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### **Member of New Zealand Powerlifting Federation suspended for two years for anti- doping rule violation**

The Sports Tribunal has suspended Sean Winters, a member of the New Zealand Powerlifting Federation, for two years for the presence of Octodrine and its metabolite Heptaminol, which are specified substances prohibited in competition.

Mr Winters was provisionally suspended without opposition on 16 September 2020. He admitted the violation but requested that his 'B' sample be tested. The Tribunal agreed with the proposal, and imposed a suspension of two years backdated to commence from 19 July 2020 (the date of the test).

On 18 December 2020, the parties filed a joint memorandum on sanction that suggested a period of ineligibility of two years be imposed, backdated to the date of the test for Mr Winters' timely admission. The memorandum stated that Drug Free Sport New Zealand did not seek to establish intention.

The Tribunal agreed with the proposal, and imposed a suspension of two years backdated to commence from 19 July 2020 (the date of the test).

The decision in this case is available for download from the website of the Sports Tribunal ([www.sportstribunal.org.nz](http://www.sportstribunal.org.nz)). See *Drug Free Sport New Zealand v Sean Winters* (ST 05/20). Copies can also be obtained directly from the Registrar, Sports Tribunal of New Zealand (telephone: 0800 55 66 80; e-mail: [info@sportstribunal.org.nz](mailto:info@sportstribunal.org.nz)).