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2019 WCBS ANTI-DOPING REPORT

We would like to inform you about our work accomplished in 2019. First of all, we would like to thank everyone involved and all organizations who support us and fight against doping in billiards sports.

WCBS Anti-Doping Committee (ADC) has been working to develop the programs SAY NO! TO DOPING and PLAY TRUE. WCBS has raised the awareness creating special pins, flags, banners and stickers. Over 60 billiard organizations placed the logo of those programs on their websites.

According to ADAMS system WCBS ADC was informed about the following:

1. Laboratories made for our sport 62 anti-doping tests. 4 test were positive but after meetings whit NADO's they suspended one player only. For other athletes – the small violation of the standards lead to no further action.
2. The group of controlled players included athletes from 25 countries (IRI, AUT, TUR, JAP, FIN, COL, USA, KOR, PRK, CHN, GER, POL, BEL, ESP, NED, NOR, BLR, RUS, ALB, PHI, POR, ITA, CZE, FRA, HGK).
3. TUE was used by 20 athletes.
4. Tests were conducted by the laboratories from: Cologne, Dresden (Germany), Warsaw (Poland), London (GB), Helsinki (Finland), Delhi (India), Madrid (Spain), Seoul (Korea), Ghent (Belgium), Ankara (Turkey), Roma (Italy), Doha (Qatar), Utah (USA) and Seibersdorf (Austria).

Chairman of WCBS Anti-Doping Committee:

- took part in WADA World Anti-Doping Congress in Katowice and meeting in Lausanne,
- organized anti-doping seminar for the management teams of the billiard federations of Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, Slovakia and Czech Republic,
- organized anti-doping meeting for the presidents and the general secretary of the billiard federation from Albania, North Macedonia, Kosovo, South Africa and Qatar,
- presented anti-doping cases during WCBS Board Meetings and WCBS GA,

- has been the administrator of ADAMS system (WADA - electronic anti-doping system),
- after long discussions with WADA, determined that there is no need for further qualification of competitors for Registered Testing Pool.

WCBS Anti-Doping Committee:

- worked for the WADA Compliance Questionnaire,
- has been conducting three investigations regarding the anti-doping rule violation,
- in consultation with WADA, has signed a cooperation agreement with the Polish Anti-Doping Agency (POLADA). As requested by WCBS, POLADA will conduct disciplinary matters and advise on anti-doping cases.

POLADA Disciplinary Panel started the trial of a player from Iran. Anti-Doping seminar took place in Poland and Polish Billiard Association signed contract of cooperation with POLADA.

- in cooperation with billiard federations and private promoters promoted the logo of anti-doping programs during pool, carom, snooker and pyramid tournaments in Europe, Asia and Africa.

WCBS ADC sent about 80 anti-doping responses to WADA, billiard organizations and players.

The introduction of anti-doping controls during the world pool competitions organized by WPA with Matchroom Sport is a very positive fact. After several years of work, we have noticed a significant increase of knowledge about anti-doping rules among players participating in the major international tournaments.

However, we still have regions and federations that are not taking any actions.

At the WADA World Congress, ministers of over 70 governments confirmed that the fight against doping is not a sport problem only, but a task for states. Interpol, the prosecutor's offices and the police are already cooperating with WADA. In many countries, regulations have been introduced clearly stating that violating anti-doping rules is a crime. This information must be shared, so that the 'billiards society' is aware and aligned.

Success of our further anti-doping activities depends on good cooperation. We highly encourage everyone to contact the National Anti-Doping Organizations and WCBS Anti-Doping Committee.

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