

Chinese Hammer Throw Champion Stripped Of Gold

Zhang Wenxiu, women's hammer throw champion from China, has been stripped of gold medal at the Asian Games after she failed a drugs test.

Zhang's positive test is the first time that a Chinese athlete has tested positive during an Asian Games since Hiroshima 1994 Games. During 1994 Games, 11 members of the Chinese swimming and cycling teams who won a total of 15 titles between them were disqualified after they failed tests for [Dihydrotestosterone](#).

The 28-year old won her third straight Asian Games title on September 28 by making a Games record of 77.33 meters. According to a statement by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), the pre-competition urine specimen of the Olympic bronze medalist collected on September 26 was found to contain Zeranol and its metabolite (β -Zeranol), a prohibited substance in the WADA [World Anti-Doping Agency] Prohibited List 2014. [Zeranol](#), a semi-synthetic estrogenic veterinary drug with growth-promoting properties, is a non-specified substance under category S1.2, "Other Anabolic Agents".

The statement was signed by Dr M Jegathesan, chairman of the OCA Medical Committee and Anti-Doping Commission. It added that the hammer throw champion has been disqualified from the competition as well as these Games and as such his accreditation cancelled and her gold medal has been withdrawn. The statement added these findings will now be forwarded to the competitor's national authorities, the Asian Athletics Association and the IAAF [International Association of Athletics Federations], and the World Anti-Doping Agency for further action on their part as per sanctions concerning eligibility.

Zhang won the Olympic bronze medal at Beijing 2008 and also won the hammer title at Doha 2006 and Guangzhou 2010. She also won bronze medals at the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Championships at Osaka in 2007, Daegu 2011, and Moscow 2013. Wang Zheng, the compatriot of Zhang, who finished second, is now set to be elevated to gold while Bala Manju of India will now win silver and Masumi Aya of Japan will be promoted to bronze.

Tajikistan footballer Khurshed Becnazarov was the first athlete to be banned during the [Incheon 2014 Asian Games](#). The 20-year-old defender tested positive for Methylhexanamine, according to an announcement by the Olympic Council of Asia. The adverse urine sample was collected on September 14 shortly after 1-0 victory of Tajikistan over Singapore.

Wushu player Tai Cheau Xuen was then stripped of her Asian Games gold medal after she tested positive for banned drugs. The 22-year-old tested positive for Sibutramine, the banned stimulant (often found in diet and slimming pills) that prompted the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) to take away the gold medal she had won in the nanquan and nandao all-round event. Xuen was disqualified from the Games and her accreditation was canceled. Findings of her positive drug test will be forwarded to the International Wushu Federation, the Wushu

Federation of Asia, and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Indonesia's Juwita Niza Wasni will be promoted to gold and Wei Hong of China will take silver and Ivana Ardelian Irmanto of Indonesia will take the bronze position.