

Maria Sharapova Banned for Two Years by International Tennis Federation (Download PDF)

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Maria Sharapova former Russian World No. 1 tennis player has been banned by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) for two years due to doping charges which was begin on 26 January 2016. During the Australian Open in January 2016 she was verified positive for banned drug meldonium, a substance which is added in the forbidden list by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on 1 January 2016. Since then she was provisionally banned.

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About Maria Sharapova

- Maria Yuryevna Sharapova was born on 9th April 1987.
- She moved to United States since 1994.
- Since 2001 she has contested on the WTA tour.
- The WTA on five separate occasions has ranked her as world No. 1 in singles for a total of 21 weeks.
- She is only Russian who has hold the career Grand Slam.
- She have earned silver medal in Olympic for Russia in women's singles at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

About Meldonium:

- It is a medical drug (also known as Mildronate) given to patients who are suffering from heart and circulatory conditions for increasing their physical capacity and mental function.
- Its use mainly tips to production more red blood cells (RBCs) in the body to grow oxygen supply to provide strengths for enhancing endurance.

About World Anti-Doping Agency

- The World Anti-Doping Agency is a foundation formed through a collective creativity controlled by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

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- It was founded on November 10, 1999 in Lausanne, Switzerland, so that it is called the “Declaration of Lausanne”, to promote coordinates and monitor the fight in contradiction of drugs in sports.
- The organization’s headquarters have been situated in Montreal, Quebec, Canada since 2002.
- The Lausanne office developed the regional office for Europe.
- Other local offices have been known in Africa, Asia/Oceania and Latin America.
- WADA is liable for the World Anti-Doping Code.
- It is accepted by more than 600 sports organizations including international sports federations, national anti-doping organizations, the IOC, and the International Paralympic Committee.
- Its president is Sir Craig Reedie as of 2014.

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