

**BEFORE THE ARBITRATION PANEL FOR
OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC SPORT DOPING DISPUTES**

ADMINISTERED BY NEW ERA ADR

In the Matter of the Arbitration between

UNITED STATES ANTI-DOPING AGENCY,

Claimant

and

MANTEO MITCHELL,

Respondent

Re: Case No. 25061603

OPERATIVE AWARD

I, Jeffrey Mishkin, the sole arbitrator in this case, after duly considering the submissions, evidence, relevant authorities, and the written and oral arguments of the United States Anti-Doping Agency (“USADA”) and Manteo Mitchell (the “Athlete”), render the following Operative Award:

1. The Athlete has committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (“ADRV”) under Article 2.1 of the World Anti-Doping Code (“Code”) for the presence of a prohibited substance in his February 2, 2025 out-of-competition sample.
2. The Athlete has failed to meet his burden of proving, by a balance of probabilities, that the source of his positive test was a Contaminated Product.
3. Despite having failed to prove the source of his positive test, the Athlete has met his burden of proving, by a balance of probabilities, that the ADRV was not intentional.
(Code 10.2.1.1.) The default starting sanction, therefore, is two years.

4. Because the Athlete has failed to meet his burden of proving, by a balance of probabilities, that his ADRV was caused by a Contaminated Product, he cannot receive any further reduction of the period of Ineligibility based on No Significant Fault or Negligence.
(Code 10.6.1.2.)
5. Accordingly, a period of Ineligibility of two years is imposed.
6. The starting date for the period of Ineligibility shall be March 3, 2025, the date on which the provisional suspension was imposed.
7. Any results obtained on or after February 2, 2025 through the commencement of the Athlete's provisional suspension are disqualified.
8. The fully reasoned decision and award shall follow in due course.

Dated: August 26, 2025



Jeffrey A. Mishkin, Arbitrator