

**BETWEEN**                                 **DRUG FREE SPORT NEW ZEALAND**

**Applicant**

**AND**   **VAI SHARMA**

**Respondent**

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**PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION ORDER**  
**28 April 2023**

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**Parties**                                 Hayden Tapper, Drug Free Sport New Zealand  
David Bullock and Kate Hursthouse, counsel for Applicant  
Vai Sharma, Respondent  
Chris Patterson, counsel for Respondent  
Dayle Shackel and Kent Stead for Cricket New Zealand

**Chairperson**                         John Macdonald

**Registrar**                             Helen Gould

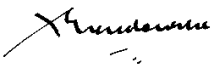
1. Vai Sharma is a New Zealand amateur cricketer and is registered with Cricket New Zealand. Cricket New Zealand has adopted the 2022 Sports Anti-Doping Rules (SADR) promulgated by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) as its anti-doping policy.
2. On 9 November 2022 Medsafe wrote to DFSNZ with information of a package addressed to Mr Sharma that had been intercepted by Customs NZ.
3. The intercepted parcel contained non-specified prohibited substances, namely Oxymethalone; Sustanon; Trenbolone Acetate; Drostanolone Propionate; Nandrolone Decanoate; Testosterone Cypionate; Testosterone Enanthate; and clenbuterol.
4. On 18 April 2023, DFSNZ filed an Application for Provisional Suspension alleging breaches of 2022 SADR 2.2 and 2.6.
5. On 28 April 2023, Counsel for the Respondent, Chris Patterson, and Counsel for DFSNZ, David Bullock and Kate Hursthouse, jointly filed a memorandum confirming Mr Sharma consents to the Provisional Suspension.
6. Accordingly, the Tribunal Chair was satisfied that there is no substantive reason why provisional suspension should not be imposed.
7. The joint memorandum also proposed timetabling for filing for the substantive matter.

### **Orders and Directions**

8. The Tribunal **orders that** provisional suspension of Mr Sharma will have effect from 28 April 2023, prohibiting his participation of any kind in any event or activity organised, sanctioned or authorised by Cricket New Zealand or any other sporting organisation that is a signatory to the SADR.
9. The Tribunal **directs** the following timetable for the substantive anti-doping rule violation proceedings:
  - a. Mr Sharma is to file and serve his Form 2 and any supporting evidence by 12 May 2023;
  - b. DFSNZ is to file and serve any evidence in reply by 26 May 2023; and

- c. The Registrar is to confer with counsel as to their availability for a pre-hearing conference as soon as possible after 26 May 2023 to make directions through to a hearing.
  - d. Parties may apply to vary the timetable.
10. There is no need for a provisional suspension hearing or for an initial conference.
11. A copy of this Provisional Suspension Order will be sent to the parties but otherwise will remain confidential until publication of the final decision on the alleged Anti-Doping Rule Violations. All other process steps under the SADR should similarly remain confidential.

Dated: 28 April 2023



**John Macdonald**  
Chair