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IRONMAN PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE SAPUNOV AND AGE-GROUP ATHLETE TAVARES ACCEPT SANCTIONS FOR ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

TAMPA, Fla. (April 10, 2020) – Today, the IRONMAN® Anti-Doping Program announced that Ukraine professional Daniil Sapunov along with Brazil age-group athlete Rodrigo Tavares violated anti-doping rules resulting from out-of-competition testing. In each case, the athletes have accepted a four-year sanction for the anti-doping rule violation.

All results-management proceedings and sanctions applied under the jurisdiction of the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program are determined in accordance with the WADA Code and the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Rules and also apply to any other events organized by WADA Code Signatories. The athletes had been previously provisionally suspended and will remain ineligible for the four-year period of ineligibility. Each athlete has also been disqualified from all competitive results obtained on or subsequent to the date of the test, including results from the 2019 IRONMAN World Championship triathlon.

- Daniil Sapunov (UKR) – Sapunov’s sample resulted in an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for the substance erythropoietin (EPO). Sapunov’s period of ineligibility began October 8, 2019, the date of his out-of-competition test.
- Rodrigo Tavares (BRZ) – Tavares’ samples resulted in Adverse Analytical Findings (AAF) for multiple prohibited substances: Clomifene and additional findings consistent with the exogenous administration of multiple Anabolic Androgenic Steroids which were confirmed by Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry (IRMS) analysis. Tavares’ period of ineligibility began October 7, 2019, the date of his first AAF and out-of-competition test.

“These results and sanctions once again illustrate the importance of IRONMAN’s commitment to protecting the integrity of the IRONMAN World Championship at both the professional and age-group levels,” said Kate Mittelstadt, Director of the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program. “We work diligently to ensure all qualified athletes are aware of their responsibilities and rights under the anti-doping rules and our testing program. Considering the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our athletes and our events we will continue to use intelligence and information to shape our anti-doping program and ensure that the testing we do supports both the deterrence and detection of qualified athletes who are in violation of the anti-doping rules.”

To learn more about the IRONMAN Anti-Doping program, including the WADA Prohibited List and the risks associated with supplement use, visit www.ironman.com/anti-doping.

For more information on the IRONMAN brand and global event series, visit www.ironman.com. Media-related inquiries may be sent to press@ironman.com.

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About IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program

As a private corporation conducting triathlon events, IRONMAN was the first private, non-federation sports company to formally adhere to the World Anti-Doping Code. The IRONMAN Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented in conformance with the responsibilities of IRONMAN under the Code and are in furtherance of IRONMAN’s continuing efforts to protect and promote clean sport and the integrity of

IRONMAN racing. Anti-Doping is a key component of IRONMAN's I AM True™ outreach initiative focused on ensuring that athletes know and understand their rights and responsibilities and the IRONMAN Competition Rules. Downloads of rules, policies and forms, sanctions, as well as educational resources and links are available to all participants and the public through www.ironman.com/anti-doping. The WADA List of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods is available at www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list.

About The IRONMAN Group

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