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According to Denis Oswald, head of the IOC disciplinary commission, the girl's representatives insisted that the link with the drug was through the consumption of something contaminated and also a minimum amount of 2.1 nanograms per milliliter was detected in her blood.

It was also learned that the grandfather is the one who accompanies Valieva - 15 years old - to training sessions and takes care of her while her mother works, she has an artificial heart and trimetazidine is part of the treatment for her heart problems.

The day before, the Court of Arbitration for Sport allowed the Russian athlete to continue in competitions at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and rejected claims by several international agencies for the "serious flaws associated with the late notification of the young girl's doping control results."

However, the IOC determined not to hold the team figure skating medal ceremony - already held - because the teenager is among the winners and her case is still open due to the presence of trimetazidine in her system.

The executive board of this entity indicated that it will not proceed with the awards either if in the upcoming individual female events of the sport, the young girl manages to position herself among the finalists.

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