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Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) issues award in case of Cross-Country skier Justyna Kowalczyk (POL)

On 8th December, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) issued its' decision in the appeal of Cross-Country skier Justyna Kowalczyk (POL) against the sanction applied by the FIS Doping Panel. The panel found that the athlete had violated art. Article 2.1 of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules, Presence of a Prohibited Specified Substance, Dexamethason and sanctioned the athlete to a period of ineligibility of one (1) year from 23rd January 2005 - 22nd January 2006.

The CAS panel decided that the decision rendered by the FIS Doping Panel shall be replaced by a *de novo* decision on the merits of this case:

- The Appellant, Justyna Kowalczyk (POL) is disqualified from all individual results obtained in the U23 OPA Intercontinental Cup Competition held on 23 January 2005.
- The period of ineligibility to be imposed upon the Appellant shall commence on 23 January 2005 and shall end on 8 December 2005.

The award can be viewed on the CAS website <http://www.tas-cas.org>

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