



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

International Sport Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee

Executive Council Meeting Sanya, 13 October 2014

The General Counsel reported in detail about the serious cheating by the German Pair Michael Elinescu and Entschö Wladow, during the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy in Bali, September 2013 and the following Disciplinary proceedings, ended with the Decision 16th July 2014 of the WBF Appeal Tribunal. He reminded that according to the Disciplinary Code the Decision is binding both for the defendants and the WBF. He submitted to the E.C. the Official request from the USBF, as consequence of the Tribunal decision, to revoke the Medals and the Title to the German Seniors Team and to award them to the USAII Senior Team.

After an in-depth discussion among all the members attending the meeting, with the examination of all the documents bearing on the subject,

The Executive Council

noted

the decision 16th July 2014 of the WBF Appeal Tribunal, confirming the decision 21st March 2014 of the Disciplinary Commission;

examined

the request of the United States Bridge Federation;

heard

the report of the General Counsel;

noted

that Art.9 of the WBF Constitution assigns to the Executive Council the general power to administer the affairs of the federation and refers to administering the affairs of WBF in a manner consistent with its Constitution and By-laws;

noted

that the purposes of Art. 2 of the WBF Constitution include the pursuit of Olympic goals, the promotion of sports ethics and ensuring that bridge contests take place in the spirit of fair play;

considered

that the evidence established that, during the final of the 2013 d'Orsi Seniors Trophy between Germany and USAII, there were numerous boards in which bids, leads and



plays were clearly influenced by the illegal unauthorized information transmitted by the German pair Elinescu-Wladow which influenced the result of the match in Germany's favor;

everything above held, unanimously

states

1. Germany results to be disqualified from the 2013 d'Orsi Seniors Trophy;
2. Germany is stripped from any placement in the 2013 d'Orsi Seniors Trophy;
3. The Gold Medals are revoked from Germany and all the members of the German Seniors Team and have to be returned to the WBF together with the d'Orsi Trophy and its Replicas;
4. The title of World Champion is revoked from Germany and all the members of the German Seniors Team;
5. The WBF Master Points awarded to any member of the German Seniors Team are removed,

And by majority of votes (18 in favour, 1 against and 4 abstentions),

states

6. The final ranking of the 2013 d'Orsi Seniors Trophy is modified, elevating the teams which finished second (USA), third (Poland) and fourth (France) to respectively first, second and third, awarding them the relevant Medals, Titles, Trophies, Replicas and WBF Master Points;.

delegates

the WBF Secretariat to provide all the necessary executions, including the information to all the interested parties and the publications of the decision on the WBF Web Site and in the Daily Bulletin of the 2014 Red Bull World Bridge Series.