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## **IRONMAN AGE-GROUP ATHLETE JUAN FELIPE GONZALEZ RESTREPO ACCEPTS SANCTION FOR ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION**

**TAMPA, Fla.** (January 13, 2023) – Today, the IRONMAN® Anti-Doping Program announced that Colombian age-group athlete Juan Felipe Gonzalez Restrepo accepted a 12-month sanction for an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) after receiving Ozone Autohemotherapy Treatment (removal and then reinfusion of blood after treatment with Ozone) 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.

Restrepo received this treatment on two separate occasions, 3 September and 2 October 2022, at an infusion clinic without a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). The IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program initiated an investigation after it received a report linking to the athlete's own post on his social media account in which he explained he had received Ozone Autohemotherapy Treatment. Restrepo promptly admitted to receiving the treatment to assist with treating a knee injury and fully cooperated with the IRONMAN anti-doping program's investigation and accepted the sanction and his responsibility for the unintentional ADRV. This case illustrates the importance of all athletes understanding their rights and responsibilities under the anti-doping rules as well as the importance of checking every substance and every treatment method before use.

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. IRONMAN Provisionally Suspended Restrepo on 20 December 2022 and determined that the following sanctions were appropriate in this case: Imposition of a 12 month period of ineligibility applicable to the activities of IRONMAN and all Code Signatories as well as their members and member's clubs running from 20 December 2022 through 19 December 2023; Disqualification of all Restrepo's competitive results between 3 September 2022 and 20 December 2022, including his November 2022 IRONMAN Florida results; and Publication of this Anti-Doping Rule Violations on IRONMAN's website. Restrepo has accepted these sanctions.

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](http://www.ironman.com/anti-doping).

For more information on the IRONMAN brand and global event series, visit [www.ironman.com/](http://www.ironman.com/). Media related inquiries may be sent to [press@ironman.com](mailto:press@ironman.com).

### **About IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program**

As a private corporation conducting triathlon events, IRONMAN is the first private, non-federation sports company to formally adhere to the World Anti-Doping Code. The IRONMAN Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented in conformance with the responsibilities of IRONMAN under the Code and are in furtherance of IRONMAN's continuing efforts to protect and promote clean sport and the integrity of IRONMAN racing. Anti-Doping is a key component of IRONMAN's I AM True™ outreach initiative focused on ensuring that athletes know and understand their rights and responsibilities and the IRONMAN Competition Rules. Downloads of rules, policies and forms, sanctions, as well as educational resources and links are available to all participants and the public through [www.ironman.com/anti-doping](http://www.ironman.com/anti-doping). The WADA List of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods is available at [www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list](http://www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list).

### **About The IRONMAN Group**

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