

Teenage Skater Banned 1 Year for Doping

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LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Russian pairs skater Oksana Nagalati has been banned for one year after she tested positive for a banned diuretic and masking agent at a Junior Grand Prix.

The International Skating Union, or ISU, said the 17-year-old Nagalati was negligent in relying on a doctor lacking experience in anti-doping rules who prescribed furosemide to treat swelling on her face and body.

The ruling states Nagalati "had forgotten that furosemide is on the [World Anti-Doping Agency] prohibited list."

Still, the ISU disciplinary panel said her explanation "seemed to be credible" and declined to impose a two-year ban. Nagalati's suspension expires on Sept. 13.

Nagalati and her partner Maxim Bobrov were disqualified from their third-place finish at the competition in Slovakia.

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