

## More Medalists Stripped For Doping At Beijing Olympics

The International Olympic Committee has stripped four athletes, including three Russians, after their doping samples from 2008 were retested and came back positive for banned drugs.

The IOC sanctioned a total of six athletes — one runner and five weightlifters — on reanalysis of their samples with improved techniques. The athletes were among the 98 positive cases recorded in the retesting of more than 1,000 samples from Beijing and the 2012 London Olympics.

Yarelys Barrios of Cuba was stripped of the silver medal in the women's discus from the 2008 Beijing Olympics after he tested positive in a reanalysis of her doping samples. The Cuban discus thrower tested positive for [Acetazolamide](#), a banned diuretic and masking agent. The drug is used to prevent and reduce the symptoms of altitude sickness and has the ability to reduce nausea, headache, tiredness, dizziness, and shortness of breath. This "water pill" (diuretic) can work less well over time.

The 33-year-old has been retroactively disqualified and loses the silver medal that she won with a throw of 63.64 meters. Olena Antonova of Ukraine would now receive the silver medal and Song Aimin of China will move from fourth to bronze. Stephanie Brown Traflet of the United States won the gold with a throw of 64.74 meters. Yarelys also competed at the 2012 London Olympics and was upgraded from fourth place to the bronze medal after Darya Pishchaynikova of Russia was retroactively stripped of the silver for doping.

The International Olympic Committee asked the IAAF, the track and field's world governing body, to modify the 2008 discus results and consider any further action against the two-time silver medalist at the world championships and two-time gold medalist in the Pan American Games.

The Nigerian-born Qatari sprinter Samuel Adelebari Francis was disqualified from the Beijing Games after testing positive for the steroid Stanozolol. Francis was eliminated in the 100-meter heats and did not start in the 200-meter heats. The Qatari sprinter was the 100-meter champion at the 2007 Asian Games in Amman where won in a personal best time of 9.99 seconds.

[Russian weightlifter](#) Marina Shainova was stripped of her silver medal in the 58-kilogram class after testing positive for Stanozolol and Turinabol. Nadezda Evstyukhina was stripped of her bronze medal in the 75-kilogram weightlifting division after her samples came back positive for Turinabol and EPO. Armenia's Tigran Martirosyan, who tested positive for [Stanozolol and Turinabol](#), was stripped of the bronze medal in the men's 69 kg weightlifting class. Russian runner Tatyana Firova was stripped of her silver medal in the women's 4x400-metre relay after she

tested positive for Turinabol and a cocktail of other steroids. Tatyana had her ninth-place finish in the individual 400 meters annulled.

Alexandru Dudoglo of Moldova (ninth place in the 69 kg division) was also disqualified for Stanozolol and Intigam Zairov of Azerbaijan (ninth place in the 85 kg class) tested positive for Turinabol.

Previously, Russia was stripped of the relay medal when runner Anastasia Kapachinskaya tested positive. The country also lost the Beijing gold medal in the 4x100 relay after Yulia Chermoshanskaya failed a retest of her samples.