RPC Press-Release 12.12.2018

**Information about disqualification:**

**Galanin Sergei – Judo, sport of persons with visual impairment**

By the decision of the Disciplinary Anti-doping Committee of the Russian Anti-doping Agency “RUSADA” Galanin Sergei (Russian Blind Sport Federation, Tomsk region, National level athlete, not member of the Russian National team) was recognized to have committed Anti-Doping rules violation and suspended for a 8-years period after the end of the first period of disqualification up to May 11, 2031 for breaching the art. 10.11.1 of Russian Anti-Doping Rules (hereinafter RAR) (Breach of Prohibition against Participation during Ineligibility) with disqualification of the results, obtained by the athlete Championship of Russia on Judo (Visual Impairment), held in Ulyanovsk (Ulyanovsk region) from 24 to 25 of November 2017.

It is confirmed that Galanin Sergei, who was previously disqualified for a period of 8 years from May 12, 2015 until May 11, 2023 in accordance with Decision of RUSADA Disciplinary Anti-Doping Committee dated May 17, 2017 №36/2017, participated in Championship of Russia in Judo (Visual Impairment), held from 24 to 25 of November 2018. According to p.10.11.1. of RAR “no Athlete or other Person who has been declared Ineligible may, during the period of Ineligibility, participate in any capacity in a Competition or activity”.

The Russian Blind Sport Federation (RBSF) considered the decision of the RAA “RUSADA” in respect of athlete Galanin Sergei at the Federation’s Council meeting as of December 5, 2018. The RBSF approved and imposed all the sanctions determined for the athlete, including 8-years period of disqualification and the disqualification of the results.

The RPC supports the decision of Disciplinary Anti-doping Committee of RUSADA and supports all sanctions imposed in regarding athlete Galanin Sergei.

The Russian Paralympic Committee would like to pay attention of all athletes to the article 10.11.1 of Russian Anti-Doping Rules “No Athlete or other Person who has been declared Ineligible may, during the period of Ineligibility, participate in any capacity in a Competition or activity”.