

Kamila Valieva Olympic doping scandal

15-year-old Russian figure skating star, Kamila Valieva, has reportedly tested positive for a banned substance at the Beijing Olympics



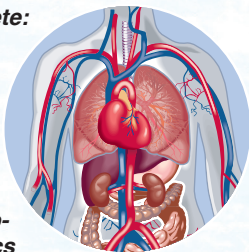
Feb 7: *Kamila Valieva* helps *Russian Olympic Committee (ROC)** win gold in *Figure Skating Team Event*. She is first woman to land quadruple jump at Olympics – doing it twice

Feb 9: Medal ceremony suspended amid reports Valieva tested positive for banned drug *trimetazidine*, from sample taken in December

TRIMETAZIDINE (*metabolic agent*)

Heart medication given to people with *angina* – condition that reduces blood flow to heart muscles

Healthy athlete:
Drug can increase blood flow efficiency and improve endurance – crucial in top-class athletics



TRIMETAZIDINE DOPING CASES



2014: Chinese swimmer *Sun Yang*, three-time Olympic champion, given **3-month ban**



2018: Russian bobsleighter *Nadezhda Sergeeva* disqualified and given **8-month ban**

*Athletes not allowed to compete under Russia flag due to state-sponsored doping scandal

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