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## DOPING VIOLATION

### Canoeist Michael Baker receives two-year ban

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The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) today welcomed the decision of Australian Canoeing to impose a two-year sanction on canoeist Michael Baker for the presence and use of a prohibited substance.

ASADA collected an out-of-competition sample from Mr Baker on 17 September 2010 at Challenge Stadium in Western Australia. The sample tested positive for androstatrienedione, which is classed as a hormone antagonist and modulator.

Under the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) 2011 Prohibited List, androstatrienedione is prohibited at all times (both in- and out-of-competition).

Mr Baker's two-year sanction, which has been backdated to the date of his provisional suspension, means he will be ineligible to participate as an athlete or support person in sport until 21 October 2012.

Hormone antagonists and modulators can cause side effects including osteoporosis, liver toxicity, and cardiovascular disorders.

Any athlete unaware of their responsibilities are encouraged to seek additional information online at ASADA's website [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au)

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