

1. John Elsmore is a member of Surf Life Saving New Zealand, and his sport has adopted the 2020 Sports Anti-Doping Rules (SADR) promulgated by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) as its anti-doping policy.
2. A sample was collected from Mr Elsmore on 14 March 2020 which on analysis was found to contain the prohibited substance 11-nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid (a metabolite of THC).
3. On 5 June 2020, DFSNZ filed an Application for the Provisional Suspension of Mr Elsmore. On 10 June 2020, DFSNZ confirmed service on Mr Elsmore.
4. A telephone conference was convened by the Tribunal Chairman on 12 June 2020 in respect of the Provisional Suspension Application. Mr Elsmore advised that he did not oppose the application, and he would abide by the decision of the Tribunal.
5. Accordingly, and being satisfied that there was no substantive reason why provisional suspension should not be imposed, the Tribunal Chairman ordered the provisional suspension of Mr Elsmore with immediate effect. Mr Elsmore may not take part in any way in any event or activity, organised, sanctioned or authorised by the Surf Life Saving New Zealand or by any other sporting organisation which is a signatory to the SADR.
6. The following timetabling orders were made in relation to the substantive anti-doping rule violation proceedings:
 - (i) DFSNZ is to file and serve its Form 1 and any written material in support by Friday 19 June 2020;
 - (ii) The Respondent is to file and serve his Form 2 together with any evidence and other written material in support by Tuesday 30 June 2020; and
 - (iii) A further teleconference is set for 9am on Wednesday 8 July 2020.

7. A copy of this Provisional Suspension Order and Minute will be sent to the parties but otherwise should remain confidential until publication of the final decision on the Anti-Doping Rule Violations. All other process steps under the SADR should similarly remain confidential.

Dated: 12 June 2020



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Sir Bruce Robertson
Chairman