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DISCIPLINARY & ETHICAL COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: Decision

Mr. Galin Dimov
Mrs. Svetlana Klukowska

DECISION:

The Disciplinary and Ethical Committee of WAKO decides that:

The claim against Mr. Galin Dimov is dismissed, as the matter does not fall within the scope of the WAKO Disciplinary- and Ethical Committee's jurisdiction.

REASON:

- 1) On 11th of March 2026 Svetlana Klukowska (Attorney-at-law), sent a complaint on behalf of Sports Club Star against Mr. Galin Dimov as follows:

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of Sports Club Star Team, we are sending to Your kind attention a Complaint, with the request for Your reviewal and undertaking the necessary measures according Your findings and the rules of WAKO.

We will follow up with payment of the administrative fee.

We understand the procedural ruled of Your esteemed organization but we ask for speedy resolution considering the environment in which Bulgarian sport is functioning and the way it is being involved in games of favors (as per the video) under the current Bulgarian leadership.

We remain available for any communication, explanation, and clarification that may be needed.

Kind regards,

Svetlana Klukowska

Letter of complaint

March 11, 2026



To the attn. of
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Mr. Roy Baker

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Disciplinary and Ethical Committee

Mr Nikolaus Gstaettner, chairman

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March 11, 2026

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COMPLAINT

From

ASSOCIATION SPORTS CLUB STAR TEAM

Promoter of the World Championship for junior and cadets, 2026 and Bulgaria
European cup

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Represented by its proxy, Svetlana Klukowska, attorney-at-law

RE: Violations of the Statute, Disciplinary code, Code of Ethics and Code
of Conduct by the officials representing the Bulgarian Kickboxing and
Muay Thai Confederation - member of WAKO

Against

Mr. Galin Dimov

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Dear Presidents,

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board of the Directors,

Dear Chairpersons and Members of the Committees,

We are writing this letter with our biggest regret as to inform for a violation of
the WAKO rules by Mr. Galin Dimov acting unlawfully personally and in his
position as president of the Bulgarian Kickboxing and Muay Thai Confederation.



We, hereby submit a formal complaint pursuant to Article 4.7 and Article 15 of the WAKO Disciplinary Code on behalf of ASSOCIATION SPORTS CLUB STAR TEAM. The complaint arises from public statements made by Mr. Dimov in a widely disseminated video, in which he openly admits that legal actions initiated by him, in his capacity of president, against the Bulgarian Olympic Committee were undertaken at the request of a third party - returning a favour.

Such action represent external Interferonen, abuse of position, and serious ethical misconduct inkompatibel with the responsibilities of a sports federation leader.

Under the WAKO Disciplinary Code, all officials and federation leaders are subject to disciplinary proceedings when violating WAKO regulations or ethical standards. The Code provides that violations may be sanctioned regardless of whether they were committed intentionally or negligently. Given the gravity of the conduct admitted publicly by Mr. Dimov, the matter clearly falls within the competence of the WAKO disciplinary authorities.

1. The Facts:

In a publicly available video statement, Mr. Galin Dimov declared that:

1. A legal complaint was filed by him, represenitng the Bulgarian Confederation, against the Bulgarian Olympic Committee following the election of the new president Mrs. Vesela Lecheva.

2. This action was initiated upon the request of another individual, namely the ex president Mrs. Stefka Kostadinova.

3. The decision to pursue such action was therefore not presented as an autonomous decision of the Confederation or the president himself, but as an act carried out following external instruction.

We believe that here is the place to emphasise on the fact that the actions of Mrs. Stefka Kostadinova, after her losing the elections to Mrs. Lecheva, brought discontent in the International Olympic Committee. This lead to publicly declaring support of the International Olympic Committee for the new president Mrs. Vesela Lecheva.

Mr. Galin Dimov, leading the Confederation, has not only breached the WAKO rules but contrary to the Olympic movement, and the requirements of the provisions for Integrity as detailed in the Code of Ethics of WAKO, acts in a very dismissive way in respect of the International Olympic Committee. In this way, the Bulgarian Confederation becomes part of the problem that the International Olympic Committee trying to resolve in Bulgaria, puts into jeopardy the participation of the Bulgarian athletes in the next Summer Olympic Games, and puts in risk the integrity of the kickboxing as sport - including of WAKO (being its member).

The public admission of Mr. Dimov raises serious concerns regarding:

- independence of sports governance of kickboxing;*
- improper external influence;*
- misuse of a national federation for political or personal interests;*
- breach of ethical obligations of sports officials.*

It is important to clarify that the Bulgarian court already confirmed the legitimacy of the elections and dismissed the claim of the Bulgarian Kickboxing and Muay Thai Confedretation under case No 621/2025 of Sofia City Court.



2. The violation:

1. Breach of Integrity and Ethical Conduct

The WAKO Code of Ethics requires all members and officials to uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and independence in the administration of the sport. The Code further stipulates that WAKO representatives must not give or accept instructions to intervene in a specific manner within other international or sports organizations.

Mr. Dimov's public admission that legal actions were initiated following a request from another individual constitutes a serious breach of this obligation.

2. Damaging the Reputation of WAKO

The Code of Ethics requires that all officials must refrain from any behavior likely to damage the reputation of WAKO or the Olympic Movement. By publicly acknowledging that a national federation was used to initiate institutional actions under external instruction, Mr. Dimov has exposed the sport to reputational harm and undermined confidence in the independence of sports governance.

3. Violation Of Wako Fair Play Principles

The WAKO Fair Play Policy establishes that ethical conduct and respect for rules must apply equally to:

- athletes;
- officials;
- leaders and administrators of the sport.

Fair play requires that decisions affecting sports institutions be made honestly, transparently, and independently. Actions performed under external influence contradict the fundamental principles of fair play and responsible leadership.

4. Violation Of The Wako Integrity Policy

The WAKO Integrity Policy identifies as serious misconduct any conduct that may:

- compromise the integrity of the sport;
- involve improper influence;
- bring the sport into disrepute.

The public admission made by Mr. Dimov indicates that decisions affecting a major sports institution were influenced by external actors, which may constitute improper interference and governance misconduct.

5. Abuse Of Position And Conflict Of Interest

As President of a national federation affiliated with WAKO, Mr. Dimov has a duty to act solely in the interest of the sport and the federation he represents. By publicly acknowledging that he initiated institutional actions following the request of another individual, he raises serious concerns regarding:

- abuse of official position
- conflict of interest
- misuse of federation authority.

Such conduct undermines the credibility and independence of sports governance structures.

6. Political Or External Interference In Sport

International sports governance is based on the fundamental principle that sports organizations must remain independent from political or personal interference.



The admission that a federation's legal actions were initiated at the request of a third party strongly suggests external interference in the decision-making process of a sports federation, which is incompatible with international sports governance standards.

3. Request

Considering the above, we respectfully request that the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee:

- Initiate yet another investigation of the conduct of Mr. Galin Dimov;

Considering that the actions of Mr. Dimov are harmful for the sport

- fact that was also established within two finalised disciplinary proceedings in front of You, kindly take into account that the Bulgarian kickboxing community is put to work in such environment,

- Conduct as quickly as possible investigation by your respected Committee;

And proceed in a speedy manner imposing the appropriate measures to restore legality and the dignity of the kickboxing in Bulgaria and adopt the appropriate sanctions.

We remain available for any information and documentation that may be needed with the only request - to review our statements and help the recovery of the integrity of the sport kickboxing in Bulgaria.

In support of the statement above, we are presenting web links from the Bulgarian major media containing the video,

<https://sportal.bg/news-2026030408315362168>;

<https://bntnews.bg/news/bok-reagira-sled-video-na-galin-dimov-1382015news.html>;

<https://btvsport.bg/drugi/nov-kazus-v-bok-koj-nastojava-za-obzhalvane-na-izbora-na-vesela-lecheva-video.html>

Attachment 1, containing print layout of one of the articles containing direct quotes of the statement of Mr. Dimov accompanied by English translation.

Respectfully Yours,

On behalf of ASSOCIATION SPORTS CLUB STAR TEAM

Svetlana Klukowska

Attorney-at-law

Attached to the complaint Mrs Svetlana Klukowska send a document about the statement of Mr. Galin Dimov.

- 2) On 12th of March 2026 WAKO has received the payment of the processing fee from Sports Club Star Team.
- 3) On 18th of March 2026 the WAKO DEC decided by written resolution to open proceedings against Mr. Galin Dimov. Furthermore, the WAKO DEC decided that Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner conduct these proceedings as secretary.
- 4) On 19th of March 2026 Mr. Galin Dimov was informed about the opening of the procedure against him. He was given until 2nd of April to submit his comments.



5) On 1st of April 2026 Mr. Galin Dimov sent a statement as follows:

Dear Mr. Mag. Nikolaus Gstättner,

Dear Members of the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee,

Please find attached my Statement in connection with the complaint submitted by Sports Club "Star Team" dated 11.03.2026, together with the supporting documents referred to therein.

I kindly ask that the attached Statement and evidence be duly taken into consideration in the course of the present proceedings.

Should the Committee require any further clarifications or additional documents, I remain at your disposal.

Respectfully,

Galina Dimov

President Bulgarian Kickboxing and Muay Thai Confederation

Attached to the statement Mr. Galin Dimov sent a document as follows:



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**TO
MR. MAG. NIKOLAUS GSTÄTTNER – CHAIRMAN OF THE WAKO DISCIPLINARY
AND ETHICAL COMMITTEE**

STATEMENT

by
GALIN DIMOV, acting personally and in his capacity as President of
“**Bulgarian Kickboxing and Muay Thai Confederation**”,
75 Vasil Levski Blvd., Floor 7, Office 716, Sofia, Bulgaria

Subject: Complaint submitted by SC “Star Team” dated 11.03.2026

**DEAR MR. MAG. NIKOLAUS GSTÄTTNER,
DEAR MEMBERS OF THE WAKO DISCIPLINARY AND ETHICAL COMMITTEE,**

In connection with the notification of the initiated proceedings against me, I hereby submit this Statement, by which I categorically contest the allegations contained in the complaint as factually incorrect, unsupported by evidence, and legally unfounded.

First, I expressly dispute the claim that there exists a “public video statement” or a “public admission” on my part. The video material referred to by the complainant was not made public and was not intended for an unrestricted audience. It was shared exclusively within a closed internal administrative group, accessible only to a limited number of club presidents. Therefore, the characterizations used in the complaint, such as “publicly available video statement” and “public admission,” do not correspond to the actual factual circumstances and are misleading as to the nature of the communication.

Secondly, the complainant has not provided an original video file, but instead relies on a secondary, redistributed material, which, to my knowledge, was created through a screen recording by a third party without my knowledge and without my consent. In the absence of an original source and in the absence of any technical means to verify its authenticity, integrity, and completeness, there are no objective guarantees that the submitted material has not been partially taken out of context, selectively edited, fragmented, altered, or otherwise manipulated. Under such circumstances, the material cannot be regarded as a reliable primary source capable of supporting clear and unequivocal factual conclusions. Accordingly, it cannot be treated as evidence of sufficient probative value, let alone as evidence of an alleged “admission” of a disciplinary violation.



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Furthermore, it should be taken into account that the complainant, SC “Star Team,” is a member club of the Bulgarian Kickboxing and Muay Thai Confederation, against which, by decision of the Disciplinary Commission of the Confederation dated 26.02.2026, a disciplinary violation was established, consisting in breaches of the internal rules and regulations of the Confederation. As a result, a financial sanction and a warning of expulsion were imposed. This fact is relevant to the assessment of the complainant’s interest and potential bias, as the present complaint is evidently submitted in the context of an already existing and escalated internal dispute between the Confederation’s management and the said club.

Accordingly, the allegations that my actions have harmed the reputation of WAKO, compromised the integrity of the sport, endangered Bulgarian athletes, or posed any risk to the Olympic movement are entirely unsubstantiated and legally unfounded. The complaint does not provide any direct evidence of actual damage or of any real and immediate risk to WAKO, to the international sports framework, or to athlete participation. Such allegations are merely rhetorical and cannot substitute the absence of a proven factual basis.

It is evident that an internal national institutional and media dispute is being artificially presented as an international disciplinary matter, without the necessary factual and legal grounds.

Regarding the objective legal complexity of the case

It must be taken into account that the matter used as the basis of the complaint has not been unequivocal or legally undisputed. Multiple legal proceedings have been initiated by various entities within the Bulgarian sports community in relation to the election of the President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee. There are both court decisions dismissing certain claims and a court decision annulling the election as unlawful. This clearly demonstrates that the matter represents a complex and genuinely contested legal dispute at national level, rather than an instance of arbitrary or unjustified conduct. Therefore, it is legally untenable for the complaint to portray my conduct as inherently unethical or externally influenced without acknowledging the objective legal controversy surrounding the issue.

Regarding the scope of the disciplinary proceedings

In the present case, the complaint fails to establish any specific, clear, and proven violation of any applicable rule of WAKO.

No facts are presented or demonstrated indicating a breach of sporting activity, interference with competition processes, failure to comply with obligations towards WAKO, or the occurrence of any international consequences. Instead, the complaint attempts to derive disciplinary liability



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I also explicitly reject the allegation that I have taken any decision to initiate legal proceedings or institutional actions based on a “request,” “instruction,” or any form of external influence. No such decision has ever been taken by me at the request of any third party. Even if, within the framework of internal communication, certain informal or emotionally influenced wording may have been used, this does not constitute an admission, does not establish the existence of external interference, and does not demonstrate any abuse of authority or lack of independent judgment.

In this respect, it must be emphasized that the complaint does not present any evidence whatsoever of binding external instructions, dependency, or actions carried out in execution of another party’s will. There is no evidence of mandatory external direction, promised or received benefit, personal interest, conflict of interest in the legal sense, misuse of authority for the benefit of a third party, or relinquishment of institutional autonomy. Consequently, the conclusions in the complaint referring to “external interference,” “abuse of position,” “conflict of interest,” and “misuse of federation authority” are unsupported evaluative assertions, lacking any direct, admissible, and sufficient evidence. The complainant does not establish facts, but rather builds conclusions upon speculative interpretations.

It should also be noted that in 2024 the Bulgarian Kickboxing and Muay Thai Confederation was admitted as a member of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee following an application submitted by me and after full compliance with all requirements set by the BOC. In this capacity, the Confederation is a legitimate participant within the structure of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, and my actions have been carried out within the scope of my authority as its President and legal representative. Therefore, it is legally unfounded to claim that there has been any “abuse of position” or use of the Confederation for external interests, as the actions in question constitute the exercise of institutional rights within a national sports organization.

It is of particular importance that, as of the present moment, there is no pending or maintained legal action on my part challenging the election of the President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, nor has any appeal been filed by me before a higher instance. On the contrary, an explicit withdrawal of the claims under Commercial Case No. 621/2025 before the Sofia City Court was submitted by me via electronic means on 18.03.2026 and duly registered on the same date. Crucially, this withdrawal was submitted and registered prior to my being informed of the complaint filed against me and of the initiation of the present disciplinary proceedings. This fact directly refutes any assertion of ongoing or escalating conduct on my part, as well as any suggestion that my procedural actions were influenced by the present proceedings. In support of this, I attach a copy of the withdrawal under Article 233 of the Civil Procedure Code, a copy of the email by which it was submitted, and a copy of the confirmation of receipt and registration number.



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from a national governance dispute through general and abstract references to ethics, integrity, and reputation, without a sufficient factual and legal basis.

Under these circumstances, the complaint does not contain sufficient grounds to justify disciplinary liability, but rather reveals an attempt to use the international disciplinary mechanism as a tool for internal organizational and reputational pressure.

In view of the above, I respectfully submit that there are no sufficient factual, evidentiary, or legal grounds to engage my disciplinary liability.

I HEREBY REQUEST THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Accept this Statement.
2. Establish that the allegation of a “public statement” is factually incorrect.
3. Take into account the absence of an original evidentiary source and the questionable probative value of the submitted material.
4. Establish that no violation of WAKO rules has been proven.
5. Take into account the withdrawal of the claims under Commercial Case No. 621/2025 as a relevant circumstance.
6. Take into account that such withdrawal was submitted and registered prior to my notification of the present proceedings.
7. Take into account that the underlying national matter represents a genuinely contested legal dispute involving multiple proceedings and divergent outcomes, and therefore cannot be fairly characterized as unethical conduct.
8. Take into account the complainant’s vested interest in light of the disciplinary sanctions imposed against SC “Star Team” by the Confederation.
9. Dismiss the complaint and terminate the proceedings.

Should the Committee require any further clarification or additional documentation, I remain at your disposal.

ATTACHMENTS:



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1. Copy of the withdrawal under Article 233 CPC in Commercial Case No. 621/2025 before the Sofia City Court.
2. Copy of the email submitting the withdrawal.
3. Copy of the confirmation email containing the registration number.
4. Copy of the Decision of the Disciplinary Commission of the Bulgarian Kickboxing and Muay Thai Confederation dated 26.02.2026.
5. Copy of Decision No. 1802/19.12.2025, issued in Commercial Case No. 591/2025 by the Sofia City Court, Commercial Division, VI-25 Panel.

01.04.2026
Sofia



Respectfully,
Galín Dimov
Personally and as President of
Bulgarian Kickboxing and Muay Thai Confederation

The other attachments to the email were in the Bulgarian language and are therefore not being taken into the record.

6) On 14th of April 2026 a meeting of the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee was held with the participation of all WAKO DEC members. The unanimous decision of the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee is that the claim against Mr. Galin Dimov is dismissed, as the matter does not fall within the scope of the WAKO Disciplinary- and Ethical Committee's jurisdiction.

APPLICABLE RULES :

WAKO Statutes, Article 39. Disciplinary Committee

6. The Disciplinary and Ethical Committee is competent to deal with any disciplinary and ethical matters.

7. Further and more detailed provisions regarding the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee and the disciplinary and ethical proceedings under its competence are set forth in regulations issued by the Board.

WAKO Statutes, Article 13. Members' Obligations



1. The Members of WAKO shall have the following obligations:
 - a. to comply with these Statutes as well as ANY and all regulations, directives and DECISIONS enacted or issued by WAKO BODIES at any time and to comply with the decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);
4. WAKO Individual Affiliates, when participating to WAKO activities and competitions shall be subject to the provisions of these Statutes and of other WAKO regulations. In case of breach, they shall be subject to disciplinary actions as well as consequences and sanctions resulting therefrom, as provided by these Statutes and other WAKO regulations.

WAKO By-Laws, 1.6.13 Disciplinary and Ethical Committee

the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee is in charge of the conduct of the disciplinary proceedings and investigations conducted as a consequence of any possible violations of the WAKO Statutes and further WAKO rules and regulations and codes by WAKO Members, officials, officers and/or WAKO Individual Affiliates National Federations or Continental Federations (as indicated in WAKO Disciplinary Code); - Moreover, the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee is responsible to take actions and apply sanctions on the basis of the WAKO Disciplinary Code and the suggestions of the President and/or the Board of Directors.

WAKO Code of Ethics, Art. 1 Scope of application

The Code of Ethics shall apply to all WAKO members (the affiliated National Federations or Associations and their members), any persons elected or appointed to any position within the organization of WAKO and its Continental Divisions, WAKO staff, officials, athletes, coaches and referees, and, in general, any individual engaged in WAKO activities and events (collectively, the "Parties"). It shall also apply to consultants and contractually-connected persons/companies, including those representing and/or serving WAKO. The Parties shall observe the Ethical Principles (as hereinafter defined) set forth in this Code of Ethics, including but not limited to fair play and sportsmanship, when participating in any WAKO's championships, events and any other activities.

WAKO Code of Ethics, Art. 2 General conduct regulations

2.1 All Parties shall show commitment to an ethical attitude while fulfilling their task. They shall pledge to behave in accordance with all ethical principles set forth in the present Code of Ethics such as, by way of example but not limited to, the following:

- 1) Human Dignity;
- 2) Non-discrimination, either on the basis of race, gender, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical or political opinions, nationality, sexual preference or any other grounds;
- 3) Non-violence, including abstaining from any kind of pressure and harassment, whether physical, mental, professional or sexual;
- 4) Friendship, mutual aid and fair play;
- 5) Integrity;
- 6) Priority to the interests of the sport of Kickboxing and of the athletes in relation to financial interests;



- 7) Protection of the environment and health and safety of the athletes and participants;
- 8) Political neutrality;
- 9) Promotion of the Olympic Movement ideals and principles;
- 10) Non defamatory approach to any party;
- 11) Respect and adherence to WAKO Statutes, By-laws, policies, meeting conduct and procedures;
- 12) Collective Agreement, respecting the majority decision on the various Committees.

WAKO Disciplinary Code, Article 2 Persons subject to the application of the code
2.1. The following natural and legal persons are subject to the application of the Code under

the terms herein established (hereinafter referred to as the "Subjected Parties"):

- a) The President;
- b) Members of the Board of Directors;
- c) Participants of the General Assembly;
- d) Continental Federations and Associations and relevant members;
- e) National Federations and Associations;
- f) Regional Federations and Associations;
- g) Persons elected or appointed to a position in any WAKO's governing institution or bodies;
- h) Persons holding an honorary title granted by WAKO;
- i) Members of the Organizing Committees of WAKO events as well as of any other WAKO's Committees;
- j) All Officials;
- k) All Referees;
- l) All Athletes, Coaches and technical and support personnel;
- m) Any person or any entity affiliated to a Member;
- n) Any person or any entity accredited by WAKO;
- o) All persons who participate or assist in any WAKO events and/or activities and/or official meetings.

2.2. The provisions of this Code shall apply to the above-mentioned Subjected Parties whenever an offense, a breach and/or a violation as provided under Article 1 above is committed during:

- a) A WAKO Event
- b) Any activity organized by WAKO, by a Continental Federation of WAKO or a member of WAKO
- c) Any official meeting of WAKO and/or its bodies and Committees.
- d) An activity on social media.

WAKO Disciplinary Code, Art. 4 General principles

4.1. Violations of the WAKO Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and decisions of the Board of Directors or the General Assembly, including the ethical principles outlined in the WAKO Ethical Code, may be sanctioned in accordance with the terms



of this Code save as otherwise provided under the respective provisions of the aforementioned legal documents whereby the competence of another Committee (i.e. the Arbitration Committee) may be provided.

4.3. Unless otherwise specified, offenses and infringements are punishable regardless of whether they have been committed intentionally or negligently.

4.7. Any Subjected Parties can request to DEC to initiate an inquiry on any matter which is under the application of this Code.

WAKO Disciplinary Code, Art. 5. Disciplinary Measures

5.1. The following sanctions may be imposed on a natural person:

a) Reprimand and Warning;

b) Ban from participation in events for a defined period of time;

c) Fine;

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WAKO Disciplinary Code, Art. 6. Common Rules

6.1. Sanctions provided for above in Article 5 may be combined, where deemed appropriate by the DEC.

6.4. The DEC is permitted, where appropriate, to impose a partial suspension of the sanction imposed. In doing so, the person or entity is subject to a probationary period from three months up to three years. If during the probationary period the sanctioned person commits another offense, the suspended portion of the sanction will be served in addition to the sanction imposed for the subsequent offense in accordance with Article 6.5.

WAKO Disciplinary Code, Art.15. Competence of the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee (DEC)

The WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee (DEC) is the body responsible for the application and the implementation of the provisions of the Code regarding disciplinary matters and (ii) the Code of Ethics regarding the ethical matters related to the Subjected Parties under Article 2 above as a consequence of an offense or a breach as provided in Article 1 above.

WAKO Disciplinary Code, Art 17. Disciplinary Procedure

17.1. The proceeding under this Code is initiated by written notification (or by e-mail) to the DEC by the petitioner (the "Claimant"). This request has to be filed within 30 days after the day of the knowledge of the infringements sanctioned under this Code but, in any event, no later than 1 year.

FINDINGS AND DECLARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE WAKO DISCIPLINARY AND ETHICAL COMMITTEE:

- 1) The complaint arises from public statements made by Mr. Galin Dimov about the Bulgarian Olympic Committee.
- 2) The statements were not made during a WAKO IF event, a WAKO Bulgaria event or any other WAKO activity.



3) Whether Mr. Galin Dimov's statements constitute an abuse of his powers as President of WAKO Bulgaria is a matter for the relevant bodies of WAKO Bulgaria to decide.

CONCLUSION:

The WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee decides the following:

The claim against Mr. Galin Dimov is dismissed, as the matter does not fall within the scope of the WAKO Disciplinary- and Ethical Committee's jurisdiction.

INFORMATION ABOUT APPEALS:

Decisions passed by the DEC may be appealed before the Arbitration Committee within 30 days from the date of issuance of the relevant decision issued and notified by the DEC. The appeal will not suspend the decision of the DEC.

WAKO DISCIPLINARY AND ETHICAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner (Austria) (Chairman),

Mrs. Özge Kayıcı (Turkey), Mr. Kiandro Lebon (Belgium),

Mrs. Lamija Ogric (Bosnia Herzegovina), Mr. Thomas Steenberg (Norway)

On behalf of WAKO DEC

Mag. Nikolaus Gstättner
Chairman WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee
<https://wako.sport/committees/>

Ludmannsdorf, 29.4.2026