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Russian Athletes Banned for Doping Head to Court in December

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The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) will hear appeals from the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) against six Russian athletes banned for doping, the Interfax news agency reported Tuesday, citing a statement made by the court spokesperson.

In Lausanne, Switzerland, the CAS with convene Dec. 2-3. The hearing was initiated by the IAAF who filed the appeal in March.

The IAAF is challenging the selective timing of doping bans imposed by the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) — bans were delayed so that athletes could compete in the London 2012 Olympics.

The court will hear cases for two London 2012 Olympic medalists: men's 50-kilometer race walk champion Sergei Kirdyapkin and women's 20-kilometer walk silver medalist Olga Kaniskina.

The CAS case also includes world champion race walker Sergei Bakulin, Valery Borchin, Vladimir Kanaykin and Olympic steeplechase champion Yulia Zaripova. All six athletes were

disqualified by RUSADA in January 2015.

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