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Sports Tribunal suspends Powerlifter for anti-doping violations

The Sports Tribunal has suspended Woodes Rogers, a powerlifter from participating in sport for 2 years due to anti-doping violations involving numerous prohibited substances.

Mr Rogers underwent an out of competition test and returned positive tests to a number of prohibited substances:

- Testosterone:Epitesterone in a ratio of 64:1 (threshold ratio is 4:1);
- Oxymesterone;
- Metabolites of Methandienone;
- Metabolites of Methyltestosterone;
- Metabolites of Oxymetholone; and
- 19-norandrosterone (a metabolite of Nandrolone, Norandrostenedione or Norandrostenediol).

Despite being notified, Mr Rogers failed to participate in both his provisional suspension hearing and his substantive hearing.

The Tribunal considered that the number of prohibited substances he tested positive to amounted to “aggravating circumstances” under the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, which could have led to the Tribunal imposing a penalty of up to four years’ suspension.

However, there was correspondence from Mr Rogers that Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFS) accepted amounted to a prompt and “frank” admission of his anti-doping offending. As a result, DFS did not seek a suspension longer than two years.

Given the admission, and the position of DFS, the Tribunal decided that a suspension of two years (commencing from the date of provisional suspension) was the appropriate penalty in the circumstances of this case.

The decision in this case will be made available for download from the website of the Sports Tribunal (www.sportstribunal.org.nz). See *Drug Free Sport New Zealand v Woodes Rogers* (ST 15/10). Copies can also be obtained directly from Brent Ellis, Registrar, Sports Tribunal of New Zealand (telephone: 0800 55 66 80; e-mail: info@sportstribunal.org.nz).