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Softballer receives a three month sanction for use of cannabis

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) today publicly acknowledged the 30 July 2007 decision of Softball Australia to impose a three month suspension to athlete Sean O'Loughlin.

Mr O'Loughlin was sanctioned after testing positive for the presence of cannabis in a sample collected by ASADA at the Australian Fastpitch Championships held at Blacktown Olympic Park on 12 January 2007.

The presence of cannabis in a sample is not only a breach of the WADA Code, but a serious risk to the well being and safety of the athlete.

Athletes who use cannabis outside of competition also run the significant risk of testing positive on the day of competition – leading to a possible suspension.

As the sanction commenced 27 April 2007, Mr O'Loughlin has served his suspension and has now returned to competition.

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About ASADA

ASADA is Australia's peak anti-doping authority with wide ranging powers established under legislation to deter, detect and present cases at tribunal against athletes and their support personnel found in breach of Australia's anti-doping rules. ASADA's vision is to be Australia's driving force for pure performance in sport; ASADA's mission is to protect Australia's sporting integrity through the elimination of doping.

