

# Maria Sharapova Loses Partnerships with Major Companies!

28 year old Maria Sharapova has tested positive that she was taking a drug called meldonium. When Maria got beaten by her rival, Serena Williams, in the Wimbledon final in 2004, she started to take the drug which then helped her to improve. She recently announced that she has been injecting herself with it for 10 years. She has claimed that it has been used for medical and health reasons. The consequences for this scandal may cause Sharapova to lose her title and risk being banned from playing tennis forever. Though this is not the only concern

The sports company Nike have declared they will no longer pay Sharapova the extravagant amount of money of \$7 million dollars until they have continued to monitor the situation more. They have said that they are 'halting its relationship with Maria Sharapova'. Furthermore, they have stated that they are 'saddened and surprised the catastrophe' because they have had dealings with Sharapova since she was 11 years old. Nike have been in trouble lately after they lost Manny Pacquiao after the boxer argued that homosexual people were 'worse than animals'. Also they finished dealings with Lance Armstrong and Oscar Pistorius in the last 2 years.



Meldonium

Additionally, Tag Heuer have also distanced their relationship with Maria Sharapova since she announced in the Monday night press conference that she has tested positive for meldonium. The famous Swiss watch company were in talks of extending her deal with the brand at the end of 2015. Since the announcement was made, they have decided not to sign another contract with

Finally, the car brand 'Porsche' were also in a contract with Maria Sharapova. They have said that "We are also saddened by the recent news announced by Maria Sharapova. Until further details are released and we can analyse the situation, we have chosen to postpone planned activities." Porsche had a three year contract with Maria Sharapova which is supposed to expire at the end of this year.