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## DOPING VIOLATION

### Surf life saving competitor and Winter Olympic bobsleigh prospect Travis Sheehy

Surf life saving competitor Travis Sheehy will sit out from sport for two years following a violation of Surf Life Saving Australia's (SLSA) anti-doping policy. Mr Sheehy was also a shadow member for bobsleigh for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games.

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) welcomes the decision of SLSA to impose the two-year sanction on Mr Sheehy for the use of hormone antagonists and modulators and the attempted use of anabolic agents.

SLSA's decision to impose a two-year sanction had been appealed by Mr Sheehy at the Court of Arbitration for Sport, but the appeal was recently withdrawn.

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service intercepted an airmail package and notified ASADA, who confirmed that the package contained the prohibited substances methandienone and stanozolol, both anabolic agents. ASADA also confirmed that the intended recipient of the package was Mr Sheehy.

Subsequent ASADA investigations revealed that Mr Sheehy had used 4-androstene-3,6,17 trione (6-oxo), a hormone antagonist and modulator, and had attempted to use 4-androstenediol, an anabolic agent.

Mr Sheehy will be ineligible to participate as an athlete or support person in sport until 6 September 2012.

Anabolic agents pose many threats to an athlete's health and some side effects may include an increase in blood pressure and cholesterol levels which can lead to heart disease. Liver disease and infertility can also result from the use of these agents.

Hormone antagonists and modulators are often used in an attempt to prevent some of the side effects of anabolic agent use and to increase testosterone levels. They can also cause their own side effects including osteoporosis, liver toxicity, and cardiovascular disorders.

Under the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List, these substances are prohibited at all times (both in- and out-of-competition).

ASADA's partnership with Customs and Border Protection is vital in catching doping cheats who would not be detected through traditional testing alone.

Any Australian can play their part and stamp out doping by confidentially reporting suspicious doping activity through the secure 'Stamp Out Doping' form on our website [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au) or the ASADA Hotline 13 000 ASADA (13 000 27232).

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