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DOPING VIOLATION

Cyclists Michael Stallard and Gregory Ford receive sports bans

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) today acknowledged the decision of Cycling Australia to impose bans on cyclists Michael Stallard and Gregory Ford for the presence and use of prohibited substances.

ASADA collected in-competition samples from Mr Stallard and Mr Ford on 7 August 2010 at the Burra Classic racing event in Burra, South Australia.

Mr Stallard's sample tested positive for D-Amphetamine (stimulant) and Mr Ford's sample tested positive for cannabis.

D-Amphetamine and cannabis are both included on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List as substances that are prohibited for use in-competition.

Mr Stallard received a two-year ban, backdated to the date of his provisional suspension, which means he will be ineligible to participate as an athlete or support person in sport until 13 September 2012.

Mr Ford received a three-month ban, backdated to the date that he accepted a voluntary provisional suspension, which means he will be ineligible to participate as an athlete or support person in sport until 20 March 2011.

Both cyclists' competition results obtained at the Burra Classic are disqualified, with all resulting consequences including the forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes.

Any athlete unaware of their responsibilities are encouraged to seek additional information online at ASADA's website www.asada.gov.au

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