



**PRESS RELEASE  
ROBERT FARAH  
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The **COLOMBIAN TENNIS FEDERATION (FCT – by its acronym in Spanish)** inform to the PUBLIC OPINION that:

1. The **COLOMBIAN TENNIS FEDERATION (FCT)** was informed by the **INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION (ITF)** of the positive finding in an Anti-Doping test from the Colombian tennis player **ROBERT FARAH**, for having found the substance "Boldenone" in a test conducted on October 17, 2019 in Cali (Colombia).
2. The Colombian tennis player had 15 Anti-Doping tests in a random way on the international circuit during the year 2019 with a negative result. The last one was carried in Shanghai (China) on October 7, 2019 also with a negative result. Consequently, all tests had negative results regarding prohibited substances.

It is important to clarify that those Anti-Doping tests carried out in 2019, the most successful year of ROBERT FARAH's sports career, were negative, reason why and under no circumstances can his outstanding triumphs be in doubt.

3. On November 7, 2018 (only 14 months ago), the **COLOMBIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (COC)**, through its president **BALTAZAR MEDINA**, warned in an official press release "about the presence of the prohibited substance by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) 'Baldenone' in country's cattle", as that "is frequently used in cattle that are subsequently slaughtered for processing, sale and distribution".

In addition, the **COLOMBIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (COC)** says that "in that test - referring to ICA studies - it is verified that this substance is found in 1 out of every 4 samples of cattle residues, and also that,





according to ICA, there are 59 products where Boldenone is used for veterinary use in Colombia, which is a fairly significant number.

4. It was precisely that substance Boldenone, the one which was found in the Colombian player **ROBERT FARAH's** body, in his Anti-Doping test conducted in Cali on October 17, 2019.
5. The **COLOMBIAN TENNIS FEDERATION (FCT)** supports the Colombian player, reiterating, who always has been found negative in his Anti-Doping tests, and is fully confident that the international sports authorities will attend the explanations or discharges that in its time, must submit the player **ROBERT FARAH**, his lawyers and his medical team.
6. The **COLOMBIAN TENNIS FEDERATION (FCT)** is in solidarity with the Colombian player **ROBERT FARAH**, who for more than 20 years of intense tennis activity has always been recognized not only as a great athlete but also as an exceptional human being.

### Colombian Tennis Federation

