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**Information about disqualification:**

**Sychev Sergey** **– Para Powerlifting, Physical Impairment**

By the decision of International Paralympic Committee Doping Hearing Panel (IPC Doping Hearing Panel) in respect of an athlete in Para Powerlifting – Mr. Sergey Sychev (Para Powerlifting, Physical Impairment, Bryansk region, International level athlete) was recognized to have committed Anti-Doping rules violation for breaching the art. 2.1 of IPC Anti-Doping Code (Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete’s Sample), which was his 3-rd Anti-Doping rule violation and according to the art. 10.7.2. of IPC Anti-Doping Code, the athlete was suspended for a lifetime period from October 03, 2019 with disqualification of all results, medals, points and prizes obtained by the athlete from the date of positive sample collection (July 04, 2019).

In the sample of Mr. Sergey Sychev that was collected on 04 July 2018 during out-of-competition testing, the prohibited substance was identified – «4α-chloro-17β-hydroxymethyl-17α-methyl-18-nor-5α-androst-13-en-3α-ol» (“DHCMT Metabolite”), which is included into the WADA Prohibited List of S1.1.a. class and is prohibited at all time. Starting from August 27, 2018 Mr. Sergey Sychev was suspended from participation in all official training events, national and international competitions.

The Russian Federation of Sports for Persons with Physical Impairment (RFSPPI) considered the decision of the IPC Doping Hearing Panel in respect of athlete – Mr. Sergey Sychev at the Federation’s Council meeting in absentia as of November 13, 2019. The RFSPPI approved and imposed all the sanctions determined for the athlete, including lifetime disqualification and the disqualification of the results.

The RPC supports the decision of the IPC Doping Hearing Panel and supports all the sanctions, appointed by the IPC Doping Hearing Panel and imposed by the RFSPPI in respect of Mr. Sergey Sychev.

RPC reminds that according to the article 2.1.1 of IPC Anti-doping Code it is each Athlete’s personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters his or her body. Athletes are responsible for any Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found to be present in their Samples.

In addition, RPC draws special attention to the article 10.7.2 of IPC Anti-doping Code where stated that if the athlete is recognized to commit three ADRV, **lifetime period of ineligibility** sanction applies.