

IRONMAN AGE-GROUP ATHLETE CHRIS DELS ACCEPTS SANCTION FOR ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION

TAMPA, Fla. (March 2, 2020) – Today, the IRONMAN® Anti-Doping Program announced that German agegroup athlete Chris Dels accepted a 14-month sanction for an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) after receiving an intravenous infusion which is classified as a Prohibited Method under IRONMAN Anti-Doping Rules and consistent with the World Anti-Doping Agency List of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods.

Dels received, on two separate occasions, an intravenous infusion of permitted substances at an infusion clinic in a volume greater than 100 mL in a 12-hour period without a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). This occurred while the athlete was in the United States training and preparing to compete at the 2019 IRONMAN® Texas triathlon in April of 2019. The IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program initiated an investigation after it received a report in October of 2019 linking to the athlete's own post on his social media account in which explained he had received the intravenous infusions after becoming ill. Dels promptly admitted to his treatment, fully cooperated with the IRONMAN anti-doping program's investigation, and accepted the sanction and his responsibility for the unintentional ADRV.

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. Dels has been disqualified from all competitive results obtained, including the 2019 IRONMAN Texas and the 2019 IRONMAN World Championship triathlons. Additionally, he no longer receives an automatic qualification slot to the 2020 IRONMAN World Championship. Dels's 14-month period of ineligibility is backdated to April 20, 2019, the date he received his prohibited intravenous infusion. Dels is eligible to compete again on June 20, 2020.

"Chris has accepted full responsibility for unintentionally committing an anti-doping rule violation. His case clearly shows how important it is for all athletes to educate themselves and check every substance, and every treatment method before they use it, even if they have used it before," said Kate Mittelstadt, Director of the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program.

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 <u>www.ironman.com</u>. Media-related inquiries may be sent to <u>press@ironman.com</u>.

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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.

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