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DOPING VIOLATION

Queensland Rugby League player Ryan Peters receives two-year ban for methylhexaneamine

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) today acknowledged the decision of the Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Anti-Doping Tribunal to impose a two-year ban on Easts Tigers player Ryan Peters for the presence and use of methylhexaneamine.

ASADA collected an in-competition sample from Mr Peters on 12 June 2010, after a match between Easts Tigers and Mackay Cutters at Langlands Park, Brisbane, which tested positive for the prohibited stimulant.

Mr Peters' two-year ban, which was backdated to the commencement of his provisional suspension, means he is ineligible to participate, as an athlete or support person, in any sport that has adopted a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) compliant anti-doping policy until 9 July 2012.

The Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) recently dismissed Mr Peters' appeal against the decision of the Anti-Doping Rule Violation Panel to enter details of the anti-doping rule violations on its Register of Findings.

Methylhexaneamine, also referred to as dimethylamylamine and dimethylpentylamine, is classed as an S6 stimulant on the WADA's Prohibited List and is prohibited in-competition.

Generally, stimulants act directly on the central nervous system to speed up parts of the brain and body. They can increase alertness and reduce fatigue in athletes.

ASADA has issued warnings about methylhexaneamine and is continuing to work with the sporting community to educate athletes and support personnel about this substance and supplements.

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

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Media note: The full AAT decision can be found via the AAT's website www.aat.gov.au

Cases involving other athletes who have tested positive to methylhexaneamine are ongoing. Due to ASADA's strict legislative requirements, ASADA will not discuss these positive test results (including identifying the athletes or sports involved) until the matters are concluded.

