

Weightlifting Canada Haltérophilie Masters

Medical Review Panel

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The Medical Review Panel is composed of up to three Medical Doctors appointed by the WCHM President and who may or may not be WCHM members. Their term commences after the Canadian Masters Weightlifting Championship and concludes after a recommendation is made to the Anti-doping Disciplinary Committee. Panel members may be invited to serve for a subsequent Canadian Masters Weightlifting Championship. Medical Review Panel members' names are only known to the WCHM President, the Anti-doping Disciplinary Committee, and to each other, and are held in strictest confidence by all parties.

Medical Review Panel members will individually examine the Medical Review Application for any WCHM member who, at the Canadian Masters Weightlifting Championships, has tested positive for the use of a prohibited substance(s). The Medical Review Application is requested from the athlete by the WCHM Anti-doping Disciplinary Committee who then provides the application to the Medical Review Panel. Medical Review Panel members are encouraged to, but not required to, discuss the Medical Review Application with each other.

After reviewing the Medical Review Application, each individual member of the Medical Review Panel will independently recommend to the WCHM Anti-doping Disciplinary Committee, Recommendation 1 or Recommendation 2.

Recommendation 1: to proceed with sanctioning the athlete according to the regulations in the WCHM Anti-doping Policy OR

Recommendation 2: accept that the substance used by the athlete that led to the Adverse Analytical Finding meets the following criteria and that the athlete should not be sanctioned.

- The athlete could experience a significant impairment to health if the prohibited substance or prohibited method were to be withheld in the course of treating an acute or chronic medical condition;
- The use of the prohibited substance or prohibited method would produce no additional enhancement of performance other than that which might be anticipated by a return to a state of normal health following the treatment of a legitimate medical condition; **and**
- There is no reasonable therapeutic alternative or any alternative is inefficient.

After making their recommendation to the WCHM Anti-doping Disciplinary Committee, Medical Review Panel members will physically and/or digitally delete the WCHM member's Medical Review Application. Medical Review Panel members will then notify the Anti-doping Disciplinary Committee/WCHM President that all sensitive WCHM member medical information has been deleted.

The Medical Review Panel Members are not part of the athlete sanctioning procedure. Panel members' names are not matched to their recommendations when the Anti-doping Disciplinary Committee reports to the Board of Directors. Any legal repercussions of the Anti-doping Disciplinary Committee's decision rests solely upon Weightlifting Canada Haltérophilie Masters. Weightlifting Canada Haltérophilie Masters does not receive the individual recommendations of the Medical Review Panel members.