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**Information about disqualification:**

**Annenkov Sergey – Para Powerlifting, Physical Impairment**

By the decision of the Disciplinary Anti-doping Committee of the Russian Anti-doping Agency “RUSADA” Annenkov Sergey (Para Powerlifting, Physical Impairment, Khabarovsk Krai, International level athlete) was recognized to have committed Anti-Doping rules violation and suspended for a 4-year period up to July 08, 2023 for breaching the art. 2.1 of Russian Anti-Doping Rules (Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete’s Sample) with disqualification of all results, medals, points and prizes, obtained by the athlete at competitions from the date of positive sample collection (May 25, 2019).

In the sample of Annenkov Sergey that was collected on May 25, 2019 during out-of-competition testing, the prohibited substance was identified – “Metabolites of androsterone, etiocholanone of exogenous origin, testosterone of exogenous origin, 5aAdiol, 5bAdiol”, which is included into the WADA Prohibited List of S1 class and is prohibited at all time. Starting from July 09, 2019 Annenkov Sergey was suspended from participation in all official training events, national and international competitions.

The Russian Federation of Sports for Persons with Physical Impairment (RFSPPI) considered the decision of the RAA “RUSADA” in respect of athlete – Annenkov Sergey at the Federation’s Council meeting in absentia as of November 13, 2019. The RFSPPI approved and imposed all the sanctions determined for the athlete, including 4-year period disqualification and the disqualification of the results.

The RPC recognized the decision of the RAA “RUSADA” and supports all the sanctions, appointed by the RAA “RUSADA” and imposed by the RFSPPI in respect of Annenkov Sergey.

The Russian Paralympic Committee would like to pay attention of all athletes to the article 2.1.1 of All-Russian Anti-doping rules where stated that It is each Athlete’s personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters his or her body. Athletes are responsible for any Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found to be present in their Samples.