

10.10.3

The period of Ineligibility shall start on the date that the decision is issued, provided that:

(a) any period of Provisional Suspension served by the Participant (whether imposed in accordance with Article 8.3 or voluntarily accepted by the Participant in accordance with Article 8.3.5(a)) shall be credited against the total period of Ineligibility to be served. To get credit for any period of voluntary Provisional Suspension, however, the Participant must have given written notice at the beginning of such period to the ITF, in a form acceptable to the ITF (and the ITF shall provide a copy of that notice promptly to every other Person entitled to receive notice of a potential Anti-Doping Rule Violation by that Participant under Article 13.4) and must have respected the Provisional Suspension in full. No credit against a period of Ineligibility shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the Provisional Suspension or voluntary Provisional Suspension, regardless of the Participant's status during such period. If a period of Ineligibility is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the Participant shall receive a credit for such period of Ineligibility served against any period of Ineligibility that may ultimately be imposed on appeal;

(b) where the Participant promptly (which for a Player means, in any event, before he/she competes again) admits the AntiDoping Rule Violation after being confronted with it by the ITF, the period of Ineligibility subsequently imposed on him/her may be back-dated so that it is deemed to have commenced as far back as the date of last occurrence of the Anti-Doping Rule Violation (which, in the case of an Article 2.1 Anti-Doping Rule Violation, would be on the date of Sample collection). However, this discretion to back-date is subject to the following limit: the Participant must actually serve at least one-half of the period of Ineligibility, i.e., the commencement date of that period of Ineligibility cannot be back-dated such that he/she actually serves less than one-half of that period. This Article 10.10.3(b) shall not apply where the period of Ineligibility has already been reduced under Article 10.6.3; and

(c) where there have been substantial delays in the hearing process or other aspects of Doping Control not attributable to the Participant, the period of Ineligibility may be deemed to have started at an earlier date, commencing as early as the date of 57 last occurrence of the Anti-Doping Rule Violation (e.g., under Article 2.1, the date of Sample collection). All competitive results achieved during the period of Ineligibility, including retroactive Ineligibility, shall be disqualified.