

**BEFORE THE SPORTS TRIBUNAL  
OF NEW ZEALAND**

**ST 15/10**

**BETWEEN                      NZ POWERLIFTING FEDERATION INC**

**Applicant**

**AND                              WOODS ROGERS**

**Respondent**

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**DECISION OF TRIBUNAL  
Dated 13 August 2010**

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Hearing:                      by conference call on 12 August 2010

Attendances:                Steve Lousich for New Zealand Powerlifting Federation  
(Inc)  
Paul David, counsel for Drug Free Sport New Zealand  
Graeme Steel and Jayne Kernohan for Drug Free Sport  
New Zealand

Panel:                         Alan Galbraith QC, Deputy Chairman  
Carol Quirk  
Tim Castle

Registrar:                    Brent Ellis

1. This was an application for provisional suspension under Rule 12.8 of the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.
2. Mr Rogers was tested out of competition on 23 June 2010. A certificate of analysis produced to the Tribunal indicates the presence of a range of steroids and a high T/E ratio of 64/1 where the threshold is 4/1.
3. Mr Rogers was a member of the applicant at the time of testing, although he had been suspended from competition for a period for an unrelated reason. Mr Rogers had signed a registration form with the applicant dated 27 January 2010 and an Athlete Acknowledgement form accepting the Sports Anti-Doping Rules on the same date.
4. The Tribunal received an e-mail from Mr Rogers and the applicant provided a copy of a recent undated note from Mr Rogers in which Mr Rogers admits taking substances to enhance performance in his sport and most particularly in attempting to break the world benchpress record. These communications also indicated that he did not intend to participate in the hearing process.
5. Mr Rogers was advised of the date and time of the Tribunal's hearing of this application. He did not attend the telephone conference.
6. In the circumstances the Tribunal imposes a provision suspension order commencing on 12 August 2010.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010



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A R Galbraith QC  
Deputy Chairman