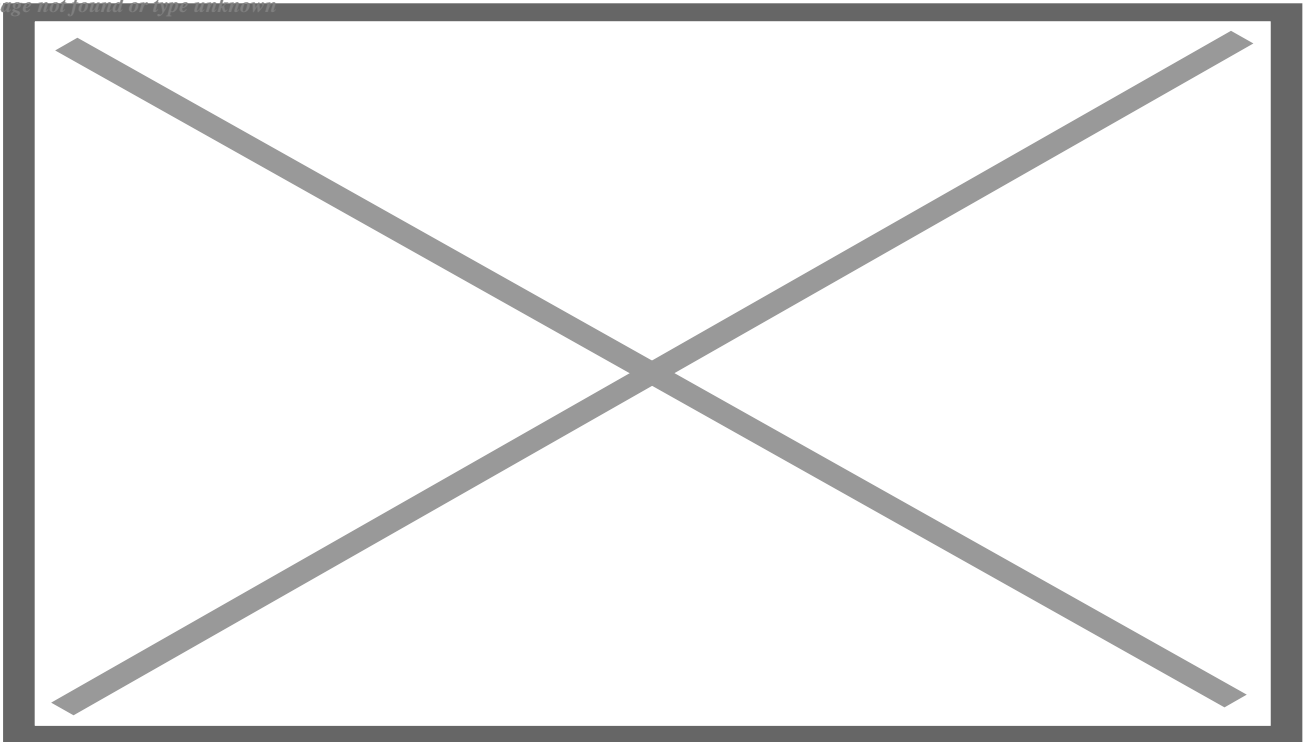


Brazilian volleyball player Wallace's suspension escalates to five years

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The Sada Cruzeiro club, to which the player belongs, announced that the athlete will be suspended for an indefinite period of time.

Brasilia, May 3 (PL) - The Brazilian Olympic Committee (COB) increased from 90 days to five years the competitive suspension of volleyball player Wallace de Souza for inciting violence against President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

"Wallace acted freely when he was suspended from his activities by virtue of the previously practiced unethical act, which consisted of inciting violence, through social networks, insinuating to shoot against the president of the Republic," states the unanimous decision of the BOC Ethics Council.

The infractions occurred after the veteran player, 35, asked in January on a social network if someone would give a shot to Lula.

Thus, the player is separated from any and all events related to the discipline that are characterized as Federation, Confederation or Olympic Committee events for the next five years.

In addition to Wallace's suspension, the board also announced sanctions for the Brazilian Volleyball Confederation (CBV).

The CBV was punished with the loss of fund transfers for six months. In addition, Radamés Lattari, acting helmsman of the entity, was suspended.

According to the BOC, the CBV not only used trickery to breach the ruling against Wallace, but also consented to the player's registration in a match organized by the entity.

Two weeks ago, the Cruzeiro club obtained a court order before the Superior Court of Sports Justice so that the opposing player could defend the team in the final stretch of the Superliga against Minas Gerai

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