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**IRONMAN AGE-GROUP ATHLETE LUIS FERNANDO PELCASTRE RABANAL ACCEPTS SANCTION FOR ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION**

*Pelcastre Rabanal serving a four-year sanction*

**TAMPA, Fla.** (July 23, 2018) – Today, the IRONMAN® Anti-Doping Program announced that Mexican age-group athlete Luis Fernando Pelcastre Rabanal accepted a four-year sanction for an anti-doping rule violation after testing positive for a prohibited substance. Pelcastre Rabanal's positive sample was collected out-of-competition on October 11, 2017, during pre-competition testing at the 2017 IRONMAN® World Championship.

Pelcastre Rabanal's sample tested positive for the presence of exogenous testosterone and a metabolite, which was confirmed by Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry (IRMS) analysis. The use of any exogenous Anabolic Androgenic Steroid, including testosterone, is prohibited at all times under IRONMAN Anti-Doping Rules consistent with the World Anti-Doping Code (WADA Code) and the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List.

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. In accordance with Article 10 of the WADA Code, Pelcastre Rabanal's period of ineligibility began October 11, 2017, the date of his out-of-competition test. As a result, Pelcastre Rabanal has been disqualified from all competitive results obtained on and subsequent to October 11, 2017, including results from the 2017 IRONMAN World Championship. His slot to the 2018 IRONMAN World Championship has been forfeited, and he is ineligible to participate in any IRONMAN competition or event organized by any WADA Code Signatory for the period of his ineligibility.

"We take a two-pronged approach to protecting the integrity of our IRONMAN World Championship events," said Kate Mittelstadt, Director of the IRONMAN Anti-Doping Program. "First, we ensure that all qualified athletes are aware of their rights and responsibilities under the anti-doping rules and our testing program. Second, we run a comprehensive in- and out-of-competition testing program, targeting both professional and age-group athletes around the IRONMAN World Championship. Combining urine and blood collection with the Athlete Biological Passport and advanced analytical screens, including EPO and IRMS, ensures that the testing we do supports both the deterrence and detection of qualified athletes who are in violation of the anti-doping rules."

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](http://www.ironman.com/triathlon/organizations/anti-doping.aspx). For more information on the IRONMAN brand and global event series, visit [www.ironman.com](http://www.ironman.com). Media-related inquiries may be sent to [press@ironman.com](mailto: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® 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 230 events across 53 countries. For more information, visit [www.ironman.com](http://www.ironman.com).

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