

BEFORE THE UKA DISCIPLINARY PANEL

BETWEEN:

**UK ATHLETICS
LIMITED**

Complainant

and

MARK ILOTT

Respondent

**SUMMARY OF
DECISION**

Result of the adjudication in UK Athletics v Ilott

The Disciplinary Panel – appointed by UK Athletics, heard complaints made against Mr Ilott alleging breaches of the Coach Code of Conduct.

The Panel found Mr Ilott guilty of Misconduct when he touched the Complainant inappropriately whilst administering a massage and therefore breaching the below provisions of the Code of Conduct;

2.6 avoid swearing, abusive language and irresponsible behaviour, including behaviour that is dangerous to me or others, acts of violence, bullying, harassment, and physical and sexual abuse.

4.5 not use my position as a licensed coach to incite or engage in sexual activity, inappropriate touching or communication (in person or social media or any other form of verbal or non-verbal communication) with athletes I coach who are aged over 18 years. In certain circumstances a violation of this code may result in a coach licence being permanently withdrawn.

The Panel therefore concluded, by way of sanction, that any application made by Mr Ilott for a coach license in future should be refused.

The Panel then considered whether the refusal of any application by Mr Ilott for a coach license should apply for a temporary period or permanently. The Disciplinary Panel, taking all of the above into account, considered whether a permanent suspension was an appropriate sanction. The Disciplinary Panel concluded that it was. The Disciplinary Panel accepted the submissions of UKA, and felt that the misconduct was of such severity, even though it only related to two incidences against one victim, that it essentially constituted a sexual assault and as a result a permanent suspension was appropriate.

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