

## Nadzeya Ostapchuk Tests Positive For Doping

Nadzeya Ostapchuk, a former world champion from Belarus, has [tested positive for anabolic steroids](#) just hours after the close of the London Olympics.

With the disqualification, the gold medal was awarded to Valerie Adams of New Zealand who became an Olympic champion for the second time in a row. The International Olympic Committee said the female shot putter from Belarus tested positive for anabolic steroids both before and after winning the shot put last week for her first Olympic gold.

Nadzeya Ostapchuk was disqualified from the Women's Shot Put event, where she had placed first and her Olympic identity and accreditation card was immediately cancelled and withdrawn. The second and third places were awarded to Russia's Evgeniia Kolodko and Lijiao Gong of People's Republic of China.

Ostapchuk was asked to provide a urine sample on 5 August 2012 for a doping control in London and was then asked to provide a urine sample after her gold medal on 6 August 2012. The sample indicated the presence of metenolone and its metabolite, which are classified as anabolic agents (S1) under the 2012 Prohibited List. The analytical report of the A sample of the second sample's laboratory analysis indicated the presence of metenolone, classified as anabolic agents (S1) under the 2012 Prohibited List.

Metenolone tends to "masculinize" women and can increase women's bulk and body hair while shrinking their breasts and womb, New Zealand anti-doping chief Jane Kernohan said.

**IOC spokesman Mark Adams said that catching drug cheats sends a strong message to all those who dope that we will catch them. The IAAF, Track and field's governing body, would consider further action against the shot putter from Belarus, who may face a ban of two years from the sport.** IOC President Jacques Rogge said that all samples from London can be reanalyzed, results can be revised, and medals can be reallocated until the statute of limitations expires in August 2020.

World champion in 2005, the 31-year-old Ostapchuk recorded the biggest shot put mark in a decade in the lead up to the Olympics to win the gold with a mark of 21.36 meters. Ostapchuk's positive test is the second Olympic doping scandal for Belarus. Hammer thrower Ivan Tsikhan's samples from the 2004 Athens Olympics were retested and came positive.

The IOC said the Belarus Olympic Committee and national anti-doping agency will investigate and "take the appropriate measures."

Born on October 28, 1980, Nadzeya Ostapchuk was the bronze medalist at the [2008 Beijing Olympics](#), and was the World Indoor and European Champion in 2010. Ostapchuk holds the Championship record for the former event, with her winning throw of 20.85 m in 2010. Her achievements include the 1999 European Athletics Junior Championships and then the 2001 European Athletics U23 Championships and winning two consecutive silver medals at the IAAF World Indoor Championships. Nadzeya Ostapchuk won the 2005 European Athletics Indoor Championships and then became 2005 World Champion. At the 2012 Diamond League in Doha, Ostapchuk reached 20.53 m to win the first leg; she also registered a win at the 2012 European Cup Winter Throwing. She had a world-leading throw of 21.58 m immediately before the London Olympics.