Report from the IFSC Disciplinary Commission on Disciplinary Case of 27th May 2018

On 27th May 2018, the athlete (who was then a minor) competed in an IFSC speed climbing competition in Imst, Austria. During this competition, the athlete gave a urine sample for anti-doping testing. The sample was found to contain Meldonium, which is a prohibited substance under the World Anti-doping Code (the Code). Disciplinary proceedings were taken against the athlete, who was suspended from IFSC competitions pending the outcome of those proceedings. The athlete admitted the anti-doping rule violation and said that it had been as a result of one of his parents (who administered medication to all members of the household) mixing up the athlete’s medication with that of another member of his household, who was prescribed Meldonium for a cardiac condition.

At the disciplinary hearing on 30th November 2018 by which time, the athlete was no longer a minor, the disciplinary panel decided that:

1. The athlete has committed an anti-doping rule violation.
2. The anti-doping rule violation was not intentional.
3. The athlete did not bear any fault or negligence for the anti-doping rule violation.
4. Therefore, Article 10.4 of the Code eliminated any period of ineligibility (ban) that would otherwise have been imposed on the athlete.

The athlete was disqualified from the IFSC competition in Imst on 27th May 2018 and forfeited any medal or prize.