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**AGREEMENT ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANTI DOPING RULE VIOLATION
WITHOUT HEARING**

The decision is made by National Anti-Doping Agency, NADA pursuant to Article 10.8 of the Anti-Doping Rules (the 'ADR'). It concerns violation of Article 2.1 & 2.2 of ADR committed by **Mr Rajnesh** (Sports discipline- **Kabaddi**) R/o Village: **Kathura, Sonipat, Haryana** and records the applicable consequences.

Factual background:

1. A urine sample ("Sample") of the athlete, **Mr Rajnesh** ("**Kabaddi**") was collected during **VIVO Pro-Kabaddi League** held at **Bangalore** by the Doping Control Officer of NADA on **07/10/2022**. As per procedure, the Sample was split into two separate bottles, hereinafter referred to as Sample code No-(**6500847**).
2. The samples were transported to the WADA accredited laboratory, National Dope Test Laboratory (NDTL), Delhi, India. The Sample A of **6500847** was Tested at NDTL and returned with an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for **S1.1 (AAS)/ Stanozolol Metabolites 3-Hydroxy-Stanozolol, 16 Beta-Hydroxy-Stanozolol** vide analytical report dated **02.11.2022**.
3. The WADA's 2022 Prohibited List enlists **Stanozolol**, under the category S1.1, as **Anabolic Androgenic Steroids (AAS)**, being a non-specified substance prohibited at all times.
4. The Athlete **Mr Rajnesh** did not have a Therapeutic Use Exemption for the prohibited substances prohibited at all times.
5. NADA issued a first notice on dated **12.11.2022** for violation of Article 2.1 and 2.2 of the NADA Anti-Doping Rules ("**Rules**"). The notice of charge was also accompanied by a Mandatory provisional suspension, with effect from the date of notice.
6. The Athlete has waived off his right to analysis of B sample vide his letter dated 22.11.2022.

Admission of consequences:

7. A reply dated 04.01.2023 were received from the Athlete by NADA. In his reply, the Athlete formally admitted committing ADRVs pursuant to Article 2.1 and sought the benefit of early admission and acceptance of sanction under article 10.8.1 of ADR.
8. Once a violation of anti-doping rules has been established, Sanctions on Individuals as provided under Article 10 of the Anti-Doping Rules 2021 must ensue.

ADR Article 10.2 states as follows:

10.2 Imposition of a Period of Ineligibility for the Presence, Use or Attempted Use, on Possession of a Prohibited Substance and use of prohibited method.

The period of Ineligibility for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation under Article 2.1, 2.2 or 2.5 that is the Athlete's or other Person's first anti-doping rule violation shall be as follows, subject to potential elimination, reduction, or suspension pursuant to Article 10.5, 10.6 or 10.7:

10.2.1 where Article 10.2.4.1 applies, the period of ineligibility shall be four (4) years
where: The Anti-Doping Rule Violation does not involve a Specified Substance or a Specified Method, unless the Athlete or other Person can establish that the Anti-Doping Rule Violation was not intentional.

10.2.2 If Article 10.2.1 does not apply, then (subject to Article IG.2.4.1) the period of Ineligibility shall be two (2) years.

9. ADR Article 10.2.3 states as follows:

10.2.3 As used in Article 10.2, the term "intentional" is meant to identify those Athletes or other Persons who engage in conduct which they know constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation or they know that there is a significant risk that the conduct might constitute or result in an Anti-Doping Rule Violation, and they manifestly disregard that risk.

10. Application of ADR Article 10.8.1

10.8.1 One (1) year reduction for certain Anti-Doping Rule Violations based on early admission and acceptance of sanction:

When NADA sends an Athlete or other Person a notice of charge for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation that carries an asserted period of Ineligibility of four (4) or more years (including any period of Ineligibility asserted under Article 10.4), if the Athlete or other Person admits the violation and accepts the asserted period of Ineligibility no later than twenty (20) days after

receiving the notice of charge, they shall receive a one (1) year reduction in the period of Ineligibility asserted by NADA. Where the Athlete or other Person receives the one (1) year reduction in the asserted period of Ineligibility under this Article 10.8.1, no further reduction in the asserted period of Ineligibility shall be allowed under any other Article.

11. In the present case, the Athlete admitted the ADRVs and accepted the asserted period of Ineligibility of four (04) years vide email letter dated **04.1.2023**, well within twenty (20) days after receiving the notice of charge dated **20.12.2022**. Accordingly, ADR Article 10.8.1 applies and the Athlete is entitled to receive one (1) year reduction to the asserted period of Ineligibility. The period of Ineligibility to be imposed is therefore three (3) years w.e.f. **12.11.2022**.

12. The Athlete has been provisionally suspended from participating in any Sports Achievement/Events/Competition, as set out in Clause III of the Notice of Charge dated **20.12.2022**. The period of his ineligibility for the period of 3 years shall commence from the date of provisional suspension i.e., **12.11.2022**

13. In accordance of Article 10.10 of ADR, all other competitive results secured by the athlete from the date of sample collection i.e., **07.10.2022** shall be rendered forfeited and medals, points and prizes secured by the athlete shall also stand forfeited.

Dated: **31** January 2023

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National Anti-Doping Agency

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