling on triple jumper Anna Pyatykh revealed it had been used in the decision to ban the athlete for four-years. In a case which could set a precedent for other athletes implicated in the report to receive doping bans, the CAS confirmed the evidence provided in the Canadian lawyer's document helped justify the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) giving Pyatykh the suspension in August. Although it differs from the athletes at Sochi 2014 who are currently being retested, and the ruling makes clear that all should be treated on case by case basis, it could form a precedent because the evidence in the report is considered strong enough to make a case. A lack of evidence has been one of the main criticisms of McLaren's report in Russia and among some International Federations, along with whether or not his findings would be substantial enough to sanction individual athletes. The International Olympic Committee's (IOC) support of the findings in the report has also been used by CAS to substantiate McLaren's claim that his evidence could be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. The Panel further notes that the findings of the McLaren Report were taken seriously by the IOC and lead to the IOC Executive Board's decision dated 24 July 2016 that enacted eligibility criteria specifically for Russian athletes, which is unique in the history of the Olympic Games, the reasoned decision reads. Also the findings were endorsed by the World Anti-Doping Agency, the supreme authority in the world of sport to lead and coordinate the fight against doping and by other International Federations, such as the IAAF. The ruling shows a sample given by Pyatykh, a double IAAF World Championships bronze medallist, contained all of the substances in the cocktail of drugs created by former Moscow Anti-Doping Laboratory director Grigory Rodchenkov, devised to avoid detection from testers. The 36-year-old was also part of a washout scheme, where Russian athletes were tested unofficially to see if their samples contained banned performance enhancing drugs. It helped determine whether those athletes on a doping programme were likely to test positive. [hellip;] [https://www.insidethegames.biz/article ... doping-cas-ruling-reveals](https://www.insidethegames.biz/article...doping-cas-ruling-reveals) Photo courtesy article source