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Stoke Mandeville, England – The International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) announces its ruling in respect to an anti-doping violation, which occurred at the 2005 European Wheelchair Fencing Championships in December in Madrid, Spain.

Following analysis of a urine sample taken during the Championships, Italian Fencer, Alberto Serafini returned an adverse analytical finding in respect to one substance, Cannabis, included in the Prohibited List.

In accordance with the IWAS Anti-Doping Code, and after an Expedited Hearing before the IWAS Anti-Doping Panel, Mr. Serafini has had a 3 month ineligibility period imposed upon him. The period of ineligibility commenced 6 February 2006 and will finish 5 May 2006.

In addition, and in accordance with the IWAS Anti-Doping Code, Mr. Serafini is disqualified from the individual results and team Italy from the team results, including forfeiture of any medals (to be returned for re-assignment to IWAS) points or prizes.

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