

# Tennis Anti-Doping Programme

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## Decision in the case of Laurențiu Basarab

The International Tennis Federation announced today that it recognises and respects the lifetime period of ineligibility imposed on Laurențiu Basarab (ROU) by the Romanian Anti-Doping Agency for the Administration of methandienone, a prohibited substance under Section S1.1(a) (Endogenous androgenic anabolic steroids) of the 2014 Prohibited List, to a minor. Administration of a prohibited substance constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation under article 2.8 of the World Anti-Doping Code.

As a Signatory to the WADA Code, the ITF (and, therefore, its member National Associations) is obliged to recognise and respect decisions of other Code Signatories that are consistent with the Code and within that Signatory's authority (Article 15.4).

The Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is a comprehensive and internationally recognised drug-testing programme that applies to all players competing at Grand Slam tournaments and events sanctioned by the ITF, ATP, and WTA. Players are tested for substances prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Agency and, upon a finding that an Anti-Doping Rule Violation has been committed, sanctions are imposed in accordance with the requirements of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme and World Anti-Doping Code. More background information on the Programme, sanctions, tennis statistics and related information can be found at [www.itftennis.com/antidoping](http://www.itftennis.com/antidoping).

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