

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1374

### Decision of Court of Arbitration for Sport

Further to ISU Communication No. 1360 concerning the decision of the ISU Appeals Commission dated November 28, 2006 reversing the decision of the ISU Disciplinary Commission of August 19, 2005 in the case of Anzhelika Kotiuga (BLR), the ISU filed an appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

A hearing was held by the CAS in Lausanne, Switzerland on January 31, 2006 to consider the Appeal of the ISU. On February 1, 2006, the CAS ruled:

1. The appeal filed by the International Skating Union on 15 December 2005 is upheld.
2. The appealed Decision of the ISU Appeals Commission issued on 28 November 2005 is set aside.
3. Ms Anzhelika Kotiuga is guilty of an Anti-Doping Rule violation committed on 19 February 2005, during the 2005 ISU World Cup Final in speed skating, at Heerenveen, the Netherlands.
4. Ms Anzhelika Kotiuga's results obtained during the 2005 ISU World Cup Final in speed skating, at Heerenveen, the Netherlands, i.e. her fourth place in the 1000 meters race, division A, and her first place in the 500 meters race and her medal, her points and prizes are forfeited.
5. Ms Anzhelika Kotiuga shall be declared ineligible for two years. The period of ineligibility to be imposed upon her shall commence on 19 August 2005 and shall end on 18 August 2007.
6. The award is pronounced without cost, except for the Court Office fee of CHF 500 (five hundred Swiss Francs) already paid and to be retained by the CAS.
7. The Skating Union of Belarus is ordered to pay the International Skating Union a contribution towards its costs incurred in connection with the present arbitration procedure in an amount of CHF 3,000 (three thousand Swiss Francs) within 30 days as from the notification of the present award.
8. If the Appellant fails to comply with the above-mentioned deadline, the interest rate of 5% per year will apply.
9. All other motions or prayers for relief are dismissed.

The CAS Panel will issue its full opinion and the reasons for the decision in due course and thereafter the full decision will be published on the ISU website.

Milano,  
February 3, 2006  
Lausanne,

**Ottavio Cinquanta**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, General Secretary