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FIS Court dismisses appeal by Swiss Ski Association in case of Didier Defago

Oberhofen, March 1st, 2006/ -- On February 21st, 2006, the FIS Court dismissed the appeal from the Swiss Ski Association (Swiss-Ski) against the disqualification of Didier Defago (SUI) from the FIS Alpine World Cup men's Super Combined race in Val d'Isere (FRA) on 11th December, 2005.

On December 29th, 2005, Swiss-Ski submitted an appeal to the FIS Court against the decision made by the FIS Alpine Appeals Commission on 16th December, 2005. The Appeals Commission had upheld the original decision of the competition jury from 11th December, 2005, to disqualify Defago based on an infringement of Article B 2.1.2 of the equipment regulations.

In its decision, the FIS Court found that the appeal from Swiss-Ski cannot be examined by the FIS Court as there is no rule that grants the right to appeal against a decision of the Appeals Commission if it is acting as second instance, with the jury having acted as first instance.

Decisions of the FIS Court may be appealed within 21 days to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

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