

CASE: n° 2021-7 Mr. Aissa BENOUARET

COMMISSION COMPOSITION:

Mr. Envic GALEA
Mr. Balint PUTNIK
Mr. Franco CAPELLETTI
Member

CONCERNED PERSON:

- **Mr. Aissa BENOUARET** Team Official, Algeria

FACTS AND PROCEDURE:

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

He is considered as being outside the bubble.

On June 29th 2021, the International Judo Federation General Secretary informed Mr. BENOUARET, that a disciplinary procedure was open against him, and asked him to choose between the written procedure and the hearing.

On June 30th 2021, Mr. BENOUARET informed that he chose the written procedure.

Mr BENOUARET Aissa explains that "Due to his inexperience, he broke the IJF COVID protocol as he wanted to recover his forgotten badge at the hotel (Hungaria). This break in protocol led to his being banned from entering the competition hall, as well as the final block with the delegation."

REGARDING THE CASE FILE:

As head of a delegation, Mr BENOUARET is expected to know the rules inside-out to guide his responsibilities efficiently. Although he gave excuses for leaving the hotel, he must appreciate that this protocol protects the whole judo community. His recklessness is against Judo's spirit and moral code.

ON THESE GROUNDS, THE IJF DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION:

- Pronounces against Mr. BENOUARET a 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. Siteny RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO, AJU 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;
 - Algerian Judo Federation President;
 - Mr. Aissa BENOUARET.
- Informs Mr. Aissa BENOUARET 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, July 5th, 2021

President Mr. Envic GALEA