

# Russian Race Walker Gets Lifetime Ban

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MONACO — A Russian athlete who placed fifth in the 50-kilometer walk at last year's London Olympics has been handed a lifetime ban by the IAAF for a second doping offense.

Track and field's world governing body says Igor Erokhin was one of 27 athletes to be given doping suspensions in the past month.

Erokhin previously served a two-year ban after testing positive for EPO in 2008. The IAAF says his latest doping offense was an "athlete biological passport case."

Ukrainian heptathlete Lyudmila Yosypenko and Romanian marathon runner Simona Raula Maxim were given four-year bans, and the rest handed sanctions ranging from six months to two years.

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