

## **Russian women's youth handball team officially stripped of European Championship silver medal over doping violations**

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**Antonina Skorobogatchenko, in red, is one of three Russian teenage handball players to be suspended for 20 months following a positive drugs test for meldonium.**

By [Thomas Giles](#) for Inside the Games, Apr 5, 2018 The European Handball Federation (EHF) have confirmed that they annulled the silver medal won by the Russian women's national youth handball team at the 2017 European Championship following doping violations. The EHF had announced in January that this would be a possibility and it has now been confirmed that under-19 team members Antonina Skorobogatchenko, Maria Duvakina and Maria Dudina had tested positive drug test for meldonium, a drug used to treat heart disease. The three athletes have also been given 20-month suspensions by the EHF. As reported by Russia's official state news agency TASS, in a statement, the EHF said: "The EHF Court of Handball has released its decision in a case against the Russian Handball Federation following anti-doping infringements of three of its players at the Women's 19 EHF Euro 2017. "The Federation has been disqualified from the competition and all matches are lost by forfeit. "The team's silver medal from the Women's 19 EHF Euro 2017 is thus also forfeited." [...] [https://www.insidethegames.biz/article ... al-over-doping-violations](https://www.insidethegames.biz/article...al-over-doping-violations)