

Two More Powerlifters Fail Doping Tests

Two powerlifters have received suspension after they failed doping tests at the World Championships in Dubai. This brings the count of suspended powerlifters to four athletes who have been ousted as cheating at the competition.

In a urine sample given on April 10, Rashed Hassan Ahmed of the United Arab Emirates tested positive for dehydrochloromethyl-testosterone and its metabolites. The stimulant is listed under the category of [exogenous anabolic androgenic steroids](#) as per World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Rashed's sample was taken after he finished 14th of 20 powerlifters in the under 97 kilogram class at the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) [Powerlifting World Championships](#). The power lifter has been banned from competition for two years from April 10, and fined €1,500 (£1,190/\$2,039).

Oleg Gridassov of Kazakhstan tested positive after he was placed eighth out of 27 powerlifters in the under-80kg competition. Gridassov was found to have [dehydrochloromethyl-testosterone](#) and its metabolites in a urine sample given on April 8. The banned substance is listed under the same WADA category. Gridassov has been banned from competition for two years and fined €1,500.

All results from the date of the test and onwards will be stripped for Gridassov and Rashed with any medals, points, records and prizes being forfeited.

During the World Championships, London 2012 silver medal winner Roohallah Rostami from Iran also failed a doping test. Rostami won silver in the under 72kg division and was suspended after he returned an adverse analytical finding for the banned stimulant Methylhexanamine. The power lifter was banned for two years and handed a €1,500 fine. His ban is backdated to April 7 and the power lifter is stripped of all of his results since the positive test occurred, including the World Championship silver medal he initially won in the under 72kg division behind Egyptian winner Mohamed Elelfat. Sergei Sychev of Russia will be upgraded to silver while Peng Hu of China will move up from fourth to bronze.

Rostami finished runner-up behind Liu Lei of China in the 67.5 kilogram category in 2012 London Games. During the London Games, power lifters Ivory Nwokorie and Folashade Oluwafemi of Nigeria were stripped of the gold and silver medals they originally won.

In July, the IPC announced Ilfat Mukhatarov of Russia had failed a drugs test during the World Championships. The Russian will be ineligible from competition for two years from April 4 and fined €1,500 after he tested positive for Indapamide in a urine sample provided on April 4 during an out-of-competition test ahead of the World Championships.

Ivan Palacios of Colombia also failed a drugs test during the 2014 Para South American Games in the Chilean capital Santiago in March. In the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, Indian power lifter Sachin Choudhary was sent home after a failed doping test.

An IPC statement reiterated that each athlete is strictly liable for the substances found in his or her sample, and that an anti-doping rule violation occurs whenever a prohibited substance, or its metabolites or markers, is found in his or her bodily specimen. It was added that the IPC as a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code remains committed to a doping free sporting environment at all levels.