



REPORT FROM THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION ON DISCIPLINARY CASE OF 22 AUGUST 2021

CASE: YWCH 2021

On 22 August 2021, the athlete (who was then a minor) competed at the IFSC Youth World Championship event in Voronezh, Russia. It was alleged that during this competition the athlete committed theft and stole money from some competitors. The act was confirmed via security camera footage, and the athlete subsequently returned the money to the competitors. The athlete was immediately disqualified from the competition. The athlete admitted the offence and described the re-habilitation programme to follow henceforth.

Under the IFSC Disciplinary Rules, for a first offence of theft the Disciplinary Panel must impose a scale 1 to 3 ban, namely a ban of between 1 and 12 months. The ban can be suspended in whole or in part.

The Disciplinary Panel first considered the seriousness of the offences. The Disciplinary Panel agrees that there are no mitigating factors or circumstances in relation to the offences themselves. However, the Disciplinary Panel considers that the following constitute mitigating factors in favour of the athlete that should be taken into account when deciding the sanction to be imposed:

- The athlete was 16 years old at the time of the offences.
- The sums stolen were immediately repaid.
- The athlete admitted and apologised for the offences.
- The athlete undertook a rehabilitation programme.
- The athlete has not competed since the offences.

Therefore, the Disciplinary Panel has decided to impose the sanction of a 9-month ban, 3 months of which is suspended for a period of 18 months. The period of the ban began on the date of the offence, on 22 August 2021. If the athlete commits further disciplinary offence in in the 18-month period starting on 22 August 2021 and ending on 21 February 2023, the 3-month part of the ban that has been suspended will come into effect together with any further sanction imposed for any further offence.