

**BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND OLYMPIC WRESTLING
 UNION AND ASSOCIATED STYLES
 INCORPORATED**

Applicant

AND RICKY WELSFORD

Respondent

**PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION ORDER
Dated 11 October 2011**

Tribunal: Sir Bruce Robertson (Deputy Chair, Sports Tribunal)
 Anna Richards
 Dr Lynne Coleman

Present: Iain Adamson for Applicant
 Ricky Welsford, Respondent
 Wayne Smith in support of Respondent
 Jayne Kernohan for Drug Free Sport New Zealand

Registrar: Brent Ellis

1. Ricky Welsford provided a urine sample while competing at the New Zealand Wrestling Championships in Mount Maunganui on 27 August 2011.
2. When tested, his A sample returned an adverse analytical finding. The sample revealed the presence of metabolites of JWH-018 [JWH-018 N-(5-Hydroxypentanyl) and JWH-018 N-Pentanoic Acid]. This is a prohibited substance under the World Anti-Doping Code Prohibited List for 2011. It is a Specified Substance. Its presence is commonly associated with synthetic cannabis use.
3. New Zealand Olympic Wrestling Union and Associated Styles Incorporated (NZ Wrestling) has applied for Mr Welsford's provisional suspension in accordance with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules 2011 (the Rules). Mr Welsford has not made submissions to this Tribunal suggesting that such an order should not be made.
4. In accordance with r 12.8 of the Rules, Ricky Welsford is provisionally suspended from today's date.
5. The Tribunal also notes r 12.9 of the Rules. Under this rule, Mr Welsford may not take part in any way in any event or activity, organised, sanctioned or authorised by NZ Wrestling or by any other sporting organisation which is a signatory to the Rules.

Dated 11 October 2011



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Sir Bruce Robertson
Deputy Chair