



**INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**

**CASE: n° 2021-1
Mr. Laurin BOEHLER**

COMMISSION COMPOSITION:

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| - Mr. Envic GALEA | President |
| - Mr. Colin DRAYCOTT | Member |
| - Mr. Hirofumi OTSUJI | Member |

CONCERNED PERSON:

- **Mr. Laurin BOEHLER**
Athlete, Austria, -100kg

FACTS AND PROCEDURE:

During the 2021 Doha Masters, the IJF Refereeing Commission assessed that Mr. Laurin BOEHLER had an inappropriate behavior that is contrary to the values of Judo, as shown in the below video:

https://live.ijf.org/masters_2021/contest_video/masters_2021_m_0100_0012

On February 3rd, 2021, the International Judo Federation General Secretary informed Mr. Laurin BOEHLER that a disciplinary procedure was open against him, and asked him to choose between the written procedure and the hearing.

On February 7th, 2021, Mr. Laurin BOEHLER chose the written procedure.

On February 11th, 2021, the International Judo Federation General Secretary duly noted that Mr. Laurin BOEHLER had chosen the written procedure, sent him the case file and informed him that he could send to the commission all observation, evidence and testimony, for his own defense.

On February 16th, 2021, Mr. Laurin BOEHLER explained that he had been suffering from several injuries. He explained that his preparation was difficult but he qualified for the Doha Masters 2021 and decided to take part. He explained that during his warm-up at the Doha Masters, he did not feel well with his knee but still decided to try to compete. During his first contest he used a sacrifice technique.

On February 17th, 2021, the Austrian Judo Federation President, Mr. Martin POIGER, sent a letter to the International Judo Federation General Secretary regarding the case. Mr. Martin POIGER confirmed that Mr. Laurin BOEHLER had been suffering from a knee injury. He explained that even though Mr. Laurin BOEHLER hadn't fully recovered, they decided that he would participate in the Doha Masters.

REGARDING THE CASE FILE:

Mr. Laurin BOEHLER admits that he had been suffering from a knee injury and acknowledges that his performance did not look good.

Mr. Laurin BOEHLER regrets that he was not able to perform better. He hopes to be able to perform a better Judo soon.

The President of the Austrian Judo Federation President, Mr. Martin POIGER, informed that he and Austrian Judo Federation Head Coach Mrs. Yvonne BÖNISCH had a serious conversation with Mr. Laurin BOEHLER, making clear that such appearance should be avoided by all means.

Mr. Laurin BOEHLER's behaviour is contrary to the values of Judo and took place on the tatami, during a public and broadcasted competition, which tarnished the image of the International Judo Federation and judo in general.

ON THESE GROUNDS, THE IJF DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION:

- **Pronounces a warning against Mr. Laurin BOEHLER for his behaviour on the mat.**
- **Says that this decision shall be communicated to:**
 - Mr. Marius VIZER, IJF President;
 - Mr. Jean Luc ROUGE, IJF General Secretary;
 - Mr. Sergey SOLOVEYCHIK, EJU President;
 - Mr. Mohamed MERIDJA, IJF Education and Coaching Director;
 - Mr. Vladimir BARTA, IJF Head Sport Director;
 - Austrian Judo Federation;
 - Mr. Laurin BOEHLER;
- **Informs Mr. Laurin BOEHLER that this decision is subject to appeal with the Court of Arbitration For Sport. The time limit for appeal shall be twenty-one days from the receipt of the decision appealed against.**

Paris, February 18th, 2021

President
Mr. Envic GALEA