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## **FIS MEDIA INFO**

### **CAS issues decision in appeal of Hans Knauss (AUT)**

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On 20th July, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) issued its' decision in the appeal of Alpine skier Hans Knauss (AUT) against the sanction applied by the FIS Doping Panel of 18 months suspension from 27th November 2004 until 26th May 2006, after testing positive for the banned substance norandrosterone that was contained in a nutritional supplement.

In its' award the Court of Arbitration for Sport dismissed the appeal filed by Hans Knauss to reduce the suspension to 12 months.

The award can be viewed on the CAS website <http://www.tas-cas.org>

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On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005 the FIS Doping Panel issued its' decision in the case of Alpine skier Hans Knauss (AUT) who committed a doping violation in accordance with clause 2.1 of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules, Presence of a Prohibited Substance, norandrosterone.

The Panel found however that whilst the Athlete did not act intentionally, he clearly acted negligently. In particular given the known risk in connection with nutritional supplements, the Athlete did not exercise adequate caution by deliberately choosing to use supplements different from the ones recommended by his Association.

Having carefully considered all aspects of the case, the Panel decided to reduce the period of Ineligibility from two (2) years to 18 (eighteen) months, commencing on the date on which the anti-doping violation occurred, namely from 27<sup>th</sup> November 2004 until and including 26<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

According to Article 9 of the Rules, Automatic Disqualification of Results, and to Article 10.7 of the Rules, Disqualification of Results in Competitions Subsequent to Sample Collection, the Athlete shall be disqualified as from (and including) the FIS Alpine World Cup Downhill competition in Lake Louise (CAN) on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

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