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TAMPA, Fla. (March 16, 2018) – Today, the IRONMAN® Anti-Doping Program announced that American professional athlete Lucas Pozzetta accepted a six-month suspension for an anti-doping rule violation after testing positive for a prohibited substance from a contaminated product. Pozzetta’s positive sample was collected in-competition at the 2017 IRONMAN® Lake Placid.

Pozzetta’s sample tested positive for the presence of ostarine. Ostarine is a non-Specified Substance in the class of Anabolic Agents and is prohibited at all times under IRONMAN Anti-Doping Rules, consistent with the World Anti-Doping Code and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List.

In this case, Pozzetta was able to establish that the prohibited substance in his sample came from a contaminated product and that there was a diminished level of fault. The presence of an undisclosed prohibited substance in a product is regarded as contamination. Independent testing conducted by the WADA-accredited laboratory in Salt Lake City, Utah, indicated that the supplement product provided by Pozzetta for testing contained ostarine consistent with the finding in Pozzetta’s positive sample.

All results-management proceedings and sanctions applied under the jurisdiction of the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program are determined in accordance with the WADA Code and the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Rules. Accordingly, the determination that an athlete’s positive test was caused by a contaminated product may result in a reduced sanction. The sanction for a doping offense resulting from the use of a contaminated product ranges from a reprimand and no period of ineligibility, at a minimum, to a two-year period of ineligibility, at a maximum.

IRONMAN took into consideration the circumstances and determined that a six-month period of ineligibility was an appropriate sanction under the rules for his violation. Pozzetta’s period of ineligibility began September 12, 2017, the date on which he was provisionally suspended, and has concluded. As a result of his violation, Pozzetta is disqualified from all competitive results obtained on and subsequent to July 23, 2017, the date of his positive test, including forfeiture of all prize money.

The product that caused Pozzetta’s positive test has been added to the list of high-risk supplements maintained on USADA’s online dietary supplement safety education and awareness resource – Supplement 411 (www.Supplement411.org).

“IRONMAN and other anti-doping organizations have continued to warn athletes about the risks associated with supplement use and the increasing occurrence of ostarine contamination in particular,” said Kate Mittelstadt, Director of the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program. “When athletes are making decisions about supplements, they have to realize that there are risks, health dangers and potential consequences. There are no guarantees, but we want athletes who choose to take supplements, despite the risk, to only consider products that have been batch tested and certified by an independent auditing company.”

To learn more about the IRONMAN Anti-Doping program, including the WADA Prohibited List and the risks associated with supplement use, visit www.ironman.com/triathlon/organizations/anti-doping.aspx. For more information on the IRONMAN brand and global event series, visit www.ironman.com. Media-related inquiries may contact press@ironman.com.

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**About IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program**

As a private corporation conducting triathlon events, IRONMAN is the first private, non-federation sports company to formally adhere to the World Anti-Doping Code. The IRONMAN Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented in conformance with the responsibilities of IRONMAN under the Code and are in furtherance of IRONMAN’s continuing its efforts to protect and promote clean sport and the integrity of IRONMAN racing. As part of the [www.ironman.com](http://www.ironman.com) website, IRONMAN has included an Anti-Doping section. Downloads of rules, policies and forms, sanctions, as well as educational resources and links are available to all participants and the public through this site. Anti-Doping is a key component of IRONMAN’s Imbrue™ outreach initiative focused on ensuring that athletes know and understand their rights and responsibilities and the IRONMAN Competition Rules. The WADA List of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods is available at [www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list](http://www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list).

**About IRONMAN**

A Wanda Sports Holdings company, IRONMAN operates a global portfolio of events that includes the IRONMAN® Triathlon Series, the IRONMAN® 70.3® Triathlon Series, 5150™ Triathlon Series, the Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon Series®, Iron Girl®, IRONKIDS®, International Triathlon Union World Triathlon Series races, road cycling events including the UCI Velothon Majors Series, mountain bike races including the Absa Cape Epic®, premier marathons including the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon and other multisport races. IRONMAN’s events, together with all other Wanda Sports Holdings events, provide more than a million participants annually the benefits of endurance sports through the company’s vast offerings. The iconic IRONMAN® Series of events is the largest participation sports platform in the world. Since the inception of the IRONMAN® brand in 1978, athletes have proven that ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE® by crossing finish lines at the world’s most challenging endurance races. Beginning as a single race, IRONMAN has grown to become a global sensation with more than 200 events across 50 countries. For more information, visit [www.ironman.com](http://www.ironman.com).

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