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Olympic Champion Zaitseva Named Caretaker Coach of Russian Biathlon Team

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Double Olympic champion Olga Zaitseva took over as caretaker head coach of the Russian biathlon team with her sport dogged by a string of positive doping cases in the past months.

The 36-year-old, who won relay gold at the 2006 and 2010 winter Olympics and also won a silver medal in the mass start in Vancouver in 2010, had announced her retirement earlier this month.

"I received a lot of offers — from the Russian Biathlon Union (SBR), from the Sports Ministry and the Moscow Department of Sport," Zaitseva told a news conference.

"I talked everything through with the president of the SBR, Alexander Kravtsov. He offered

me the chance to become the caretaker head coach of the Russian team."

"I am an ambitious person, and I accepted an offer. My aim is to get better results and make sure our sport is clean."

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