

Disciplinary Committee

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Notification of the grounds of the Decision

Ref FDD-9866

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Please find attached the grounds of the decision passed in the aforementioned case by the Chairperson of the FIFA Disciplinary Committee on 21 December 2021.

We would appreciate your taking due note of this decision and ensuring its implementation.

Yours faithfully,

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Decision of the FIFA Disciplinary Committee

passed on 21 December 2021

DECISION BY:

Jorge Ivan Palacio (Colombia), Chairperson

ON THE CASE OF:

**Robin Armandt - Pawel Cibicki - Kristian Legiec -
Vladimir Pasarikovski**

(Decision FDD-9866)

Regarding the decision passed by the Disciplinary Committee of the Swedish Football Association on 24 September 2021

Art. 66 of the FIFA Disciplinary Code

I. FACTS OF THE CASE

1. The following summary of the facts does not purport to include every single contention put forth by the actors at these proceedings. However, the Chairperson of the FIFA Disciplinary Committee (**the Committee**) has thoroughly considered any and all evidence submitted, even if no specific or detailed reference is made to particular elements of the former.
2. On 24 September 2021, the Disciplinary Committee of the Swedish Football Association (**SVFF**) rendered a decision (**the Decision**) by means of which the following Swedish players (all together, **the Players**) were *inter alia* banned from any football/futsal-related activity:
 - i. Robin Armandt (**Player 1**), born 5 November 1986: suspended until 2 February 2026;
 - ii. Pawel Cibicki (**Player 2**), born 9 January 1994: suspended until 2 February 2025;
 - iii. Kristian Legiec (**Player 3**), born 9 December 1986: suspended until 2 February 2027;
 - iv. Vladimir Pasarikovski (**Player 4**), born 17 December 1989: suspended until 2 February 2028.
3. On 1 October 2021, the SVFF requested the FIFA Disciplinary Committee to “*extend the sanctions to have worldwide effect*”. In support of its request, the SVFF submitted various documents, including:
 - i. A certified copy of the Decision along with an English summary;
 - ii. “*Documentary evidence that the [P]layers have been cited properly*”¹;
 - iii. “*Documentary evidence that the [D]ecision has been communicated to the [P]layers properly*”².

II. CONSIDERATIONS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

4. First of all, the Committee recalled that, in accordance with art. 53 par. 2 of the FIFA Statutes, it may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the FIFA Disciplinary Code (**FDC**) on members associations, clubs, officials, players, intermediaries and licensed match agents.
5. In regard to serious infringements, in particular but not limited to discrimination, the manipulation of football matches and competitions, misconduct against match officials or forgery and falsification, the member associations, confederations and other organising sports bodies shall request FIFA to extend the sanction they have imposed so as to have worldwide effect (art. 66 (1) FDC).

¹ Namely copies of the statement of the Players and/or their legal representatives

² Namely a screenshot of the email sent to the Players and their legal representatives which contained the Decision

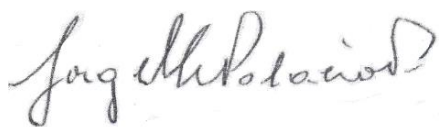
6. In conformity with art. 54 (1) (e) FDC, the Chairperson of the FIFA Disciplinary Committee is authorised, in his capacity as a single judge, to rule on the extension of a sanction pronounced by an association to have worldwide effect.
7. According to art. 66 (6) of the FDC, the Chairperson of the FIFA Disciplinary Committee takes his decision regarding the extension of a sanction to have worldwide effect, in principle, without deliberations or hearing any of the parties, and using only the file.
8. In this context, the Committee emphasised that, pursuant to art. 66 (5) FDC, the worldwide extension of a sanction will be approved if:
 - i. the person sanctioned has been cited properly (lit. a);
 - ii. the person has had the opportunity to state his case – with the exception of provisional measures – (lit. b);
 - iii. the decision has been communicated properly (lit. c);
 - iv. the decision complies with the regulations of FIFA (lit. d);
 - v. extending the sanction does not conflict with public order or with accepted standards of behaviour (lit. e).
9. With the above in mind, upon analysing the Decision, the Committee highlighted that it relates to match manipulation and that it could therefore be extended to have worldwide effect.
10. After examining the entirety of the evidence at its disposal in relation to the present matter, the Committee noted that the conditions for worldwide extension as stipulated under art. 66 (5) FDC, have been met. In particular, the Committee emphasised that it appears to be clear from the documentation provided by the SVFF that:
 - i. the Players have been cited properly (cf. par. I.3.ii *supra*);
 - ii. the Players had the opportunity to state their case, in so far that they had the opportunity to provide a statement prior to the Decision being rendered, said statements being reflected in the Decision (cf. par. I.3.i and ii *supra*);
 - iii. the Decision was communicated properly to the Players, the latter and/or their appointed legal representatives having received a copy of the Decision by email (cf. par. I.3.iii *supra*);
 - iv. the Decision complies with the relevant FIFA regulations and does not conflict with public order or with accepted standards of behaviour.
11. Consequently, the Committee decided to extend the sanction imposed on the Players by the Disciplinary Committee of the SVFF on 24 September 2021. More specifically, the Players are sanctioned worldwide in accordance with the Decision, as follows:

- i. Player 1, suspended until 2 February 2026;
 - ii. Player 2, suspended until 2 February 2025;
 - iii. Player 3, suspended until 2 February 2027;
 - iv. Player 4, suspended until 2 February 2028.
12. Finally, and pursuant to art. 66 (11) FDC, should the Decision not yet be final in a legal sense, the present decision shall follow the (final) outcome of the Decision.

IV. DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 1. The request to extend the decision passed by the Disciplinary Committee of the Swedish Football Association on 24 September 2021 to have worldwide effect is granted.**
- 2. The players Mr. Robin Armandt, Mr. Pawel Cibicki, Mr. Kristian Legiec and Mr. Vladimir Pasarikovski are sanctioned worldwide as follows:**
 - a) Robin Armandt, suspended until 2 February 2026.**
 - b) Pawel Cibicki, suspended until 2 February 2025.**
 - c) Kristian Legiec, suspended until 2 February 2027.**
 - d) Vladimir Pasarikovski, suspended until 2 February 2028.**

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Mr. Jorge Palacio

Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee

NOTE RELATING TO THE LEGAL ACTION:

This decision can be contested before the FIFA Appeal Committee (art. 57 FDC). Any party intending to appeal must announce its intention to do so in writing within three (3) days of notification of the grounds of the decision. Reasons for the appeal must then be given in writing within a further time limit of five (5) days, commencing upon expiry of the first time limit of three (3) days (art. 56 (4) FDC). The appeal fee of CHF 1,000 is payable on the submission of the appeal brief at the latest (art. 56 (6) FDC).