



**INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**

CASE: n° 2021-4

Mr. Beka GVINIASHVILI, Mr. Luka MAISURADZE, Mr. Nodar METREVELI

COMMISSION COMPOSITION:

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| - Mr. Envic GALEA | President |
| - Mr. Balint PUTNIK | Member |
| - Mr. Franco CAPELLETTI | Member |

CONCERNED PERSON:

- Mr. Beka GVINIASHVILI, Athlete, Georgia, -90kg
- Mr. Luka MAISURADZE, Athlete, Georgia, -81kg
- Mr. Nodar METREVELI, coach of the Georgian team

FACTS AND PROCEDURE:

During the 2021 World Judo Championships Seniors, Mr. GVINIASHVILI and Mr. MAISURADZE have broken IJF Covid protocol and left the hotel endangering the whole judo family.

Mr. GVINIASHVILI and Mr. MAISURADZE left the Hungaria hotel via an emergency exit during the night and returned early next morning. The coach went out to meet them, Nodar METREVELI.

All three are considered as being outside of the bubble.

On June 18th 2021, the International Judo Federation General Secretary informed Mr. GVINIASHVILI, Mr. MAISURADZE and Mr. METREVELI that a disciplinary procedure was open against them, and asked them to choose between the written procedure and the hearing.

On June 18th, 2021, Mr. GVINIASHVILI, Mr. MAISURADZE and Mr. METREVELI chose the written procedure.

On June 18th, 2021, the International Judo Federation General Secretary duly noted that Mr. GVINIASHVILI, Mr. MAISURADZE and Mr. METREVELI had chosen the written procedure, sent them the case file and informed them that they could send to the commission all observation, evidence and testimony, for their own defense.

On June 22nd, 2021, Mr. MAISURADZE gave the following explanation:

“I would like to explain the situation. The thing is that there is a friend of ours who lives in Budapest. During our stay in Budapest, he felt bad and as we were there, he called us for help. As the situation was urgent, we rushed to him as it was a matter of emergency. When we came back to the hotel we called our coach, Mr. Nodar METREVELI and asked him to help me and Beka GVINIASHVILI to enter the hotel.

We know it was a very rough break of Covid protocol and we are very sorry for that, but we promise in future it will never happen again.”

On June 22nd, 2021, Mr. GVINIASHVILI gave the following explanation:

“I would like to explain the situation. The thing is that there is a friend of ours who lives in Budapest. During our stay in Budapest, he felt bad and as we were there, he called us for help. As the situation was urgent, we rushed to him as it was a matter of emergency.

We know it was a very rough brake of Covid protocol and we are very sorry for that but we promise in future it will never happen again.

When we came back to the hotel we called our coach, Mr. Nodar METREVELI and asked him to help me and Luka MAISURADZE to enter the hotel”.

On June 22nd, 2021, Mr. Noar METREVELI gave the following explanation:

“I would like to let you know that during our stay in Budapest two our sportsmen, Luka MAISURADZE and Beka GVINIASHVILI called me on phone and asked me to help them to enter the hotel (bubble), I did not know what has happened and went down and found out that they were at the entrance of the hotel Georgian team stayed in. I went down only just to meet them but the security thought I was with them out. I am terribly sorry for what happened. I didn't mean to go out of the bubble or break the Covid protocol”.

REGARDING THE CASE FILE:

Mr. GVINIASHVILI, Mr. MAISURADZE and Mr. METREVELI broke the IJF COVID protocol. Although all gave excuses for leaving the hotel, they have to appreciate that this protocol protects the whole judo community. Their recklessness is against Judo's spirit and moral code.

ON THESE GROUNDS, THE IJF DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION:

- **Pronounces against Mr. GVINIASHVILI, Mr. MAISURADZE and Mr. METREVELI serious reprimand and warning.**
- **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;
 - Dr. Lisa ALLAN, IJF Event Director;
 - Mr. Vlad MARINESCU, IJF Director General;
 - Georgian Judo Federation President;
 - Mr. GVINIASHVILI, Mr. MAISURADZE and Mr. METREVELI
- **Informs Mr. GVINIASHVILI, Mr. MAISURADZE and Mr. METREVELI 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, June 24th, 2021

President
Mr. Envic GALEA