

Sport Ireland and Jordan McCord

Reasoned Decision of Sport Ireland

The following is the reasoned decision of Sport Ireland pursuant to the Irish Anti-Doping Rules ("**Rules**") and the International Standard for Results Management. It concerns anti-doping rule violations ("**ADRVs**") committed by Mr Jordan McCord (the "**Athlete**") and records the Consequences¹ to be applied. It is being notified to the Anti-Doping Organisations referred to in Article 14.1.2 of the World Anti-Doping Code (the "**Code**").

1. Background and Facts

- 1.1 On 25 October 2025 the Athlete provided a urine Sample during In-Competition Testing. The A Sample was analysed by the World Anti-Doping Agency ("**WADA**") accredited laboratory in Cologne, Germany (the "**Laboratory**").
- 1.2 Sport Ireland received a report from the Laboratory dated 18 November 2025 identifying the presence of a Metabolite of drostanolone (3a-hydroxy-2a-methyl-5a-androstan-17-one) and a Metabolite of cocaine (benzoylecgonine) in the "A" Sample – this is known as an Adverse Analytical Finding. Drostanolone is an anabolic agent as set out in S1.1 of the Prohibited List and Cocaine is a Substance of Abuse.
- 1.3 On 11 December 2025, Sport Ireland contacted the Athlete by telephone and notified by email that he was Provisionally Suspended and that he was alleged to have committed the following ADRVs:
 - 1.3.1 *"Article 2.1 - the presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in An Athlete's Sample"; and*
 - 1.3.2 *"Article 2.2 – Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method*
- 1.4 Sport Ireland received no response to its email of 11 December 2025 and sent a further email on 7 January 2026 extending the Athlete's timeline to provide an explanation. The Athlete did respond by email on 7 January 2026 suggesting that the positive test for cocaine may be because the water supply in Northern Ireland is contaminated. The Athlete did not seek to establish that his Use of cocaine occurred Out-of-Competition and in a context unrelated to sport performance (i.e. recreationally) pursuant to Article 10.1.4 of the Rules and nor did he seek to explain the positive test for drostanolone.
- 1.5 Sport Ireland did not accept the contamination scenario and advised him of this by email of 8 January 2026 and reminded him of the deadline of 12 January 2026 to provide an explanation for the positive test. No response was received.

2. Charges

- 2.1 Sport Ireland formally charged the Athlete by email of 15 January 2026 (the "**Charge Letter**") and advised him of his rights, the options for his response and the consequences of not responding, including that if he did not challenge Sport Ireland's assertion of the anti-doping rule violations or

¹ Capitalised terms used throughout this decision shall have the meaning given to them in the Rules.

otherwise request a hearing within 20 days of receipt of the letter, Sport Ireland would deem that he had waived his right to a hearing and a 4-year ban would be imposed.

2.2 The Charge Letter, charged him with the following ADRVs:

2.2.1 Article 2.1: – "*The presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample*"; and

2.2.2 Article 2.2 - "*Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method*".

2.3 No response was received from the Athlete.

3. Consequences

3.1 In light of the above, Sport Ireland now makes this reasoned decision.

3.2 The sanctions to be imposed are:

3.2.1 A period of Ineligibility (or ban) of 4 years with effect from 11 December 2025 i.e. the date of Provisional Suspension. The Athlete's period of Ineligibility will expire at midnight on 10 December 2029.

3.2.2 Public Disclosure.

3.2.3 Any sport-related financial support, including but not limited to funding from Sport Ireland, and other sport-related benefits received by an Athlete or other Person shall be withheld by Sport Ireland, the Motorcycling Ireland and its affiliates, members and/or licensees².

3.2.4 The Disqualification of all results obtained by the Athlete in Competitions from (and including) 25 October 2025 until the commencement of the Athlete's Provisional Suspension on 11 December 2025, with all of the resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes³ during the period in question.

3.3 Pursuant to Article 10.10.1 of the Rules⁴, during the period of Ineligibility the Athlete may not participate in organised sport in any capacity. This includes training, coaching, mentoring etc.

3.4 Pursuant to Article 10.10.2 of the Rules, the Athlete may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or other member organisation of a Signatory's member organisation or a National Governing Body, during the last 2 months of his period of Ineligibility.

² Article 10.11

³ Article 9.3

⁴ Article 10.10.1.1 provides that an Athlete who has been declared Ineligible shall not participate in any capacity "*in a Competition or activity, (other than authorised anti-doping education or rehabilitation programs) authorised or organised by any Signatory, Signatory's member organisation, or a club or other member organisation of a Signatory's member organisation, or by any National Governing Body or by a member or affiliate organisation or licensee of a National Governing Body or in Competitions authorised or organised by any professional league or any international or national-level Event organisation or any elite or national-level sporting activity funded by a governmental agency.*"

3.5 This decision is being notified to the Athlete, the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme ("FIM") and WADA, each of whom has a right of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 21 days of receipt of this decision, subject to Article 13.2.6 of the Rules in the case of WADA and the FIM.

4. Summary

4.1 For the reasons given above, Sport Ireland has issued this decision, which records that:

- The Athlete has committed violations of Article 2.1 and Article 2.2 of the Rules by virtue of the presence of a Metabolite of drostanolone (3 α -hydroxy-2 α -methyl-5 α -androstane-17-one) and a Metabolite of cocaine (benzoylecgonine) in a Sample collected from him in In-Competition Testing on 25 October 2025 and his corresponding Use of drostanolone and cocaine.
- The Athlete has not requested a hearing or challenged the assertion of the anti-doping rule violations by Sport Ireland and is therefore deemed to admitted to the ADRVs and accepted the sanctions, so the period of Ineligibility is reduced from 4 years.
- The Athlete was Provisionally Suspended on 11 December 2025 and as he is given credit for this Provisional Suspension, the 4-year period of Ineligibility expires at midnight on 10 December 2029.

Dated the 18th of February 2026