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## **Kabaeva - Tchachina "Affaire"**

### **CAS DECISION**

Moutier, January 29, 2003: The FIG read the decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, regarding the doping case involving two Russian gymnasts.

Brief flash back on the facts.

On August 30, 2001, at the Goodwill Games in Brisbane (Australia), Irina Victorovna Tchachina and Alina Maratovna Kabaeva are tested positive with Furosemide.

On October 28, 2001, one week after the Rhythmic World Championships in Madrid, the gymnasts are informed about the positive result of the control held in Brisbane. On November 8, both of them ask for the analysis of the B sample. One week later, on November 15, the laboratory confirms the presence of the forbidden product.

On February 20, 2002, the ad hoc FIG Commission conduct a hearing in Lausanne. The Commission decide a suspension for one year followed by one year's suspension with probation. The suspension starts on the day on which the samples were taken. Consequently: the results achieved at the World Championships 2001 are removed from the lists.

On February 21, 2002, the gymnasts appeal with the FIG against this decision. The appeal is rejected on May 9.

On May 29, 2002, the CAS is requested for arbitration. On June 14, it grants a stay of execution, on request of the gymnasts. A hearing is held on November 13.

On January 23, 2003, the CAS confirms the sanction decided by the FIG on February 20, 2002.

To be noted: all results achieved between June 14, 2002 and January 23, 2003, i.e. during the stay of execution, are valid.

Accordingly, the gymnasts are suspended for the rest of the sanction, from January 23, 2003 to April 08, 2003 included.

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