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67 Banned Russian Athletes Appeal to Sport Court

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Sixty-seven Russian track and field athletes have applied to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), demanding that they be allowed to compete at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, the Interfax news agency reported Monday.

The athletes are seeking to prove that they are not involved in doping, Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko told Interfax. They also submitted individual applications to participate in the 2016 Olympic Games, Mutko said.

Last week, the International Olympic Committee supported the decision of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) to uphold the suspension of the Russian track and field team from the 2016 Games over doping allegations.

The committee said that clean athletes can compete under the Russian flag if they can prove they are not tainted by the doping scandal.

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