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## **FIS MEDIA INFO**

# Update on Cross-Country rankings after CAS Sundby decision

By decision of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has upheld an appeal by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) against Norwegian Cross-Country Skier Martin Johnsrud Sundby and the International Ski Federation (FIS) against a decision of the FIS Doping Panel of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The case concerned the inhalation of salbutamol which is a standard therapy against asthma symptoms.

The WADA accredited laboratory reported adverse analytical findings on samples taken on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014 in Davos (SUI) and on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in Toblach (ITA), which exceeded the applicable reporting limits.

As a result Sundby's competitive results in Davos (13<sup>th</sup> December 2014 – 15km classic) and Toblach (8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – 25 km free pursuit) and consequentially the FIS Tour de Ski 2015 have been disqualified, with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

The impact on the 2014/15 FIS Cross Country Cup World Cup standings and FIS Tour de Ski standings are as follows:

- Sundby forfeits the 143 points he earned for the two races where he has been disqualified - 100 World Cup points for the victory in Davos and 43 points for his third place finish in Toblach.
- With the Sundby disqualification on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014, the podium for the 15 km classic in Davos (SUI) is now as follows: 1. Didrik Toenseth (NOR); 2. Dario Cologna (SUI); 3. Sjur Roethe (NOR).
- With the Sundby disqualification at the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in the 25 km pursuit in Toblach (ITA), the podium for that race is now as follows: 1. Petter Northug JR. (NOR); 2. Calle Halfvarsson (SWE); 3. Evgeniy Belov (RUS).

- In accordance with the Tour de Ski regulations, Sundby also forfeits his overall 2015
   Tour de Ski victory and 400 World Cup points he earned for it as well as prize money of
   CHF 108'000. The new standings for the 2015 Tour de Ski are as follows: 1) Petter
   Northug JR. (NOR); 2. Evgeniy Belov (RUS); 3. Calle Halfvarsson (SWE).
- The breakdown of prize money from the Tour de Ski 2015 that Sundby has to return for redistribution to the newly ranked athletes is as follows: CHF 90,000 or first place in the Tour de Ski, CHF 2,000 from the third place of the Tour de Ski sprint standings and the World Cup earnings for the two races, CHF 15,000 for the victory in Davos and CHF 1,000 for the third place finish in Toblach.
- Additionally, Sundby forfeits the World Cup points and prize money from the remaining Tour de Ski races after Toblach, namely the last two stages in Val di Fiemme in which he finished 8<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This amounts to a further 73 World Cup points and CHF 1,000 in prize money.
- The final 2014/15 FIS Cross Country World Cup standings have also been recalculated and are as follows: 1. Dario Cologna (SUI) 1103 points; Petter Northug JR. (NOR) 1047 points; Finn Haagen Krogh (NOR) 897 points. Sundby moves down to sixth place in the overall World Cup standings with 748 points and forfeits CHF 22,275 in the overall World Cup prize money standings.
- In total, Sundby forfeits 616 World Cup points for the 2014/15 season and CHF 131,275 in prize money. This includes all races directly and indirectly affected by the CAS decision.

### **About FIS**

FIS is the governing body for international skiing and snowboarding, founded in 1924 during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIS manages the Olympic disciplines of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding, including setting the international competition rules. Through its 128 member nations, more than 7'500 FIS ski and snowboard competitions are staged annually. Specific initiatives are undertaken by FIS to promote snow activities as a healthy leisure recreation, notably for the young. For more information, please visit www.fis-ski.com.