

## Track Champion Alptekin Cleared After Doping Probe

Olympic champion [Asli Cakir Alptekin](#) has been cleared of doping violations by the Turkish Athletics Federation following an investigation. It was announced by the federations that it didn't find any violation of doping rules by last year's 1,500-meter gold medalist.

A statement from the disciplinary commission on the Turkish federation's website revealed that it has been decided that there is no grounds for national sporting sanctions against Asli Cakir Alptekin as she did not violate any [anti-doping rules](#) and the disciplinary measures imposed on the athlete have been lifted.

The IAAF made a request for the probe early this year after abnormal blood values in Alptekin's biological profile were found. The IAAF can now appeal the ruling to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. It said the IAAF will review the decision upon receipt and decide whether or not it should be appealed to CAS (the Court of Arbitration for Sport) as per IAAF rules.

Alptekin won the gold medal in the 1500 m at the 2011 Summer Universiade and then won the bronze medal in the 1500 m event at the 2012 World Indoor Championships held in Istanbul. The Turkish female middle distance runner is coached by her husband, runner Ihsan Alptekin. She was banned in 2004 for two years.

One of Turkey's most decorated athletes, Alptekin was facing a life ban and it was previously confirmed by the IAAF that Alptekin will be stripped of her [Olympic title](#), with compatriot Gamze Bulut being upgraded to the gold if the Turkish athlete was found guilty. Suspicions about the athletes were raised a few weeks before the London Games when Alptekin won a 1500m race at the Paris Diamond League meeting in a barely credible time of 3min 56.62sec. British athlete Lisa Dobriskey minutes after the Olympic final said she will probably get into trouble for saying this but she doesn't think she is playing on a level playing field. Dobriskey said it was horrible to see that athlete do a lap of honor and prance around with her country's flag and she hadn't planned to speak out but she was asked how she felt about a former drugs cheat winning Olympic gold.

Her compatriot and European 110m hurdles champion Nevin Yanit was not as lucky and was given a ban of two years in August this year. The Turkish female sprinter specializing in high hurdling and is a two time European champion in the 100m hurdles, and current European indoor champion in the 60m hurdles. The two-time European 100 meters hurdles champion tested positive for a banned substance during a meeting in Dusseldorf on February 8 this year. In July, the IAAF remarked it is aware of media speculation surrounding the recent anti-doping control tests, in and out of competition, of a number of Turkish athletes. It added the IAAF with the national anti-doping agency following concerns highlighted by abnormal biological passport values intensified the testing program in Turkey, the results of which remain ongoing in accordance with IAAF Rules.